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GHAUT VIEW.

KOTAGIRI.

THE NILGIRIS, S. INDIA.

26/2/40

Dear Mr. Suetoslaw.

As the Americans would say: "I just want to tell you" that you have my best wishes for the most successful and satisfactory accomplishment of your responsible task of creating a Dyerbar-sized portrait of His Highness. It seems to me to take great courage to start covering 10 ft. x 6 ft. of canvas with a coloured personality which everybody will consider his self & herself capable of criticising & adjudging. From the day of your arrival in Travancore I have had my sympathies & upholding thoughts for you that by now you have grown self-satisfaction in the progress of your "magnificent" project. Your companionship was a great pleasure to my husband during his last stay in Travancore. The climate there was side of him found awfully enervating & trying. I hope you will get through

that aspect of testing Traverser.
You must be missing your
home influences and espec-
tally your Mother's compay-
nionship. I am writing her
also tonight as we sit
comfortably each side of a
cozy fire with a chill bright
moonlight outside. It is
quite cold at night but the
mid-day sun is hot. I wish
you could come & see our
nest but I can understand
that a visit from you will
depend on many circum-
stances which we cannot
foresee. But of course we
would love to welcome
you here before your return.
Thanks for a letter you
sent me before you started
getting down like an avalanche
from Ruler to Comorin.
I spent a very enjoyable
fortnight with the students
in Manipal while
was with you. Otherwise I should
have felt very dull.
My regards to mutual friends
& all! Good luck to you & your
work. You also send you all
this good-will & good wishes.
Yours sincerely
Margaret E. Coatsworth

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GHATA VIEW.

KOTAGIRI.

THE NILGIRIS, S. INDIA.

Dear Dr. Svetoslav, April, 1940

How are you? How much longer have you to stew in Irivandram heat? Is there any chance of your calling in on us? It is cool & lovely here though our house is just a little nest only. You will always be welcome.

I hope your visit to Peermade brought you final success with the fortnight magnum opus. I expect the change of climate did you good. But you must be chafing to get away.

How disappointing & disgusting was the final pack of the exhibition pictures! It was in the dumps for days after we got that bad news.

Please write us some of your news - you are on such a hard, responsible task & Irivandram always tries to get you going in good wish greetings. Yours sincerely
Margaret Cousins

M. A. Aziz

Rocky/Guest house

and

Hydro bar

6048

Chat View³
 Kotagiri,
 The Nilgiris.
 4/6/40

Dear Mr. Suetoslav,

Thanks for your letter and enclosed cheque which reached me yesterday. You must really be glad that the whole matter of that portrait is finished. From various sources we hear it has met with favour. Congratulations on your success and enhanced reputation. The times are full of menace of all nationalities these days. I am not surprised that Madame Roerich is not well, but we are all in good hands in the depths.

Here is a little verse I found this morning & put into my mirror bag notebook:

"No longer will I speak of choice
 Or my faint hold on thee;
 On this alone with awe rejoice —
 Thy mighty grasp of me!"

Please give the affectionate thoughts of me & myself to your whole group for always.

Yours sincerely
 Margaret E. Cousins.