

Dear M. Hayashi

Our short stay in Paris was most unsatisfactory from many points of view, with the least important item of which was that we failed to see you again and to see the collection which you kindly promised to show us.

It was very satisfactory from another point however, for after our conversation with you I said that it would be useless for us to spend our time in looking up artistic objects in Japan, that it would be much better for us to enjoy our moments

in sightseeing and then on our return to Paris secure from you such pottery lacquer etc. as we might wish, what at any rate is a great deal gained.

I was very sorry not to have had the opportunity before leaving of personally thanking you for your courtesy to us while in Paris and of expressing my appreciation of the beautiful prints you were kind enough to send me.

I would be very glad of any letters or any suggestions that may to you desirable before we go to your fascinating country for I hope not to return ignorant of its interesting people and their life progress. They have been walking such gigantic strides forward that all the world is interested in understanding and appreciating them.

I am most sympathetic with them and think the nations of Europe are assuming too much in venturing to limit

their reward for their plucky and successful war.

With renewed thanks and kindest expression of appreciation for your many kindness to us.

I am very truly yours
Burtin Honoré Palmer

Brussels
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