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Our very dear Sophia Alexandrovna,

Thank you so much for your two very dear and welcome letters which we received upon our return from the North where we had to go for so much work. We just returned, and it was such a joy to get all the things you sent us. 1. WE RECEIVED A WHOLE PACKED OF NEWSPAPERS AND ALSO A VERY NICE PHOTOGRAPH OF OUR PRESIDENT REPRODUCED IN THE PRESS, THE NEWS ABOUT THE COSMONAUTS, etc. which we were very happy to get. 2. Then your dear letter in which you sent the 3. wonderful leaves "ANEMONE HEPATICA", which you got at the Monastery at VALLAM, which I will keep carefully as it is like a blessing. THEN THE FINE PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH YOU SENT OF VALLAM, which my husband was so happy to receive, as he with his Father and Mother and Brother was there and they had very wonderful times there, which to this day he ~~tells~~ tells me about, so has kept these photographs carefully. Your letter and the Press cuttings, and the BOOK BY NEKRASOV " THE FATE OF A SHIP", also came, and I am so happy with the news of Prof. Roerich's Exhibition, and the Press cuttings! It is wonderful that you went to the Island of VALLAM, your description of your visit, is so fine, you always write so well, and we greatly enjoy your letters of your travels. My husband translates so well, that I feel that I have also been with you to VALLAM ISLANDS! Please do not worry about your mentioning about Mr. Korin being the President of the Academy, my husband did write and congratulate him, but it was a very beautiful letter, and I feel sure that Mr. Korin will appreciate my husband's sentiments and will be happy. After all it is the expression of feelings from one great Artist to another, and expressions of beauty, so even if he is not the President of the Academy, he will be happy to receive such a letter from my husband. From all you have written about Mr. Korin, he seems such a fine person, so good, and such a great man in his own soul, that he will be really happy to receive such a nice letter from my husband, who has expressed so many of his own thoughts on Art in his letter to Mr. Korin. YESTERDAY, my husband received your long and fine copies of OPINIONS FROM THE EXHIBITION OF PROF. ROERICH WHICH ARE MOST INTERESTING, AND WE ARE VERY VERY HAPPY TO GET THEM, IT MUST HAVE BEEN SUCH A TROUBLE TO HAVE COPIED THEM OUT, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THEM, MY HUSBAND WAS VERY HAPPY TO GET THESE PRECIOUS THINGS STRAIGHT FROM THE EXHIBITION. Do not worry about the photographs showing my husband in the Press cuttings, it is sometimes taken like that, thank God, he is very well, and we both are, and feel ourselves very fine. The climate up north and here, is just wonderful, we have ~~potany~~ good Milk, home made butter, lovely fruit, and all we wish, India has so many things which one is able to have, the vegetables, and so on here, are very fine, as we live near the BLUE MOUNTAINS, from where all the best things are sent, including very good HONEY. Our trouble is how to keep our weight down, as such pure things tend to put on weight. It is true that we work hard, and this is our great joy. There are several books which I wish to get printed now, and besides the 90th. Birth Anniversary of Prof. Roerich, and my husband's 60th. birthday, and all the various meetings and letters from all over the world, keep me very very busy. I have little time to do other things, but now we have so many friends also, for instance, on Wednesday, 40/ Russian students are coming to us, they are visiting Bangalore, which is called the GARDEN CITY OF INDIA. All the time we have much to do, our day begins very early, by 8.-30., in the morning we start our work, and when we go to town, where our new office is, we work all day, to do work, which cannot be done in our Estate, as our Secretaries are in

THE SPECIAL STAMPS OF THE ENVELOPE ARE IN HONOUR OF THE POPE'S VISIT, THEY ARE OF ST. THOMAS WHO FIRST CAME OUT TO INDIA TO PREACH HERE, HE AS YOU KNOW WAS ONE OF THE APOSTLES OF JESUS CHRIST. GIVE THESE STAMPS TO ANYONE WHO LIKES TO COLLECT THEM PLEASE.

MY HUSBAND HAS RECEIVED A VERY NICE TELEGRAMME FROM MOSCOW ABOUT N.K.'S EXHIBITION - AND IT IS SENT BY "MARKRANOVA" WE WONDER IF YOU KNOW HER - DOES SHE WORK IN THE TRETNIKOV GALLERY - IS SHE YOUR FRIEND? PLEASE SEND ME HER ADDRESS, AS WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK HER.

and they cannot come here as it is far out in the country. You will be happy to know that the POPE came here to Bombay, and millions received him, he came from Rome, for the EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, which was attended by thousands of people also from abroad. Here all the time people come from other countries, holding all sorts of Seminars, and meetings, and everyone is so happy to be here. In Bombay they had a wonderful session of the Congress which the Pope attended for a few days, millions came to greet him from all parts of India, and our Government looked after him well. It is nice that India is such an International country, it gives the people a chance to meet their brothers and sisters from all other countries, and to learn much. I will send you later our booklet published on the occasion of the 90th. birth anniversary of Prof. Roerich, and also some Press cuttings. I may be able to later get a small booklet printed which will be nice, with the Broadcast of my husband on his Father, some selected important messages, and some Press reports, which will be interesting as a record. I will not write more, as I wish my husband to write even a few lines to you today. With much love to you dearest Sophia Alecxandrovna

Ever your loving,

(DEVIKA.)

Дорогая София Александровна,

Спасибо за все посланное. То же самое я уже
 получила от Ингольда о фестивале А.Р. —
 Спасибо за все эти аттестаты. Да, я очень люблю
 полкото Галаан. Когда наш сын уезжает
 со мной, мастерица. Было много интересных
 от мальчиков - особенно на станции Сентрале.
 Решили краем краем. Полкото моя
 когда в кино гулять было по остробан Логон.
 А.Р. много когда писал это и он ездил по
 украин и остробан. Было, было как сейчас
 Репина обрывает Вам Е. Репин

