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Miss Lottie Rowe Lane,
Mt. Holyoke College
South Hadley
Mass.
Rockport, May 16th.

My dear Lottie,

It has really been over two weeks since I received your first letter, and it would have been nicer I think, for me to have answered that more promptly. I am glad that the date is finally settled for the 31st. as the holiday will be so much extra for me. Tuesday will be the best time for me to come arriving about
noon if I remember rightly.

Rockport is the same as ever but Summer is real slow coming. Time flies quick enough though for when one is at work a week seems like only two or three days. That is the way it is with me anyway.

Maybe you know, via.

Robbie, Ruth & Co. or else I heard that George has left this part of the country and is out in Terre Haute, Indiana. They are building a high shed
railroad out there and he has to handle instruments in the field, do drafting and perhaps drive dagoes. I had quite an interesting letter from him. Don't know how long he will stay.

H.E.L. B. sent me a pretty souvenir postal card.

Mother is well and wishes to be remembered to you.

May 30th is not far off and I anticipate seeing the College and you.

Very sincerely,

Norwood Hale Knowlton

Give my warmest love to [Name]
ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS
23 YUEN MING YUEN ROAD.
SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, April 10, 1926.

Mrs. E. S. Hildreth,
Chaochowfu.

My dear Mrs. Hildreth:-

Since the receipt of your letter of March 21st., I have carried out your various requests.

You will find enclosed exchange notice for the exchange of your check for $100.00.

Also, exchange notice for the Gold Account of Miss Wetherbee, which I withdrew from her Gold Savings Account in the American-Oriental Bank. The proceeds, amounting to $467.37, I have again deposited to a Mexican $ Savings Account in the American-Oriental Bank. I am holding the passbook here for her. The duplicate receipt for this deposit is enclosed herewith.

You will notice that we received a very good rate the day we exchanged Miss Wetherbee's money. It is the highest rate we have had yet. Since that day it has dropped back a little.

The American-Oriental Bank pays 4% interest on Mexican $ Savings Accounts whereas the International Banking Corporation only pay 2%.

I trust that you received the groceries and that they were quite satisfactory.

I have not heard from the Mission Book Company regarding the order I sent them for the Korean Textile School goods. I trust that you have heard from them.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Ellen L. Tevis

[Calculation notes and figures]

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New York, N. Y., Jan 3 - 1927

Reverend Ellison S. Hildreth

In account with AMERICAN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY
276 Fifth Avenue

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I am drawing on you in settlement of this account.

Yours sincerely,

George B. Huntington, Texas.
ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS

No. 5165...Cheque No. 768-768k...Shanghai...July 18, 19...

RECEIVED from...S.S. Billings...

Mexican Dollars...One hundred six pesos...$106.00...

Gold...On account of...Almond Acre...by Stefan Blumeng...

Hayes...Representative...

Form A1 3,001-6,000, 15/2/27
REv. E. S. Hildreth  
1866 Northampton Street  
Holyoke, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hildreth:

Your letter of June 24 enclosing check for $106 has been received. Mr. Kelhofer informs me that Stephen Chwang has left for the South. He does not know whether Mr. Chwang expects to return in the fall or not, but probably he does. In regard to the balance of $45.00, Mr. Kelhofer has paid him $18.00, leaving $27.00 in his favor.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

For Ethel L. Lacey
Mission Treasurer
February 3, 1928

Mrs. E. S. Hildreth
76 High Street
Rockport, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Hildreth:

A few days ago I received your letter of December 29 with the check for $104 Mex. enclosed, and I have credited your account with same. I notified Mr. Kelhofer that this money had come for Stephen Chwang and asked him to pass the word to Stephen that you were willing to help him for another semester. Mr. Kelhofer has acknowledged my letter and asked me to send the money out to him so that he could have it by the time the new term opens next week. I am doing this and am sending you a statement so that you can see how your account stands.

