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SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF ROERICH MUSEUM IN LATVIA  
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My dear Mr. Fosdick,

By a mistake your kind letter of September 17th came only now before my eyes. It is why I send to you so late my hearty gratitude for that great joy you gave me in electing me to an honorary member of your Association for Advancement of Culture. I rejoice of your friendship you show me, and I am deeply affected by it.

Your institution "Flamma" is such a sympathetic and noble-minded one. Your statutes which were sent to me by Prof. Roerich contain such a quantity of Light of the New Era. The constitution of your Association is so very wide, it embraces the whole Culture - as Service to the Light and the Spirit. A collaboration with you will give me real joy. Wherever it will be possible, I am ready to serve you.

On these most crucial days, where a part of mankind drives the world towards a universal catastrophe we nevertheless above all the folly of mankind feel the proximity of the great Light. This light is emanated by the most conscientious part of the world who are on watch over the evolution of humanity and the inviolability of Culture.

There are however so many cellules of light in all parts of the world. The nearness of these innumerable friends of the light we felt at our congress to which we received more than 170 messages.

Our congress where participated our Lithuanian and Esthonian friends, was though small but passed off in great harmony and friendship. We sent our brightest thoughts throughout the world; be it well to all! Our programm which was devoted to the Roerich Pact, to questions of art, science, women, education and the Living Ethics was essentially founded on the thought: how to embody this or that idea into life: not only in theory, but how to saturate life concretely and lift it with our deeds. Be there Blessing and Light in the world!

At this time we arrange the materials of our congress for issue in a special book, and, with your permission, we shall insert there your Message as well. Our publication "Uguns" is now occupied with the Roerich monography. This monograph will contain among others 30 multicoloured reproductions of paintings of our Museum.

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As you know, we have founded a small Museum which occupies 3 rooms and a large hall which commands a wonderful view over our city. There are exposed 55 paintings of Nicholas Roerich and his son. In one room there are 21 works of the best Latvian artists, in the second Lithuanians and Esthonians. The Baltic Section we have founded is quite small. But we have established contact with artists and we hope to widen it. We know that also the Museum of New York grew out of one room. Our longing is to build a Sanctuary of the future worthy of the name of Nicholas Roerich.

We are glad that at this time also in Tallin the resolution is formed to found a Roerich center and a Baltic Committee of the Roerich Pact. Recently, we have, in cooperation with the Lithuanian and Esthonian friends presented a memorandum to our governments and to the conference of the Baltic ministers of foreign affairs. Generally now in all important questions our Latvian society works in close friendly collaboration with the Lithuanian society and the Esthonian friends. And we feel the great confirmation in life that only in friendly and brotherly cooperation lies the mightiest force of the world. But such a real cooperation is possible only between hearts who carry in them the flame of the sacred Fire. Really, these hearts must find each other, they must unite in the holy friendship of the Fire and the united conscience of Light. It is why we really rejoice seeing the rise of the new crystallization of the Fire - the "Flamma" - , and we are glad to cooperate with it.

Once more I thank you for the pleasure you have given me. Likewise please accept my heartiest thanks for the hundred complimentary copies of the marvellously issued "Culture" you kindly sent me.

I beg you to express my sincerest greetings and my brightest thoughts also to Mrs. Janet Fosdick and Mr. Gene Fosdick and to the other co-workers of yours.

Cordially yours

Richard Rudzitis

President