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2459 Ashby Ave., Berkeley,
Dec. 10, 1936.

Dear Mr. Sample:- I am sorry
to tell you sad news. Your
letter to Mr. Bailie was too late.
He left us Nov. 15 of last year.

A number of Nanking
graduates were present at the
funeral ceremonies, which
were conducted by Rev. Mr.
Silsby, Mr. Bailie's first
friend in China. Mr. Silsby
is retired. He formerly was
in charge of the school
carried on by the Presby-

terian Board at the South Gate
Mission, Shanghai. We have often
stopped with the Silbys in
Shanghai.

Hoping that the year will prove
to you and Mrs. Sample a
happy one, I remain,
Yours sincerely,
Effie D. W. Bailie.

2459 Ashby Ave, Berkeley,

Mar. 6, 1938.

Mr. John L. Sample

Madison

Indiana.

My dear Mr. Sample:- your letter received
and I have been waiting for a chance
to see what I could find of in-
formation for you.

I suppose you did not know
that Dr. & Mrs. Borew returned to
China last year. I telephoned
Methodist Headquarters in San
Francisco, and they say that
the only address likely to reach
Dr. Borew is Co of the American
Methodist Mission, Shanghai, P.O.
Box, 251. The secretaries cannot

keep track of the missionaries in
China just at present.

Mr. Baile was employed by the
Imperial University in Peking
from 1898 till we left Peking after
the siege of 1900 A.D. All our
papers and records of every kind
were, of course, burned during the
Boxer trouble. We came home
aboard the U. S. Transport Athenian
and landed in Seattle during January,
1901. We then built this house
and Mr. Baile returned to China
and engaged in importing Chinese
embroideries and ^{Shantung} furs
and ^{Shantung} fonges into America and
travelling between the two countries
getting and executing orders. I can't
set dates for that period. I was

• too busy keeping house and putting
up orders + seeing to Customs to
keep a diary, and after that business
petered out, and Mr. Bailie joined
the China Mutual Insurance Co. in
Shanghai, then we all returned
to China. I can't give you exact
dates of this period. The Insurance
business was a success financial-
ly, and we moved to Nanking
and lived at the Lai Hsueh An
so my husband could be at home
more, and the business entailed con-
stant travelling up and down the
Yang-tze. The exposure involved
in waiting on the wharf for the
river boats and poor housing in
many ports made him ill, and as we
neither of us liked the business, we
decided on a return to America.

I can date the return, for we reached
San Francisco in January after the
fire year of 1906. That was January,
1907. Then Dr. Bailie started in
to build in earnest, building and
mortgaging as he went along. But the
market for homes declined, and we
were left with a number of buildings
on our hands, rising tax rates, and
\$9,000 worth of 7% mortgages. During this
period Dr. Bailie had also taken some
science courses at W.C., preparing for
teaching High School science. But he
decided he'd rather return to China.
Soon after his return he worked for a while
in the same insurance company, but soon
drove up the job for the more congenial
labor under missionary auspices at the
Nankaiing University. That \$9,000 worth of
mortgages and the three girls in High
School and College kept me here.
Before his death, my husband burned.

all his diaries excepting for the four more recent years.

When the Sikhs came to ^{Pe-}king to relieve us after the siege, it was he who led a company of coolies to the water gate by the Chien Men and pried the gate open for the soldiers to enter while the Allied troops, mostly Americans, were trying to force the Chien Men itself. We had the key to that water gate, but it was stolen along with other things aboard the American transport.

Dr. Bowen had intended writing a biography of Mr. Bailey, but his found records so sparse he relinquished the idea. I found some sheets

of reminiscences he was writing for
the Baillie Club in Shanghai, and
gave them to Mr. J. Y. Ni of the
staff of the University of Nanking
when he was taking some post-
graduate courses here. The students
^{at Nanking} were getting out a monthly maga-
zine and the proposed devoting
one issue to the work of Joseph
Baillie.

Thank you for your kind invi-
tation to call on you in Indiana.
Maybe some day I may be passing
through. My eldest daughter is in Wash-
ington, D. C.

My best regards to Mrs. Sample and
Agnes. Perhaps some day when peace
reigns in the world we may all meet
again in China. Sincerely yours,
Eppie D. W. Baillie.