

July 20. 1930

Manali

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Dear Mrs. Shibayeff

Thank you very much indeed for

sending the book from Mrs. Roenich; she has been
far too kind & sending me so many most interesting

books. It was so good of her too to

see us the night she was here, and I was very

much afraid it would tire her too much.

It is a real joy to meet her and I think she

is most wonderful in every way - I have never

met anyone like her and I can feel her

marvellous personality.

If you are ever up in Manali I hope you

Madons Hotel 2
Lahore

Feb. 2. 1935

Dear Mr. Shibayar

I have just heard from
Suttons (Reading, England) that they are
sending 5-0 "Golden Measure" Gladioli bulbs which
I ordered for Madame de Roerich, to me at Manali.
My husband has written to the Postmaster at
Manali asking him not to send them to Manali
but direct to Madame de Roerich, so I hope he
will do so directly they arrive. I do hope they
will be the colour she likes.

Please let me know the amount of the
Customs duty and any other items.
I enclose ^{R.} 5 for the last reproductions
you sent me (silver) and for some of the
Postcards which we had before, and will you
please, when you are not too busy, let us hear

the full amount we owe.

I do hope Miss Lichtmann will have a good journey done and no trouble on the road. My husband hopes to meet her at Palampur or somewhere on the road. If the road is broken he could fetch her from the break. He is so very sorry not to go to Delhi but he really has had an unpleasant attack and I was so afraid of pneumonia as there is so much here just now.

I will write and tell Madame de Roerich how Miss Lichtmann was when she arrived at Amritsar.

You seem to be having most unpleasant weather and I hope there will soon be a change for the better.

With our very best wishes to all

Yrs very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Feb. 17. 1935

at 19 Akbar Road
New Delhi

Dear Mr. Shibayer

Thank you so much for your letter and the stamps — I am so sorry I have not written before but this is the first day I have been able to write letters.

The gladioli bulbs have arrived here and I will forward them to-morrow (Monday) and hope the delay won't have effected them.

The Ball at Viceroys House was a wonderful sight and the gardens looked so beautiful too with millions of lights and all the fountains playing. The flowers are simply lovely. There were two thousand and ninety-three and the Viceroy and Lady Willingdon shook hands with every one!

We ~~my~~ husband and I lunched at Viceroys House yesterday and I sat between Sir Alexander Leith and Lord George Scott and was able to interest them in Professor de Roenich

work. Everygott was so charming and informal.

I will not worry Madame de Roersch with
a letter as I know how busy she always
is but will tell her anything of interest
when I see her. I do hope the weather has
improved and she is feeling better. I wish
I could fly up and see her. I hope she
will let me know if there is anything at
all that I can do for her here.

With very best wishes to all - thank
you so much for the lovely little photographs
to add to my collection

Yrs very sincerely

F. A. Matheron

April 18. 1935

Manali 4

Dear Mr. Shibayev

My husband is very busy
with the telegrams and notices for the
papers so has asked me to write and
thank you very much for your letter
and most interesting cable.

He will inform all the papers you mention
as well as the others, and as soon as
it is finished will write and let you know
what he has done.

He thanks you very much for your
offer of help but says that he can
manage alone.

We shall look forward so much to

hearing the detailed account of the
wonderful meeting. We were thinking of it
so much on the 15th and in the evening I
burnt candles to Professor de Roenich's picture.

If people followed his teaching the
world would soon be a very different place.

Please thank Madame de Roenich so much
for her kind message. My spine does feel
rather fossil like at times but probably
the warmer weather will improve it; ^{but} ~~and~~
I have loved seeing the snow again round
us, in spite of the cold. I do hope she
is feeling better now.

With our very best wishes to all
— I bless you every day, ^{or rather night,} for my ^{little} ~~little~~ lamp

Yours very sincerely
F. A. Mabon

Manah

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May 2, 1935

Dear Mr. Shibayan

I am returning the little dish
• which that loaf cake arrived and
apologise for keeping it so long but I wanted
to send it up by hand, only from the
Bridge. My husband is sending you two Punches.
Please tell Mr. S. de Roerich that he put
so much rum into the two cakes that I
• think they would have kept fresh until
next Easter! They were lovely.

