

HONOLULU, Hawaii.
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I enclose clippings describing the close of the conference and the editorial in the morning paper - the latter is a broad-minded and courteous comment. More might be truthfully said but as the guests were in a sense the guests of Honolulu, the editor used admirable restraint. If he had said, that, never before had such an aggregation of self-elected theorists been gathered together and that Honolulu had missed doing the world a distinct service in refraining from dumping the outfit into the crater or adopting some other merciful method of total extinction - The city had failed lamentably to take advantage of its opportunities; Some good men like Sir F. Whyte, Sir Arthur Currie, Jack Nelson would have been sacrificed to say nothing of myself (I am old anyway and have ceased to be of use) but the greatest good to the greatest number should be the guiding principle. Today the council will decide what community will be next inflicted with their presence - Japan being favourably mentioned. Most of the professors and Y.M.C.A. secretariat have never been in Japan. They may have read of the Geisha girls and I feel safe in predicting that the popular vote will be for Japan if the Japanese will stand for it.

We have discovered that the hula hula in Hawaii is not so much a dance as religious gyrations performed by overfat and distinctly homely Hawaiian females - Another idyll passed away - The Geisha or the Maori of New Zealand is all that is left - so the contest will be between these two. Disenchantment will probably await the professors in either place. They only attend these things in the interests of science, research work, to study the cultural inclination of the masses and to establish a broader contact with our alien friends. In old time church circles these cultural inclinations were plainly called the promptings of the devil, but as a matter of fact as far as conduct is concerned the delegates have been 100% efficient; a little drunkenness or some scandalous behaviour would have been a relief - in the dead monotony of conscious virtue. This will be my last report as far as the conference is concerned.

Jack Nelson leaves tomorrow via Los Angeles and Chicago. Sir Arthur and I will be left on the dock with our legs hanging over the edge waiting for the "Niagara" on the 12th. Should there be a representative again required two years from now, I would suggest Col. Dennis and if his report is fit for publication I would like to read it.

Yours truly,

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