January 13th, 1927. Dr. W. Reid Blair, New York Zoological Park, 185th Street & Southern Boulevard, New York City. My dear Dr. Blair:-I should have acknowledged your letter of December 20th before this, but at that time I was unable to promise that I could go to New York on either of the dates suggested. I now find myself in the same position. I have an extremely busy Spring and in this connection I must go to New York some time later on, but just when I cannot now say. Therefore I think it will be impossible for me to be with you in February. I would suggest that you go on with your annual function without me and I will send some other member of the staff when you let me know the date finally fixed. There are a number of developments which will take place this year and I would prefer to place them before you when definite decisions have been made regarding them. With kindest wishes to all, I am, Yours faithfully. Principal.