I hope you will very soon get all
details of the wonderful meeting in
America.

with our very best wishes to all - I
do hope Madame de Roerich is not feeling
the effects of the numerous earthquakes
very badly

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali 6

May 15. 1935

Dear Mr. Shibayev

It was really most kind of
you to send two frames and with glass
and all complete, thank you so much,
but I do wish you would let me
know what I owe for them. They
are just what I wanted.

It was a great pleasure to see you
on Saturday and to hear all the news
and see those most-interesting papers.

My husband is reading you ^{your}
news paper ^{entirely} today and it is very

interesting to see that - the ~~Blowers~~ Bowers
floating on the public monuments of Tokio,
and I hope it will soon be seen in all
countries.

With very best wishes to all and
in very many thanks for the frames

Yrs very sincerely

F. A. Mather

Manali

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May 19. 1935

Dear Mr. Shibayev

We were so very sorry

to hear that Madame de Poenich has been
so unwell — of course the numerous
earthquakes must affect her terribly.

I do hope she is better now. When you
write to my husband will you please tell
us how she is.

Please tell Madame de Poenich that I
am thinking of her so much and only wish
there was anything I could do to help her.
With all best wishes

P.S. I am delighted to
hear about the gold medal; it
was certainly well deserved.

Yours sincerely
F. A. Mahon

May 25. 1935

Manali

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Dear Mr. Shibayer

It was so good of you to remember about the picture and send me a copy. I would love to have seen the picture, which must have been very wonderful, and this is a beautiful photograph.

If you go in to Dhule on the 28th my husband will then pay what I owe you, and if you don't go, will you please let me know what it is and I will send it.

As I heard that you are now manager of the orchards I must congratulate you on your chemis which could not be excelled anywhere! They are really lovely and it was so

Manali 9

May 28. 1936

Dear Mr. Shibayar

It was most-kind of you
to give me the beautiful photograph
and I am so delighted to have it,
but feel rather dreadful to have asked
for it!

I do hope you will get your care finished
to-day satisfactorily.

Will you please tell my husband whether
black partridge live on the Naggar side
as I want to let my miss go!

All best-wishes

Yours very sincerely
A. Watson

June 24. 1935

Manali 10

Dear Mr. Shibayer

Will you please ask
Madame de Rocuich not to trouble about
looking out any books for me at present
as two of hers that she lent me are
so wonderful interesting that I should like
to go on studying them if she does not mind
me keeping them so long.

I do understand how very busy she is
in more ways than one, and I know how
important it is that she should not be
disturbed in any way.

Will you please tell her how absolutely
beautiful her lillies are — I take them
into my room at night — as my windows

Manali

July 6. 1935

My dear Mr. Shibayer

If you have a copy
of "Foundations of Buddhism" in stock (!)
would you please let me have it, or if not
would you be so kind as to order one for
me when next you are sending for any
books to New York.

We are sending up your book and
all of Madame de Roenichs, in the next day
or two with some copies of the Assam
Reviews which my husband sends
to-day or to-morrow.

I am so glad it is so much cooler
and hope you are all feeling better for
it.

We heard that Henry Brown is trying
to sell this house and land, so I asked
him yesterday and he says it is true, but
as he wants 30,000^{R.} for it, I hope it
will be some time before he does so.

He has asked Chuni Lal to find
him a purchaser. I think he is getting
desperate for money.

All my best wishes

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Matheson

Manali 12

July 18. 1935

Dear Mr. Shibayer

Thank you so much for the book - it was very good of you to send it - so quickly. When you next write to my husband will you please let him know what I owe for it.

Henry Brown is not going to sell all his property but only this house and orchard. He asked Chuni Lal to get him a buyer - I suppose he hopes Colonel Rai who had lunch with us a little time ago will buy it - as he asked Chuni Lal to get some land for him & ^(Colonel Rai) Thakur.

