

July 4th, 1920.

Dr. Genshi Kato,
Tokyo, JAPAN.

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When I was at the Smithsonian Institute, which is as you know our great national scientific society, located in Washington, D.C., I was talking to Dr. Casanowicz, who is connected with that institution, whom I have known for a number of years. I have talked with him occasionally about my studies on Japanese subjects, and when I talked with him about this work of mine on the Shinto Festivals, he thought that possibly the Society might publish it, although their publications are usually confined to American subjects. While he was not at all sure that they would publish it, he advised me to present it to the Society for their consideration, and it is my intention to take it to them, hoping that they will publish it, which of course would do me a great honor.

Now I am going to ask another very great favor of you, and that is that you will allow me to send my manuscript on to you when it is completed, which I hope will be by the last of August. After reading it if it meets with your approval, will you write a little preface? If you feel that you can do this, you will be doing me a very great honor.

Thanking you very much for your expressions of kindly interest, and hoping you are very well. With kind regards from Mrs. Brown and myself, I am

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