I am glad to hear that you are improving and I hope that you will continue to do so. Mr. and Mrs. Giedt passed through here last week on their way back to Swatow. They seemed to be in good health and spirits and both seemed eager to be back at their work. I understand the Lewises with part of their family are sailing from San Francisco tomorrow and will reach here the 24th. Miss Sanderson, Mr. Whitman and Dr. Speicher have been in Shanghai the last few days for meetings of the China Baptist Publication Society, so I have had quite a glimpse of South China people. I suppose you heard that Mr. and Mrs. Adams, the Lais, and Mr. Whitman had to leave Hopo suddenly two or three days before Christmas. The folks report conditions in and around Swatow as fairly peaceful. We do not know whether conditions will have improved in the Hopo section enough for them to go back after Mr. Whitman returns from here. Our people in East and South China have lived in such a state of uncertainty for the past year that it has been very trying on dispositions and nerves.

With very kindest regards to you and Mr. Hildreth, I remain

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Mission Treasurer

L:F
ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS

No. 4012

Cheque No. 725677.60 BK

Shanghai Jan. 30, 1979

RECEIVED from Leticia Hildreth

Mexican Dollars.

One hundred forty dollars ($140.00)

Gold.

On account of Leticia Hildreth

Representative

Form A1 3,001-6,000, 9/20/27
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Shanghai, NOV 1 1927

In Account with ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS
23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road

Please check up this statement and report any errors immediately.

Signed: Miss Bilduth

In reply refer to date and

Sanitary Rugs
man from Griego.
ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS
P. O. BOX 251
SHANGHAI
MISSIONS BUILDING, 23 YUEN MING YUEN ROAD, ROOM 608-9
CABLE ADDRESS: TREASURERS. TELEPHONE CENTRAL 650-1
CODE: MISSIONS (ALSO A.B.C., BENTLEY, C.I.M., WESTERN UNION)

May 11, 1928

Mrs. E. S. Hildreth
76 High Street
Rockport, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Hildreth:

Your card dated April 10 with a check for $10.00 was received yesterday and I put it through the exchange immediately so that your account has been credited with $20.96 Mex. I will hold it for Stephen Chwang as you have requested.

Our South China friends surely have been having a hard time and the end is not yet evidently. Word from Mr. Adams this week says that he is going to attempt a trip back to Hopo. Dr. Bousfield has had a very exciting time but is safe so far. The situation in Swatow seems to be better but the outlying districts are suffering from rampages by so-called Communists and bandits.

There is considerable discussion going on in our newspapers regarding the famine in the North. I understand that the Famine Relief Commission asked America to raise $1,000,000 and some well meaning brother at home raised it to $10,000,000. The people out here are protesting that such a sum is not needed. There are always famines in some of the northern districts but some years they are worse than others, and early in the winter, which of course is the hardest season, there was much suffering in Shantung. I do not know just how bad this is at present but at least we do not hear so much about it. The war situation in Shantung is taking our time and attention now.

Hoping that you and your family are well and that we may see you back this way at the end of your furlough, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Ethel Lacey
Mission Treasurer

L:F
ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS  
Department of Exchange  
23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road  
Shanghai,  

9 MAY 1928  

No. 8616  

To  Mrs. F. J. Hildreth  

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We have credited to your account in the  
proceeds of your drafts as noted below.  

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Bank's rate 65.34 & 72.85 = 2.0872316  
Gold sold $10- 21,004.61 21.01  
Rates Secured 65.12 & 72.75 = 2.1607464  
less 114% Commission - .65  
Date of Sale 9 MAY 1926  
Net Proceeds paid 21.96  

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Yours faithfully,  

[Signature]  

Representative
Many times our customers have experienced inconvenience in receiving remittances from America or England or other countries. To avoid such difficulties we would suggest the use of the following methods in having such funds sent you.

1. A personal check on some bank at home made payable to the individual for whom it is intended and duly certified by the bank against which the check is drawn.

2. A Cashier's Check (not a bank draft) payable at the bank which issues it, drawn in favor of the individual for whom the funds are intended.

