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Professor Karl Barth, D. D.,
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My dear Professor Barth,

A recent letter from Professor D. Julius Richter of Berlin contained the information that you are not at the present time in a position to consider an invitation to deliver a series of lectures to the faculty and students of Union Theological Seminary.

We have been sincerely disappointed that it is not to be our good fortune to hear you, but we are not unappreciative of the urgent obligation and the large possibilities which are holding you in your own country. We may yet hope that after some years you will be able to make the voyage to America and bring to your many admirers and would-be friends the inspiring messages which have contributed to the rebuilding of faith in your own land. Our invitation is not prompted by curiosity, but by a sincere desire to hear at first hand the message of the Barthian School of Theology.

This institution has always been firmly grounded on the Calvinistic system, therefore it is with the deepest interest that we are reading the literature, and following closely the progress, of the great movement which you and your colleagues have inaugurated in Germany and in adjacent countries.

After hearing of your inability to come to us, an invitation was sent to Dr. Brunner, in the hope that he may come to us during the scholastic year of 1932-33. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation in persuading him to come to us.

With high esteem,

Most sincerely yours,

Edward Mack

Member of the Nominating Committee