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My dear W.R.-

I have not sent you the voluminous literature issue of the conference as Jack Nelson has kept the President supplied. I do not think you would have time to read it let alone the inclination. One result of the conference from the British side is that Sir F. Whyte has gone to Shanghai - and he is both an able and a well trained man, there is no doubt he will do good or at any rate supply the Govt. with valuable information at that very tangled up point.

These conferences might have accomplished some good if the personnel had been different. They will accomplish nothing of any practical value as long as the majority of the delegates are college professors, Y.M.C.A. secretaries - principals of ladies colleges, suffragist agitators and propagandists of various ilk. I kept in the background strictly. It was the only place for a practical man and at that it was wearisome. There was not a single issue where I could have been of any value or where my experience in transportation matters for that matter would have been recognized if the matter had come up, which it did not. As a phrase making institution it was a success. It was announced as a "fact finding" conference.

Mrs. Catt said it was not facts but principles that were important. I have added another phrase to my vocabulary since my last report. It is "tested thought" a contribution by Dr. Kilpatrick of Columbia University's school of teaching - another is "intelligent moralization" by the same author. The latter I suspect is a substitute for christianity. "Social outlook" is perhaps not original but "cultural lag" seems to lack both meaning and euphony. "Toleration of traditions" is attractive for its alliteration - "proper external and internal authority" sounds like a patent medicine, but it was used with reference to Chinese "cultural problems" and sounded well. "Uncertain problems" did not appear to be sufficiently definite to waste much time over and like all the other problems was left unsolved. The council left the matter of the locals for the next conference undecided except with a large gesture that it would be in the Orient which is about as definite a conclusion as could be expected.

The idea of the institution owes its birth to Honolulu and as an advertisement for this thriving city is good business. It is