Of course 30,000^{R.} is an utterly outrageous
sum but - Indians (or half castes!) always
ask double what they intend to take.

Henry Bawon told me that he gets
2000^{R.} a year from this orchard! If that
is true he ought not to be in such
desperate need of money. Perhaps he
has a sapphire mine under one of the
trees which we have not heard about!

Amazingly most of his apples are cracked
this year with the dry weather and he
only watered the ~~garden~~ orchard once.

With very best wishes to all -

I do hope Madame de Roenich is feeling
better

Yrs very sincerely
F. A. Matheron

Marali 13

July 20. 1935

My dear Mr. Shibaiger

Thank you so much
for your letter but- I did not ever
notice the omission of the S and
certainly would not have minded
the least- if I had. I wish
I had never made a worse mistake
than that- when I have been writing
in a hurry!! but- I know I have
done some terrible things.

I must not keep you more waiting
with very best wishes
for you
Yours sincerely
A. Mahon

Aug 25. 1935

with my best

wishes to all

and I do

hope Madame

de Roenich's

feelings

are

Manahi

for my sincere

regards
A. G. Mahon

My dear Mr. Shibayer

After my husband had

sent off your book this morning he found

"Jois Unvoiled" on a table in his room
where he had put it last night - he had

forgot to put it in. Will you please

tell Madame de Roenich how very sorry

we are and that we will send it up

at the first opportunity - it is simply

happening so we do not like to send it by

Post - as some of our post-bags have
been soaked - their bags may be very
ancient and not waterproof!

Hawaii

July 31, 1935



My dear Mr. Shirkauer

Very many thanks for your letter and for enquiring about the partridge — I ought to have mentioned its Indian name when I wrote. I will let it out somewhere near or below Kaitira. I enclose one of its feathers (not just pulled out!) for you to see — they look very black on it — and as if it was painted and it has a ^{bright} rust-colored ring round its neck and a big white patch near its eyes.

You had not sent the little snapshot before — it is extremely good and I know the

place so well, thank you very much.

At ~~present~~ the road is broken just
this side of "Bran" but I hope it
will be all right before my husband
goes down on the 7th.

An old man has brought me a piece
of queer crystal like Aquamarine which
has the most beautiful brilliant rainbow
in it - and reminds me of Mr. Roenich's
lovely picture of the waterfall.

We have not had time to read your
ghost book yet, but it looks "creepy!"

With my best wishes from

both
Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali 16

Aug. 30. 1935

Dear Mr. Schibauer

Very many thanks for your letter and please thank Madame de Roerich so much for her very kind message.

We will be at the Bridge tomorrow at 10 o'clock or as soon after as possible.

The road is worse than we have ever seen it but we hope not to be delayed.

To-day my husband has sent mess up to fetch the Ruhl down as our garden is drying up so now there will probably be an extra heavy monsoon! but - if there is a

flood we will swim up to see Madame de Poerich

— we are so looking forward to seeing
you all.

With our very best wishes

Yrs very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Mumbai ¹⁷

Sep. 13. 1935

My dear Mr. Shrivastava

My husband has just gone
up to see Mr. Chuni Dal so as it is getting
late (4.45) I have forwarded your note
in order to answer it. There is a letter from
you by Post-to-day but of course
I have not forwarded it, and my husband
will get it directly he gets back.

He will be down at ~~the~~ Khatran
Bridge to-morrow as soon after 9.30.
as possible.

This is a hurried note as I want you

man to start back at once.

With very best wishes to all

Yours very sincerely

F. G. Mabon

Sep. 19. 1935

Manali
Kulu

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Dear Mr. Shibayer

The enclosed letter came from Mr. Asboe yesterday so I am sending it to you to ~~see~~ what he says about the Ruth seed - I cannot answer it - myself as I know nothing about it.

