at some future time.

You and Doctor North, to whom I am sending a copy of this letter, should understand the situation, which explains the state of the pledges in Kansas City. As you may recall, I came to China on very short notice. Doctor Stuart's invitation to me was approved by the Trustees on condition that I secure pledges of three thousand a year for three years. Lewis came to Kansas City in June for the double purpose of helping me to close up certain prospects and especially to pass on the question whether I had met the Trustees' conditions or not. After Mr. Winters made his offer, he notified the New York office that the situation was satisfactory and to provide for my being sent to China, saying that he would return at a later convenient time and whip the situation into final shape. This he never did, and therefore no systematic effort has ever been made to secure additional pledges from members of the Lions Club.

The World Service Club of the Y.M.C.A. promised to remit $500 a year for three years. From the itemized statement I gather that there is only $250.00 outstanding on this pledge, and therefore it seems certain that they will fully meet their obligations before the three years are up. If one adds to the Y.M.C.A. total the sums received from L. H. Lethold of the Norborne, Missouri, Methodist Sunday School, which were received through the efforts of the Y.M.C.A. Club, they have considerably less than $200 still to go. I am not able to say what the chances are of these amounts being renewed in future years.

A group of missionary women, most of them in Methodist Churches, promised to secure several hundred dollars additional each year. This seems to have produced reasonably well, as the items of $321, $225 and $285 will show. I am unable to say how much hope there is of renewing these amounts, which were secured in quite small subscriptions. The best person to see in this connection is Mrs. A. J. Welch, 3732 Jefferson Street, Kansas City. She gave the largest single amount, and would be very happy to introduce you to any other women who might be possible prospects for renewal.

You can well appreciate, I feel sure, how very painful to me personally have been the circumstances connected with the leaving of Britton. He was my closest friend in China, and until the unexplicable change came over him this fall, one of the most delightful fellows I have ever known. The only way I can maintain any peace of mind at all is to feel about him and toward him as if he were dead. What his going and the other conditions mean for the future of our journalism work, it is hard at this time to say. I shall hope to write you again before long more specifically to this point.

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