

January 8, 1931.

Mr. G. H. Gest,
Woolworth Building,
New York City. N.Y.

Dear Mr. Gest,

Dr. Martin is ill and has sent me your letter of December 26th, with a note asking me to reply. I am very eager to do anything I can for Dr. Martin in his illness, and hope that what I say may be of some service to you.

The Governor General of Canada is leaving the country on or before the day you mention, to take up his new duties in India, so that this excellent suggestion of yours cannot be carried out.

You will be pleased to know that Sir Arthur Currie intends to visit in China and Japan as extensively as possible and that in his brief farewell address to members of the University he spoke of the unique links between McGill and the Far East. I think we all feel here that with your excellent Library in our midst and with Dr. Kiang, our new Professor of Chinese Studies, we are more and more obliged to turn our thoughts in the direction of the Far East. I shall bring your letter to the attention of our Chancellor, Mr. Beatty, and if anything occurs to him, or if I hear further suggestions from the Curator of your Library, I shall communicate further with you and let Dr. Martin know of it without delay.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant to the Principal.