

October 28th, 1929.

Dr. Edward H. Hume,
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My dear Dr. Hume:-

Thanks for your note of the 24th
of October.

While we are gradually, and I may say rapidly, accumulating a good Chinese Library, we have had as yet no success in fixing upon a suitable man to head a Department of Chinese Studies. We have several Chinese students working in the Library, also Miss Swan, who will receive her doctorate from Columbia when she publishes her thesis, which has been approved.

The conference at Kyoto opens this morning. I saw much of the British delegation when it passed through here. It is a good delegation headed by Lord Hailsham. Malcolm MacDonald was with them and Malcolm, I think, has developed greatly in the last couple of years. Curtis spent some days with me on his way through, he having preceded the regular delegation by a fortnight or so. I am sure much good will come of the meeting this year.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,