I shall not know till 8 - Monday or the next day if Mr. Asboe is coming here to interview the Governor or not; so perhaps it would be safer to send the money to Mrs. Asboe and you could explain to her. You will see from his letter that they are ready to leave direct if Mr. Pater arrives to take

over from him but they have told us no
date. He will probably want to show
Mr. Pater the workings of the mission
so if he does come here I should think it
is certain that he will go back, and will
not bring Mrs. Asboe with him.

The "atrocity" he alludes to is that
he received a notice to appear before the
sub judge in Tulu on the 12th and if
he did not appear on that date or send a
pleader *es parte* proceedings would be
taken against him — this letter he received
on the 16th !!

Will you please thank Madame de Roerich
so much for her letter — my husband also
said in his telegram to me "Everything satisfactory"
and I was of course certain that he
had telegraphed the same to you.

I had a letter from him from Mardi
 saying it was hot and sticky and he
 had to leave at 4 the next morning - I
 did not hear from him of letter yesterday &
 there was no down country post so I have
 tried today asking him which day he
 is returning and when I get the reply I
 will write to Madame de Roevich.

It will be unfortunate if he arrives
 when Mr. Asboe is in his room as it is
 terribly inconvenient for him as his room is his
 office too. ^{Mr. Asboe} He could of course have my room
 but there is not room in my husband's for two
 beds so it is the only way we can manage.

I am afraid the Governor and people with
 him will use both the Dak Bungalow and
 East Bungalow.

I do hope my husband is having complete
success + Simla.

With very best wishes to all

Yrs very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Mauahi 20

Sep 22. 1935

My dear Mr. Schibayer

Many thanks for your letter
and I also received the 100⁰⁰ yesterday and
will give them to Mr. Asboe on his way
back with full instructions.

He rushed off at 8 o'clock yesterday
morning expecting to see the Governor before
Mr. Emerson got there but I heard after
he left that Mr. Emerson had passed
through here the evening before on his way to
Ratnaire to get there before Mr. Asboe
and I am afraid will prevent the poor
little man having a fair hearing.

Of course he has got the care written out
for the Governor but he had enclosed a copy
of a letter which he had sent to
Mr. Emerson by registered post and which
he had not answered, and which he, ^{Mr. Emerson} will
probably refuse rather than let his father
see it!

While I was writing this a telegram
arrived from my husband from Mandi
saying that he will arrive this evening

I do hope that Madame de Roerich is
feeling relieved of her anxiety and of
this time has had ^{further} news from Peiping.
With very best wishes to all

Yrs very sincerely
F. A. Mason

Dec. 20. 1935.

Mama's 21

Dear W. Shibayers

I am returning your book

with very many thanks - it is most interesting. Also the one on China which Professor de Roerich lent me; it is a wonderful little book - please give him my best thanks for it.

I liked your little book on St. Sergius so much and am taking it with me as other people may be interested in it.

I hope your cold has quite disappeared now and that you will get no more. Honey is a wonderful medicine for the throat and lungs and an old groom at home once told me that there is nothing

that it will not cure!

with very best wishes

Yrs very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

April 27. 1936

Mamahi

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Dear Mr. Schibayer

I am returning the cake tin
and dish with very many apologies to
Madame de Roerich for not having done so
before this.

I am also sending a few oranges to
Madame de Roerich, a kind that we like
very much, in case she has not any, though
it may be sending "coals to Newcastle".

We sent for a case of grape fruit for
her but there were none to be had from this
place.

I hope you are all well in spite of the

very unpleasant dust which fills the
air.

With very best wishes to all

Yours very sincerely

F. G. Mabon

May 22. 1936

Manali 23

Dear Mr. Shibayer

I see you are advertising the Hall
● Estate book chemis so will you please send
a basket to this address. —

Mrs. Roop Krishna
c/o Messrs Rama Krishna
Booksellers
Anarkali
Lahore

● and the bill to me here.

Mrs. Roop Krishna is the English girl
whose picture Dr. Roach liked. She is very
small and frail and she must be suffering
terribly in this heat. She and Roop Krishna
were Art students together in London for three
years and she only came out to marry him
in December.

She eats Indian food and last time I
saw her was living entirely on apples!

