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Dear Professor Barth,

The 12th General Council of our Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system, is to be held at Cardiff from 23rd June to 2nd July 1925. It will be attended by representatives from all parts of the world, and we shall discuss questions of great interest and importance. On Thursday, 25th June the topic for discussion is as follows: "Is a common Statement of Faith (Creed or Confession) desirable or practicable for the Reformed Churches of the world?" (Ob ein gemeinschaftliches Glaubensbekenntnis oder Konfession wünschenswert oder möglich ist für die reformierten Kirchen der Welt?) We propose to have this dealt with by speakers from America and Great Britain and the Continent of Europe. Your name has been very strongly suggested to us as that of a theologian deeply interested in this matter and one whose words would have exceptional weight. Therefore, we most earnestly invite you to give an address of 20 minutes, possibly longer, on the above question. We are aware that it might be difficult for you to get away from

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Highly esteemed Dr. Oskar Dibelius, Prof. for NT. Hebrew and Eng., & do you happen not to
know of any book for Edin?

On account of a copy of your latest work, *Religion Jewish*, I would prefer that Dr. Dibelius receive it.
We will be very glad to publish it in Edinburgh - either Eng. or Ger. Dr. Deissmann's *Handbuch*:
would be off in Dr. Dibelius' hands probably if (doneffgives the best) *Galilaeus* is
printed. Or if it is wanted, return it to us and we will send it. Dr. Dibelius has written to us
in English. By our preference, a) an abbreviated edition first? Perhaps? That would save costs and
trouble to another publisher.

Yours very sincerely, K. Barth

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your professorial duties at that time, but trust that it may be
possible to consider your situation. If it is
possible. Otherwise we should be glad to have your address in
written form, and we should see to the reading and interpretation.

If you do not see your way to give it in English we should be quite
glad to have it in German. This subject is one that is of pressing
urgency for all the Churches, all the more so that in America the

fundamentalist controversy is causing a great deal of disturbance,
and it is therefore necessary for the Old World to do all it can to
balance the extreme views of the New World. Consequently we are
looking forward to a very interesting time, and we most earnestly
ask for your aid. It is a great regret to many here that your recent

books, which have obtained such vogue in Germany and Switzerland,
have not yet been translated into the English language. The war has

caused an unhappy intellectual blockade, and we are most anxious to

break it up. The visit of Professor Deissmann to Edinburgh last
month was a very successful effort in that direction and your going
to Cardiff would be another. An early reply will greatly oblige.

Perhaps I ought to add that travelling expenses and hospitality while
you are here will be entirely at our expense and all costs
in Cardiff would be secured to you.

Yours very sincerely,

J.R. Klemm