

China Inland Mission.

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Dear Mr Belden,

Your kind letter of Aug. 15 and enclosed cheque for \$25. reached me here on the 30th. ult. I had quite forgotten the form of your invitation and felt that the pleasure of making the acquaintance of the various members of the International Missionary Union was a more than sufficient remuneration for the labour and expense of the visit. I feel very thankful for the privilege afforded me of enrolling myself on the list of your members, and shall not soon lose sight of the pleasure afforded me by my short stay in your home and by the acquaintance I was able to make with your beloved children.

I feel half in doubt now as to what I should do with the cheque because, from the character of the Association, your funds are mainly derived, if I mistake not, from within and not from the general public without, and I fear that your ^{Union's} kind liberality may burden the funds of the Association. Lest this should be the case I return the cheque to you, feeling assured you will not misunderstand my doing so.

If on the other hand you have funds which are applicable without burden for such a purpose, it will not involve much labour to you to re-post to me and in that case I shall gratefully accept the gift as a contribution towards the work in which we are both so much interested.

Please give my warm love to Mrs Belden and to your dear children. - I am glad they do not forget me; how pleased I should be to see them again should the opportunity

Provisionally arise.

You will be interested to hear that I am now likely to go on to China alone. From Northfield, Hungary and other Conferences and from several cities of Europe avoided, the deepened interest in recruiting in personal offers of service and those to take a little hand of workers out with me. Mr. Burdett is providing the expense to China of one lady who goes from Northfield and from other sources the expenses of others are likely to be covered in whole or in part.

Yours gratefully in Christ,

Johnston Taylor.