I'm feeling so interested in your aeroplane
since you explained it - and am anxiously
waiting for the day when we shall see you
soaring over the hills of Anarkali.

I have read part of Miss Grant's book
and think it is most interesting and
quite beautifully written. It is a splendid
book in every way.

I do hope Madame de Roenich is feeling
better.

With very best wishes to all
yours very sincerely

P.S. I see I haven't written the
address very clearly!

F.A. Mahon

Mrs Rupa Krishna
c/o Messrs Rama Krishna
Booksellers

Anarkali Lahore

Kanali

May 24. 1936

Dear Mr. Shibayer

It was most kind of you to
 send the cherries off so promptly - thank you
 so much. I enclose 10/- ^{Mr. Chowla's} (though I thought
 the baskets were more than that?) and if
 you have more to spare will you please send
 a basket to -

Mrs Chowla

(card enclosed)

34 Tail Road

Lahore

She is the lady whose husband (an Indian too)
 was Mathematics Professor at Cambridge, till
 he died.

She goes to Simla but has not left yet
and says the heat is terrible.

I am so very sorry to hear that
Madame de Roenich is still so unwell.

Mrs. Burke had a tooth taken out by
Dr. Manuel with an injection of ~~co~~ vaso cocaine
and did not feel it at all, but I hope that
can be avoided with Madame de Roenich's tooth.

Please thank Dr. Roenich so much for
the translation of the Bishop's letter - I am
afraid I did not do so before, and do apologise.

Mr. Sheepshanks, the Commissioner, came to
lunch yesterday and it was very pleasant
meet him - he knows so many of our friends.

With very best wishes to all and I
do hope we shall soon ^{have} good news of

Madame de Roenich

Yrs very sincerely
F. G. Mason

Manali 25 / 4

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at the back of the house
and bowling for the
dog. I have
visited all the
villages.

Dear Mr. Shrivayer

Will you please thank

● Professor and Madame de Roenich so much for their
most-kind letter which I will answer to-morrow,
and please thank Dr. Roenich so much for his.

My husband had a dreadful night-last-
night and had no sleep at all, owing I think
to the inflammation spreading up the palate
and nasal passages and he seemed in danger
of choking. The throat seems rather better now
the place which Dr. Teal cut open had closed and
Dr. Manuel who I sent for at 7 o'clock, opened
it which I think has helped.

P.S. My husband is exhausted for want of sleep &
if he sleeps he is at once "choked" awake.
Dr. Manuel wired for Dr. Teal to come out

and I expect him at 2.30. Dr. Manuel used
his big Sterilizer as a steam kettle ^{with eucalyptus}
and two Friars Balm but it did no good, in fact
seemed to dry up the throat more.

My husband is simply dreading to-night but I
think he will be better. He was better two days
ago and then the inflammation got worse.

Of course he is taking medicine and gargling all
day long.

Dr. Manuel takes endless trouble but is the true
Indian Sub Assistant Surgeon and shakes his head
in front of my husband and tells him he is worse
and looks like a mute at a funeral! till I could
shake him. Luckily Dr. Teal is quite different and
gives great confidence and I am sure he will
be able to do something.

I have also great faith in all your kind
thoughts.

With very best wishes to all from both

Yours very sincerely
F. A. Mahon

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Mamali

(No 24)

James
7 A. Harbor

Dear Mr. Shibayev

Thank you so much for your letter and suggestion to come to see my husband - get sure you would do him good but at present he can talk so little that it is better for him not to talk at all.

Sir David and Lady Petrie suggested coming to lunch on the 29th or 30th and I am not sure that I may not have to put them off, but my husband is so much better to-day that I hope he will be up soon. It was two weeks since the tonsillitis started as his tonsils were painful some days before he had to go to bed and he had slight fever but he makes light of everything at first.

but I think that our
be will be all right
with our
best
to all
James
7 A. Harbor
you
worse
of
be

I heard from Henry Bannon this morning that all the Bannon ladies want to come up to see him! and we can only think that the sudden friendliness means that they want to ask for the Car to go to the Dosehra not knowing that a spring is broken!!

