My Dear Professor Roerich:

It was with the greatest pleasure I read the messages you so kindly sent to me, and would have answered you earlier, only I have been so worried concerning finances in the past Six Months, I have hardly been able to collect my thoughts.

My income has been so reduced, that even my health has suffered, and prevented me from doing many thing that lay nearest my heart.

I have been able to pay only half of my rental here, and negotiations are still pending for some sort of adjustment, so I do not know if I can continue remaining here.

However, my problems being placed in God's charge - there will be some solution forthcoming.

Pardon my boring you dear Professor with personal struggles. But you will understand the heart's sighs going out to one - I have always felt, had my personal interests at heart.

I have been busy revising a play that I feel bears a Universal message - and am hard at work

Sometimes - I almost envy you - in your unflinching purpose of desire, and wish I too could be with you - far from this mad material surge, which engulfs so many forced by circumstances to live in its environment. How happy you must all be - How peaceful - content in the simplicity of your surroundings - communing with God's Nature! - doing the Master's work.

My Soul too longs for that restful quiet, to satisfy that inner urge - to Create. But here amidst so much to disturb Thought-vibrations that speed almost to destruction - it is impossible to procure that equanimity essential to real inspiration.

So pray for the success of my play - dear Professor - for I have made a pledge with myself, to give a goodly sum towards your Cancer Research fund, from accrued Profits. I was so glad to hear of the new Laboratory - which near the Falls, must add to the pleasure of your work.

I wish to thank you for having given my name to Mr. Khan Raj - Editor of "Dawn" - who sent me some Copies. It is an inspiring little magazine, and I am sending him some of my Poems - which I believe would fit in nicely.

trying to get it financed, to put 2 before the public.

It requires about $20,000. - and is a most herculean task, in view of the stringent money situation here.

I was greatly saddened by the news of the destruction of a valuable Library and Museum in China - and wondered why our Banner of Peace had not been raised for its protection.

How well it proves the absolute need for such a Flag - and how much the world requires, to be educated to higher principles!

I was so sorry to learn through Miss Lichtman of the continuing illness of dear Mme. Roerich, and yet how bravely she overcomes every handicap in aiding you to further the noble task you have pledged your self to accomplish.

Almost every day my thoughts fly to you, high up in mountain altitudes - seeing you intently striving for the benefit of the Races - through the beauty of your paintings, or the Science of your laboratory, endeavoring to raise the standard of Humanity. 2

Yes - "The Word" goes forth - if only amidst all the unrest of the world its message is not lost in the din of the masses - eager to arise - Somewheres -

Peace - Peace - yes - our Banner should be raised over every institution - as a Symbol of the Eternal Verities -

What a marvelous inspiration you had - when you conceived that ideal signal!

Do send me a thought - often - of good will - of inspiration, for I feel its reception will help me regain some of the Calm I seem to have lost in this battle for the survival of the Spirit! -

This has been quite a long letter, dear Professor - but sentiments just seem to pour out - as if you were really here - overshadowing me with your benign Spirit.

My sincere greetings to all your dear ones, and most profound good wishes to you for the success of new discoveries.

With heartiest hand clasp across the vast seas and Continents, to you dear Master - Ever gratefully -

Mathilde Alexander.

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