

J. G. Phelps Stokes
100 William Street,
New York City.

October 7, 1932.

Mr. Maurice Lichtmann
Roerich Museum
310 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lichtmann:

I take the liberty of sending to the Museum, but addressed personally to you, a 30 volume set of the Harvard Oriental Series. I think these volumes will form a useful addition to the collection in the Library. It has seemed to me best however, not to pre-sent them to the Museum at this time, in view of the serious legal proceedings that are pending; but I shall be very happy if the Museum will accept them as a loan, on the understanding that it is my intention to present the books, as a gift, as soon as the present dangers inherent in unfriendly legal proceedings, appear past.

With respect to the other volumes of which I spoke to you the other day, I hope to bring them up to the Museum shortly, and shall be glad if they too can be accepted as a loan, pending the arrival of "calmer weather," for the Museum, with less danger of attachments, etc.

very sincerely yours,

J. G. Phelps Stokes.

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ALBRIGHT COLLEGE

Reading, Penn.

President's Office

December 6, 1932.

Dean M. M. Lichtmann,
Roerich Museum,
310 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dean Lichtmann:

I am in receipt of the books you sent, namely:
Message of 1930; The Roerich Pact; and the Roerich Museum
Bulletin.

We have not forgotten the kind interest you
and Mrs. Lichtmann took in us when we were at the Museum.
We are hoping to come back some time before long and
make more of a study of some of the things which you
showed us. You did not treat us as mere visitors, but
you made us your guests and did everything you possibly
could to inform us on the great work of the Museum.

If it is possible for you to visit us at
Albright College, we would be very happy to have you
come at any time.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: J. W. Klein, Acting President.

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Re. Lichtmann

The Universalist General Convention

Rev. C.H.Emmons
Vice-President

December 21, 1935

Mr. M.M.Lichtmann
310 Riverside Drive
New York, N.Y.

Dear Maurice:

Concerning the very important matter we were discussing when I last saw you in New York, I have followed up the line of effort which you, at that time, asked me to explore. I regret to be under the necessity of advising you that it appears hopeless for anything other than a negative result from this effort.

The person under consideration insists that he knows the facts of the case, and seems very sincere in reference to this unfortunate business. I doubt very much if any change of attitude can be secured. So it appears that the only thing that really can be done in this connection is to leave the whole matter to the Higher Law, to be worked out in its cycle. I am sorry to have to make the foregoing report.

With warmest personal greetings to Mrs. Lichtmann and yourself, and with the season's best greetings, I remain, Fraternally yours,
CHE/jab (signed) Brother Charles. C.H.Emmons, Vicepresident

Dr. Frederick Kettner, President

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THE BIOSOPHICAL INSTITUTE
Devoted to Character and Peace Education
23 W. 87th St., New York.

December 23, 1935

Mrs. M.M.Lichtmann
310 Riverside Drive
New York City

Dear Mrs. Lichtmann:

We were very happy to hear through Miss Edith Montlack of your continued friendliness toward us and of your encouraging interest in our work. Although we have always appreciated our contact with you, let us add that our more mature present outlook causes us to appreciate all the more deeply your unselfish and wholehearted efforts in the cause of culture and your generous deeds in our behalf. We often hear with great joy of your continuous unusual steps for the furtherance of higher ideals.

We are aware that a few people, formerly associated with our group, have been spreading rumors concerning Dr. Kettner, our beloved friend and teacher, in criticism of his pioneering work. In this day of materialism, those who can see nothing beyond physical values cry out against invisible realities. Your own vast experience in behalf of culture can only serve to bear out this statement. Hurt pride, jealousy and destructive motives all aroused these few unfortunate people, who have deliberately distorted many simple and self-understood facts about our work, about our methods of procedure and about the character not only of its members but also of our leader, Dr. Kettner.

It is not necessary to go into all their lies, but we shall comment on one point especially, namely that concerning Dr. Kettner's salary. We wish it known that it was our own request which caused Dr. Kettner to accept a salary so that he might have more time to devote to the work of character education. We have always felt it most essential for the welfare and progress of our work that Dr. Kettner devote all his time to the Institute. It is natural, therefore, that as a small, and what we consider a totally inadequate, means of repaying him for his great services, he should receive a salary. His service, however, can never be repaid because his unusual efforts and aid in our lives and our relationships as well as in furthering our work are without measure. We shall always feel indebted to him.

We know that your extensive contact with many people and your understanding of human nature enable you to see behind the malignant intent of those who thus misrepresent facts.

However, the obstacles we had to encounter only caused us to take greater strides and consequently we are going ahead rapidly -- at present occupying an entire building and publishing a new monthly magazine.

It would give us the greatest pleasure if you would visit us at our new home. Your previous inspiring and enlightening talks to us are still

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vivid in our mind, and we hope that you will agree to offer us the opportunity to hear one of them again at any of our Friday meetings, if that time is convenient for you. There is nothing more desirable or enjoyable for us than to listen to one whose ideals and aspirations are as unique as your own, and whose knowledge and culture we have always admired.

We look forward to hearing your refreshing, spiritual thoughts very soon again and thank you for your sincere cooperation and your unselfish interest.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Leona Fertel
Secretary, Board of Directors
THE BIOSOPHICAL INSTITUTE

THE AMOS SOCIETY, INC.

My dear Mr. Lichtmann:

I was astonished to see you at that glorious Spinoza dinner at the Plaza. I got the inspiration there to rename the Amos Society, "The American Spinoza League of the Brotherhood of Man."

You will be interested to have your attention called to an essay of Rabbi Bernard Heller in the Yearbook of the Reformed Central Conference of the American Rabbi, 1927. "Is Spinoza compatible with Judaism?" and a still stronger repudiation by Dr. Borah Brachman in last week's American Hebrew.

Our Rabbis are alas! true Bourbons; they learn nothing and forget nothing. Ah well, Alfonso XIII, the last of the Bourbons, has departed from Madrid!

Auf Nimer Wiedersehn,

Very truly yours,

Signed: Isidor Singer.

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

WILLIAM SLOAN HOUSE

356 West 34th St.,

New York City.

Mr. Lichtmann,
Roerich Museum,
Riverside Drive and 103rd Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Lichtmann:

Another matter in my work came up last Friday, which made it unwise for me to keep my appointment with you. I am very sorry that I had to cancel it, and trust that I did not inconvenience you.

May I call at your place at two P. M. on Wednesday, Nov. 16th? I want very much to see again a few of the pictures which you so interestingly told us about. I want to talk further with you relative to your appearance at Sloan House.

I have a very deep feeling of appreciation for the splendid cooperation which the Museum and its staff have always accorded the William Sloan House. In the past two years, through your courtesy literally dozens of our boys have enjoyed visits to the Museum. Many of them were stirred, and enthused with Dr. Roerich's paintings, or with parts of the fine programs which you sponsor.

I await your answer relative to Wednesday.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: Jack H. Whittington,
Secretary of Religious Education.

J. H. W/rls.