Mr. Chuni Lal says he will come and pray with me for his recovery!! (it's rather late in the day) and my husband is delighted and says he wants to see how he does it - , antonics, waves incense etc.! but I am going to put him off by saying it's so bad to let a patient think he is at death's door and he had better do it in his own house. He is a kind old man.

Mr. Donald has offered him the Cottage at Naggar for a change of air, and Mrs. Minnie has wired to know if she could help me so you see we are really surrounded by kind people - Colonel Johnson and Henry Bannon offered any help too. I am sure all your thoughts for him have been very powerful.

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Mawahi
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Aug. 18. 1937

Dear Mr. Shibayar

My husband wishes me to
thank you very much for your letter and
enclosures yesterday, and will you please thank
Professor de Roerich so very much from me
for the copy of his portrait which I am
delighted to have.

My husband has had a return of
his complaint - probably due to starting semi-
solid food, so I am making him stay in
bed to-day, in fact he does not feel
equal to getting up, but I hope he will
be better to-morrow.
To-day he is on a water diet - fortunately

it would be impossible to get better water than
from our enclosed spring.

I hope you won't mind ~~me~~ ^{to} ~~ask~~ ^{ask} you
this? - if you have any books on the evils of
Bolshevism that you would allow ~~me~~ ^{to} lend
to Balak Ram - he is an extremely nice man in
some ways and he is here now looking after
his Duff Dumber orchard. He came in two days
ago ~~asking~~ ^{asking} if we could lend him books but
his chief interest is politics and he is a
great follower of Jawaharlal Nehru
and firmly agrees with him that Bolshevism
is the only thing to bring peace to the world.

I would very much like him to read
something on the other side. He reads a great
deal and has read "Finn's Stronghold" (I
did not lend it him) which he likes very
much and I have now lent him

"Trails to Inmost-Asia".

He is called "Pundit" so his views will

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have influence with the people!

I am just reading Sawahar Lal Nehru's Autobiography which is most interesting and well written. I have always admired him and am not surprised that he has a great following but I certainly don't agree with all of his views.

I am glad you met the Dickens. We met them last year and liked them very much. She told me that her little girl was with her in the Hospital for some days afterwards, and it helped her a great deal, but I think she will never really get over the shock. I believe Mr. Dickens is a grandson of Charles Dickens.

With our very best wishes to all - I do

hope Madame de Roenich is better

you very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

could not understand
the cause of the lure
Dear it-willings. He had
1937 only
on approval.

my husband
thanks you
very much for
your letter of
the 27: and
has written for
copies of the
Mama h
report.
I secure such
a large postscript.

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I hope to read all the books
back to you and if Dr. Poovich will
very kindly lend me the book on Tibet-

perhaps he will send it back of the
man.

It should be raining to you

which does not seem likely I will read them
on the first bit day.

The visit of you all did my husband
a lot of good and we both enjoyed it
so much.

I do hope Madame de Poovich's toothache

has quite- got news.

with our very best-wishes to all

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

P.S.

Mr. Fresh who is staying with Henry Brown

brought-up the newest-model of Batterymans
Radio's last-coming to try here and it-was
extremely good for about-half an hour and
then something fused and he could do
nothing. He has taken it-back to Labore
to-day. It-was very simple as the cord
was simply tied to a ball stick outside
and it-started directly it-was turned on,
without any trouble. He understands Radio
and of course has his own but

Manali

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Sep. 30. 1957

Dear Mr. Shibayer

I return you book with
very very many thanks and many apologies
for keeping it - so long.

As I was putting in the Colour Book my
husband said "I wanted to read that-!"

I had put it in the box in my room
where I keep all lent books so he had
forgotten about it. He has kept it and is
writing to you about it. and we will send
it back by Post with Dr. Roerich's books

very soon.

I do hope Dr. Roerich is better.

Please don't forget to let us know what
you paid on the 7 necessities.

All very best wishes from us both

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mabon