3. A draft on London, New York, Chicago, San Francisco or any other large commercial center in the country of the remitter and made payable to the individual for whom the funds are intended.

It is better not to have a draft drawn on Shanghai, in which case it usually bears the notation “Payable at the bank's buying rate for demand drafts on New York” (or whatever the city may be.) Such a phrase means that exchange will be quoted by one bank only, and prevents our obtaining competitive rates.
Mrs. E. S. Hildreth  
76 High St.  
Rockport, Mass  

My dear Mrs. Hildreth;-

A few weeks ago I had a letter from Mrs. Beach of Koochow with which she sent me a check which you had sent to her for your Holyoke Alumni dues in 1926 and which she had never presented for payment. She asked whether I would be willing to honor it so long after it had been made out. Since it seemed a perfectly proper check and her reasons for not cashing it quite possible I took a chance and sent her a check on your account to take it's place. Your original check was No. 4079 for $4.00.

Mrs. Beach also asked about a check No. 20214 which you sent to Muriel Wood on June 8, 1926 for the 1925 dues. I told her this check was paid from your account here to Mrs. Carleton Lacy on Sept. 27, 1926.

I hope it is alright that I have cashed the check mentioned above. If not Mrs. Beach is ready to adjust the matter with you.

You might be interested to know that Muriel Wood is now on her way home having resigned from her work here in order to be married this fall to an Englishman from Colombo. She expects to live in Colombo which is a rather interesting prospect for her.

When do you folks expect to be back with us again. We seem to be settling down a little now.

With kind regards to you all,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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By Dr. Blane

Payment of cash from Dr. Blane's check.

20th Aug. In College Fund. Sch. Library Fun. 10.00

Balance

Debit MEX: 31.06
Credit MEX: 175.06
Balance: 14.00

By Dr. Blane

Shanghai, April 30, 1928

T. F. Billings

In Account with ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS
23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road
ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS
23 YUEN MING YUEN ROAD.
SHANGHAI.

July 18, 1928

Mrs. E. S. Hildreth
76 High St.,
Rockport, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Hildreth:

A few days ago I had a letter from the Sanitary Rug Co. of Peking enclosing your letter to me and their bill for the rugs you ordered. I have paid them $21.82 but there may be an additional charge as they thought the postage would be more than $3.30. The prices of the rugs per ft. are higher than what you figured but they are letting you have them at your price. I thought you would want me to pay whatever more there might be on postage so told them to send me word if there was a balance due. Enclosed is their new price list.

Yours sincerely,

Ethel L. Lacey
Y. L. Sun Sanitary Rug Factory
41 Wang Fu Ta Chieh Peking China.

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JUNE 20, 1928.

Y. L. SUN
This factory is managed by Christian Chinese in the effort to give poor boys employment, and at the same time give them Christian training.

We have pleasure in announcing to the public that we have established a Branch Factory in the Western Hills, for the sole purpose of aiding the crippled and destitute boys.

The product of our factory is of the highest quality, and we invite the patronage of all who, not only wish to secure a product of really excellent character, but, who wish to see the work of God prosper.

According to the testimony of our "NEW YORK BUYER," the rugs which he bought from this factory were said to be the finest that went to the foreign market from China. The reason he said this is because our rugs are of the "PUREST QUALITY WOOL". We have a great variety in stock, and we make to order any color or size desired.

We do not send any rugs to the residents of local buyers.
ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS
P. O. BOX 251
SHANGHAI
Missions Building, 23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Room 602-9
Cable Address: Treasurers. Telephone central 680-1
Code: Missions (also A.B.C., Bentley, C.I.M., Western Union)

September 17, 1928

Mrs. E. S. Hildreth
76 High Street
Rockport, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Hildreth:

Your card and the check for $58 Gold have been waiting until my return from vacation, and although I put through the exchange of the check as soon as I got back, I have not found time to write you until the present. In your note you say that Stephen is to receive the equivalent of about $45 Gold, but Mr. Kelhofer notified me the day school registrations were open that he would need $120 Mex. for the term's tuition. This would be more than the equivalent of $45 Gold, but since you wrote that you expected to finance him through this term I felt that it was quite all right for me to send the necessary amount. The proceeds of your $58 Gold amounted to $124.12 Mex., and as stated above I have sent Mr. Kelhofer $120 of this. I am sending you a statement enclosed so that you will see just how your account stands. You have also said that you would like him to receive a little extra at Christmas or New Year's, but I have no way of telling what amount this should be. If you have written to Stephen, or will write to him, telling him how much to collect from me, I am sure we can trust him to get it when he needs it.

