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Reverend A. J. Brace,
General Secretary Y.M.C.A.,
Chengtu, China.

My dear Brace,

Thank you for your circular letter of June 12th, bringing back, as it did, old days and old associations of Victoria, B.C. and the Great War. I am glad to know that you are full of enthusiasm and interest, and I congratulate you. The only thing mentioned in your letter about which I would not have a great deal of enthusiasm would be the visit from Sherbrooke Eddy. Last spring I had the good fortune to spend a month in China and passed the time between Hong Kong, Shanghai, Tientsin, Peiping, and Mukden. All was intensely interesting to me. Coming face to face with a civilization and a people in whose past, present and future everyone should be interested was to me a great privilege.

I saw David Yui in Hong Kong, L.T.Chen in Shanghai, and also in Shanghai Mr. C.T.Wang and T.B. Sun. In Peiping I met Hu'Shieh and some Chinese who had graduated at McGill. I also dined with Mrs Wellington Koo, which was a pleasing experience and where I met the wife of Chang Hushieh Liang, the young Marshal of Manchuria. At Mukden I lunched with the young Marshal and had a long chat. His Secretary, Mr. Tommy Lee, is a most interesting man, and I would judge a very capable official. Our Professor Kiang Kang-hu of the Department of Chinese Studies, is now on a visit to China.

With kindest wishes always,

I am, my dear Brace,
Ever yours faithfully,