

So far we have reached no conclusions on anything and consequently unlike the League of Nations cannot be subject to the carping criticism that institution has inspired. We have announced that we are a purely fact finding body and so far have confined ourselves to glittering generalities which we have discovered in great profusion. We call this research work and it covers everything from international policies to birth control. When I survey the lady delegates from U.S. and China - the latter does not seem to present any unsurmountable difficulties. Undoubtedly, the delegation with the highest ideals are the Chinese, they boast the most ancient civilization, exude the highest sentiments, betray in their speeches the most profound morality and commit at home the most atrocious barbarities. They have such a genius for government, on their own admissions, that it is regrettable, so far, they have not been able to put it to any practical use. I will always regret that I was not named amongst those who are considering foreign missions. That is a field to which I might have contributed something of value. Sir Arthur, Jack Nelson, and I were excluded. Fortunately Carrie Chapman Catt will be there and all may be well.

I had great doubt anyway about Currie and Nelson. Sir Arthur's vocabulary from Flanders and Jack's newspaper training hardly give them the necessary moral fitness for the task.

I am sending you these separate reports rather than defer the task until the conference is over when perhaps many of the details may have escaped me.

Yours truly,

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