At the present time Mrs. Baker of our South China Mission is acting as Dean of Women at Shanghai College, and if she continues to be there I am sure she will take a special interest in Stephen and help look out for him.

I was glad to learn that you had been having a pleasant summer and trust that it continued to be so and that your family are much improved.

With kindest regards to you all, I remain

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Mission Treasurer

L.F.
ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS
Department of Exchange
23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road

No. 8743 / 6445
Mrs. E. S. Hildreth

Shanghai, 192

To

We have credited to your account in the BAPTIST Books
proceeds of your drafts as noted below.

Bank’s rate 65 & 7215 = 2.1323097
Rates Secured 64 3/4 & 719875 = 2.1453745

Gold sold $58.00 @ 21453745 M. $ 124.43
less 1/2 % Commission .31

Date of Sale 5 SEP. 1928
Net Proceeds paid M. $ 124.12

Yours faithfully,

Omes M. Lyons
Representative
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Oct 13 - Miss Lacey to give Stephan any necessities by Mr. Estes. Amount $25. 
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Shanghai, Sep 15 1928

Balance 35.07

By C.F. Brainerd
ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS
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January 28, 1929

Mrs. E. S. Hildreth
Cabot, Vermont

Dear Mrs. Hildreth:

This morning I received your letter of December 27 with the check for $70 and this was exchanged and the proceeds placed to your personal account on my books. Notice of exchange is enclosed showing that you have received $158.89. I will notify Mr. Kelhofer that Stephen's expenses for the last half of this year are provided for.

I was interested to hear of your move to Vermont. You had not mentioned the place in your previous letter. The last one said that there was a church to which you might go. I hope that you will have a happy time there.

Mrs. Baker was in the office a few days ago and was talking about Stephen Chwang at that time. She is very anxious that he have a chance to go on and take two years of College if possible as she thinks he has good material in him and he has a desire to do these two years and go back to South China for educational work. She feels that he is worthy of it. She is having an interesting, although a very busy time at the College.

We have just had word that Miss Northcott is returning to the field and there is a rumor that Mrs. Worley may be returning shortly. The Speichers, Miss Traver and Miss Foster are leaving within the next two weeks via Europe. You will probably be seeing some of them, if not all, after they reach the States.

With kind regards to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Mission Treasurer

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**ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS**  
**Department of Exchange**  
23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Shanghai, 1929

No. 9180 / 6735

To: E. S. Hildreth

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We have credited to your account in the Baptist Books the proceeds of your drafts as noted below.

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Date of Sale: JAN 28, 1929  

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

C. W. Myers  
Representative
Many times our customers have experienced inconvenience in receiving remittances from America or England or other countries. To avoid such difficulties we would suggest the use of the following methods in having such funds sent you.

1. A personal check on some bank at home made payable to the individual for whom it is intended and duly certified by the bank against which the check is drawn.

2. A Cashier's Check (not a bank draft) payable at the bank which issues it, drawn in favor of the individual for whom the funds are intended.

3. A draft on London, New York, Chicago, San Francisco or any other large commercial center in the country of the remitter and made payable to the individual for whom the funds are intended.

It is better not to have a draft drawn on Shanghai, in which case it usually bears the notation "Payable at the bank's buying rate for demand drafts on New York" (or whatever the city may be.) Such a phrase means that exchange will be quoted by one bank only, and prevents our obtaining competitive rates.
My dear Mr. Lyon;

I have been intending for a long time to write to you about the field and the work here at Covelo, but perhaps you can guess why I have not done so, especially when I say that I have had to learn to ride horseback, to make a wood stove burn, (not a very good one at that), cook, both in general and in particular, and also to do such things as pitch hay, and put on ceiling. It is an all-around man's job here, all right.

