

The 17th July 1932Dear D^r Roerich,

Permit me to offer my belated thanks for your beautiful gift "The Buddha and the Six Great Arhats." It is so difficult to get good books on Tibetan Art + iconography, and I very much appreciate the kind thoughts which prompted you to present me with a copy of this delightful book.

While reading your other book on Tibetan Art, I came across many references to the following works —

- J. Bacot — La Decoration Tibetaine
 J. Hackin — L'Art Tibetain
 " — Guide catalogue du Musée Guimet

As you have gone through all the above books will you kindly let me know which of the above is best suited for our school library. Ours being an art school, we would naturally like to purchase the one containing the largest number of illustrations from Tibetan paintings.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,
 Bireswar Sen

Govt. School of Arts & Crafts
Lucknow, 17. VIII. 33

My dear Mr Roerich,

Allow me to congratulate you on the excellent portrait of your august father which I just saw in this month's "Studio" along with a bunch of other portraits exhibited at the Roerich Museum, recently. It made my heart glad to see that the place of honour has justly been given to your superb rendering of Prof. R's noble features, altho' it is a shame that it has not been reproduced in colours, while crockery and bedroom furniture have been given so much preference.

Apart from the wonderful technical qualities of the work, there isn't a single portrait in the present number to surpass it for calm static dignity surcharged with vibrating energy, for sweetness combined with gravity which wisdom alone can impart — for tranquil serenity wedded to ceaseless creative action. In this sense, it is something like the निवातनिष्कम्पमिव प्रदीपम् as

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Kalidasa puts it - " Like the unwavering flame of a lamp when the winds are still."

I shall be delighted to have a copy of this fine work, if it is published in colours at any future time, like its predecessor depicting Prof R. laying the Cornerstone of the R. M.

I hope you know that an illustrated article on Prof R's works has just been published in a Bengali magazine - the "Vichitra." I shall be only too delighted to send you a copy in case you require it.

Please convey my respectful compliments to Prof. and Mme Roerich & my best wishes to Dr George Roerich & M. Shibayer.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,
Bireswar Sen