

"What we are seeking to do is to govern in the best way that is possible at the present time, and to learn from experience, and to feel the influence of an ever-broadening body of educated opinion which will press for such changes as seem to them desirable."

I am not clear why Dr Wu called upon me.

Possibly it was in answer to a Chinese custom, but while together we at once fell into conversation about the position of Christian Foreign Universities in China. The Nationalist movement, and subsequently the Nationalist Government, from the first has pressed for Registration of these Universities, setting forth terms of registration which have been arbitrary, and to some of us very unreasonable. After Dr Wu left, I dictated a short memo covering what I had said to him in response to two questions which he put. I copy from the memo as follows:-

"Dr Wu, you ask me two things -

1. Will we consent to abandon compulsory attendance at religious exercises?
2. Will we register with the Nationalist Government?

In answer to the first: We have already directed that attendance at religious exercises is not compulsory in the University. In answer to the second: We have been in trouble because the spirit of the educational regulations of the Nationalist Government is foreign to