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November 12, 1963

Dr. Tom Alexander
Dr. John H. Hubbard
Dr. W. T. Jordan
Dr. Chase Mooney
Dr. J. W. Silver
Dr. Albert Simpson
Dr. Henry Swint
Dr. B. H. Wall
Dr. Herbert Weaver

Gentlemen:

This will serve to inform you that your check for \$10.00 (or cash) made out to Mrs. Armstrong was cashed on November 11, 1963. The total amount collected was \$80.00.

Attached to this are photo copies of Dr. Binkley's hotel bill paid by Bennett H. Wall and a receipt for \$21.00 for meals and registration given in cash to Jack Byerly, Manager of the George Vanderbilt, who addressed a note to Dr. Binkley stating "Cash refund for money expended for S. H. A. meals and registration."

You will be interested to know that a letter from one of Dr. Binkley's students caused me to forego contacting at least a dozen persons who would have, I am sure, been glad to contribute. Herbert Weaver provided transportation for Dr. and Mrs. Binkley from Nashville. This is more than equal to a check from Herbert. All of the persons contacted responded. One individual wrote that though he was never close to Dr. Binkley and never had him as a student, he was obligated so much to him that he was willing to underwrite any deficiency we incurred in bringing him to the Asheville or subsequent meetings. Parenthetically, I wish all of us were so well off financially.

Collected	\$80.00
Room	\$39.93
Cash for tickets and registration	\$21.00
Balance	\$20.00

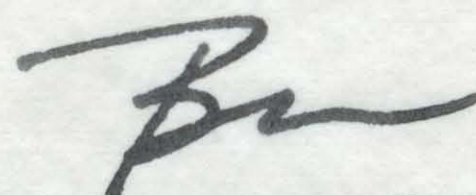
This amount is being held in an envelope in a safety deposit box and expressly labeled "W. C. Binkley Association Fund." We will use it at the next meeting or subsequent meeting for the same purpose.

November 12, 1963

I would like to say that when I came down from a committee meeting around 10:30 on Saturday morning I was accosted by Dr. Binkley who wanted to know what hand I had in this. He accused me of writing him the note. I handed him a scrap of paper with my scribble on it. That settled that. He then said I was responsible. I then said I was glad to know there were persons interested in seeing he attended all future meetings, it was not my idea, I was not responsible, but I thought it was excellent. He nailed Jim Silver who told him the same thing. He then said he would like to know who these people responsible were. He was sure we both were lying. He said he would like to thank them. We remarked that if they had wanted to be identified they would have so stated. He said he will be eternally grateful and "I appreciate it more than you will ever know." Dutch Silver had written a poem which she inserted in the envelope Myerly placed in Binkley's box. ~~She~~ happened to run into the Binkleys as they left and they said they were most appreciative and deeply touched.

We are all grateful to Dutch for having the idea and breathing down my neck until I moved. We are also obligated to Mrs. Armstrong for her part in handling the correspondence and the money. If you have no objections we will consider the same as a fixed program for 1964. Please tell me whether you desire to participate in 1964 as soon as you find it convenient so that I can set up a file and get this out as part of the pre-convention program.

Sincerely,



Bennett B. Wall

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