April 18, 1936.

Sent by Dr. Luce's [illegible] Office

President Robbins Barstow,
Hartford Seminary Foundation,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Robbins,

I cannot tell how often I have had in mind to write you and to send greetings to my colleagues at Hartford through you; but I found it almost impossible to write as one passes from place to place and country to country. My thoughts often turned back to you at Hartford and occasionally I have had some word from there. It goes without saying that we have been greatly concerned about the flood at Hartford and have wondered how it has effected you all.

On arrival here I was met by Dr. Birge at the station at Haydarpasha and was soon at his home high above the Bosphorus. Here I received a short line from Prof. Myers and on the same mail Mrs. Luce sent me newspaper pictures of the flood at Hartford. It is needless to say that the Birge family and I looked them over most carefully.

Last year after leaving Hartford I made one or two stops in crossing the country and spent two days with my friend H. B. Sharman in California. It is possible you may have seen his new book published last Christmas entitled "Jesus as Teacher" . I am inclined to think it will be a book of very great significance as it is the product of forty years of study of the Synoptic Gospels.

I spent ten days in Japan which had been preceded by several days of careful reading on shipboard between San Fransisco and Yokohama. It was interesting to have a general survey of Japan again, making as my two main centers Tokyo and Kyoto. One caught some undertones of trouble at that time, so much so that one is not entirely surprised at the recent and terrible happenings there in Japan.

I spent four months in North China mostly at Yenching University, arriving there in time for the series of graduation exercises. I remained there during the summer (except a short period at the seaside) and continued on for three or four weeks into the fall term. When I saw the buildings

1194