

of Paris - he seemed so steady when I left. I hope  
your knee is quite better long ago & that you &  
Mr. Crange are  
both flourishing.  
My dear Crange,  
All good wishes to  
you.  
Yours ever  
George Mallory

Yatung, Tibet  
April 2: 1924.

I often cast a backward thought to Syndicate  
Buildings & wonder how you are progressing with  
arrangements for the Michaelmas term & for the  
Summer Meeting. Before long I expect you will be  
planning a holiday, & I want you to feel quite  
certain about me; - it is going to be very difficult  
to get back for the beginning of the Summer Meeting because  
the Crescent Committee took a return ticket for me by the

City Line & I discover that their boats are very slow. However one way or another I will get back before the end of August, so that you won't need to have any qualms about arranging to go away on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

Yatung in the Chumbi Valley is our first station in Tibet, and as arrangements have to be made with the trade agent here we have a day's rest from marching. It is a curious interlude between the steep sub-tropical forests of Sikkim & the tableland of Tibet; this is more like an Alpine valley; its sides are more or less covered with conifers which are showing spurny green: two marches hence at Phari where we get up onto the high land above 14000 ft



there will not be a tree or a bush or a blade of any green thing to be seen; & we are not particularly pleased to hear that a few days ago  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ft. of snow fell up there.

The past week, as you may imagine, has been enjoyable enough. After the confinement of the voyage, & the dust & heat of the journey across India, & the tiresomeness of packing & 'setting off' from Darjeeling the real thing has begun; & the best of it is a very nice lot of companions. It is a very strong party this time & I'm glad to say I feel fitter than I was two years ago.

Noel, our photographer, was asking me to-day about lecturing on the expedition & I told him what we had arranged

— that an occasional Saturday evening during term was the only chance at any distance for me to lecture outside our own centres & that I should want to combine a lecture of that sort with one at a centre; and then ten days at the beginning of January. The reason I revert to this now is that you will probably hear shortly from Christy asking ~~at~~ which of our centres you want to reserve for me & in which other members of the Expedition may be free to lecture; & he will want to know whether I shall be lecturing for him or for the centre in January — but I dare say that can wait until I return. I told Christy, by the way, that he would have to find out my engagements from Richford, so he may write to him. Please give my salaams to Williams & Sewell & remember me also to Richford & Green. And can you give me news