

C O P Y

July 11th, 1933.

My dear Mr. Gest:-

Let me express to you my great satisfaction at being able to work in the Gest Library for several days before my boat sailed. Dr. Swann did everything possible for my convenience and comfort, being at pains to show me thoroughly both library and museum. The collections are most impressive, offering a wealth of data for future scholars. I was particularly interested in the Buddhist section, and was greatly pleased to have access to a sixteenth century manuscript copy of 唯識二十論, the Buddhist text which I am translating. It was a joy also to use the new Japanese edition of the Tripitaka.

My errand to Europe this summer is to read Chinese Buddhist texts with Louis de la Vallee Poussin. He will be interested to know of this centre for Chinese Studies in America, as he is at the head of one himself in Belgium. I am bringing him pictures of the library and copies of essays by Dr. Swann and Captain Gillis. It may be that he will want to come some day to America and see the facilities for Chinese Studies, Buddhological and otherwise.

My address until about August 15th will be Montroc-sur-Argentieres, Haute Savoie, France, c/o Hotel Bel-Alp. I shall be returning through Montreal in the early part of September.

Assuring you once more of my<sup>o</sup>st hearty appreciation of the good services of the Gest Chinese Research Library, so happily situated on a highway of European travel, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) Clarence H. Hamilton.

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