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Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.  
Principal McGill University  
Montreal.

My Dear Sir Arthur;-

I am on this far on way through the colleges of the Maritimes, and from here go on to Dalhousie at Halifax, Truro Agricultural College, Kings College, P.E.I, then finish at Mt. Allison, Sackville N.B Dec. 2 to 5, then back to Montreal for the 7th. I promised to let you know if at another date I was showing my pictures of "Tibet-The Roof of the World", for which I gained my F.R.G.S. Before leaving Montreal the Secretary of the Rotary Club asked me to give this lecture at noon Dec. 7th, Tuesday, at the Windsor Hotel. This I am planning to do, and thought if you had time you might care to see the pictures and hear the story.

I thoroughly enjoyed that happy visit with you Sir Arthur, reminiscing over old times. Then the visit to the library was quite an unexpected pleasure. I was amazed at what I saw there, and have no hesitation in saying, after visiting Chinese Departments at Columbia and other centers, that your Chinese library is not excelled by any on the continent. To have 25,000 volumes of such valuable material, and in such excellent condition is an amazing thing. Your Mr. Gest must be a very exceptional man to be able to secure such a collection. I fancy they have come from the Emperor's private collection at Peking, which was sacked by the Germans in 1900 and later again by other nations in 1911 during the revolution when the Manchus abdicated. Your Dr. Roess seems to be admirably adapted and trained to do the classifying even though he has not been in China. I much enjoyed the hour with him. He also showed me the Chinese section of the museum where you have some very fine specimens both Chinese and Tibetan. You have really a wonderful beginning for a Chinese Department which I hope you may be able to start in the not distant future, and I am sure that McGill will help solve some of the pressing problems of the East, so little understood by the West, largely because there is no medium of exchange of ideas such as a University affords.

If in the near future you should be planning any kind of a stunt to show off the library, or draw attention to it, and wanted a course of special lectures on the Art, Literature and Philosophy of the Chinese for a few days or a week, I should be very glad to make any contribution I have after fifteen years research in some of these interesting studies.

Again thanking you for the happy visit, and hoping to see you on my way back to Toronto,

With best wishes, yours very sincerely

*A. J. Brace*