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Dr. Henry W. Luce,
Peking Univeristy,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Luce:

Your several com unications regarding further financial needs of the University have been received, and have been awaiting Mrs. Pendleton's arrival from the East so that the donors might confer together regarding the situation.

First of all it might be wise to go back into ancient history. The original requirements of the institution for the erection of the Berry Memorial Library were placed at $50,000; the same to be paid upon the sale of the old Berry residence property. After several years of exhaustive effort on the part of the riter to dispose of this property, I did succeed in moving a portion of it, and the total amount of $50,000 was paid. It seemed impossible to move the balance of the property t any reasonable price.

The origianl subscription did not include the furnishing and equipment of the building itself, but the ladies do feel strongly that they want the building to be truly a Berry Memorial proposition, and are willing to finance the finishing of the building proper, providing the additional expense is not over $3,700. That will make the building really theirs. So far as they can judge at the present time, it will be absolutely necessary for you to find donors for the furniture and the book stacks. You probably realize that, while the Peking University is very near and dear to the hearts of these ladies, they have many other religious, philanthropical and educational demands, and it is no more than right that they should in a measure divide their benefactions.

I really believe that the Berry sisters are more worried over the extra work that their decision would place on your shoulders than they are worried over their inability to further finance the proposition. They all appreciate your friendship and also your willingness to give your whole self to this most worthy cause.

Again referring to the amount involved, when the figures are definitely gotten together you are at liberty to advise me the exact amount, providing it does not exceed $3,700, and I will arrange with the donors to take care of the remittance when needed.

With the kindest personal regards of all of us,

Ver sincerely,

(Signed) F. L. COLBY

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