Round Valley is one of the most beautiful places I ever was in. I is surrounded on all sides by hills, covered with trees and bushes, and the whole view, whether on a shiny day, or at sunset (I haven't seen it at sunrise) is charming. Just now some of the hill tops have a little snow on the tops; till recently the grassy spots have all been bare and burnt, making a beautiful contrast to the green of the trees, and the blue that characterizes distant hills in general. They tell me that on spring when all these grassy spaces are green, it will be far more beautiful. I don't see how it can, but I hope to find out.

Covelo itself is a village that gets its attractiveness chiefly from the character of some of the people that live in it. The main street has two livery stables, two stores, two blacksmith shops, a cobbler, a harness shop, a hotel (closed) a shop house that used to be a saloon before the valley went dry, and a billiard room of the same nature. The latter didn't bother to take down the sign "Oberon Saloon", and I am afraid that they forgot to stop selling whisky on the sly. They have
found out that gambling is illegal, either, and from the record of the newly elected judge and constable, I am afraid that they will not find it out right away, either.

Round Valley used to have a pretty bad reputation. It was an exceedingly unprofitable field for life insurance companies. But a while ago, one man got unpopular because he could steal so many more cattle than any one else, so they got him arrested, which of course disarmed him, and then they hung him on a tree and filled him full of bullets. He didn't steal so many cattle after that, but several men got sent to the pen for it, and several others are just keeping on the good side of men that could give them away if they chose. Shooting is not so fashionable now. In fact there is much more danger of being shot on the east side of New York than there is here. But the valley isn't any place for longhaired poets and the like.

In my church here I have a round dozen people that any minister would be tickled to death to have in his church, and then there are some that would be disgrace to any organization short of the Elks. They are mostly of the masculine persuasion. The morals of the young men around here are pretty rotten. The wild life of the valley in the past is one cause; Indian women are another, and I am inclined to think they are much more influential. If a man grows up to a full grown manhood without going wrong, one can almost say that he is saved, so as by fire. The temptations are something terrific. If the gospel can save Round Valley, I think it can accomplish almost anything.

These hills that surround us on every side, have one peculiarity that they contain people, who must be sought out by a pastor who desires to do his full work here. For instance it takes me a whole afternoon to go to Williams Valley, where I see two people. To go to Buck Mountain, I have to start in one morning, and come back the next
afternoon. It rains most of the time during the winter, but I have got a good outfit, so I don't expect to get any wetter than I would back east in the snow.

I can't say that architecture is in a very high state of development here. That hotel was certainly a tumblendown affair. The ordinary house has board walls with nails to hang cooking utensils and pictures, etc. The nice houses have paper on the walls. There is only one lath and plaster house in the valley; that belongs to the ehri of the man who used to own the whole valley, and people complain that it is always cold, both in summer and winter. The parsonage, where I am staying, has a matched lumber ceiling, and when they get through, will have board walls papered. At present, I have the studding for the inside lining, and none of the partitions are put in, so I have a large house, I think they say it is 26x24 feet, to be heated by one poor little cookstove in one corner, and that doesn't burn very well. But I guess I am as comfortable on the average, as most people; or at least, I would be, if I would tend to business and keep the fire burning, instead of letting it go out when I get to reading or writing. I just got up to look at it now, and find that there is nothing left but embers. Another fire to make before dinner. The most common type of chair here is made of rungs, and the seat is of a strip of buckskin braided diagonally, with spaces about 1 1/2 inch wide. When I first saw one I thought it most awfully primitive, and was afraid to sit in it for fear of breaking the buckskin; but after some acquaintance, I have found them very strong and very comfortable. I would rather sit in one than in a cane seated chair.

I must close now. Please remember me to Mrs