

2. I feel that I should start life all over again, and with that in mind I have turned my attention to journalism-I have already sold some articles and verses, which has encouraged me to believe that my literary work has a market value.

Would you please introduce me to a director of a newspaper syndicate, with a view to securing an engagement as special correspondent, or contributor.

3. I believe that I am eligible to participate in the benefits of the Carnegie Trust Fund, as I am a teacher, have the honour to be of Edinburgh University, have taught for thirty two years, am now retiring under special circumstances, and I am also a countryman of the late Mr Carnegie.

His bounty is a reward that the most independent spirit can receive with pride.

I would rather ask you to help me in this matter, than ask our Grand Master, or any one else.

4. I would have enjoyed certain private means at this juncture that would have removed any anxiety about my support, had I not put all my money into real estate.

I have written this to you in the most candid manner that I can find words to convey, and also I have written in a spirit that I am positive you would consider a worthy one.

Yours fraternally,

J. S. Blair,
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