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THE ROERICH STUDENTS' INTERNATIONAL
Roerich House.

Abiramapuram,
Mylapore, Madras,

Dated 16. 12. 1936.

My dear Mr. Fosdick,

I have just received a letter from our august patron, Prof. Roerich, in which he has asked me to establish correspondence contact with you whom he hails as a "very able young musician". Hence this letter.

I might perhaps interest you to know that I have recently formed, in the name of the great Messiah of Culture, an organization for the promotion of cultural intercourse among the youth of the world. Our President is a distinguished Professor of English literature in a local college. In addition to our internal activities we want also to have friends and representatives abroad. It was in this connection that Prof. Roerich gave us your name. I hope you will be interested in our work and will do all you can in securing correspondents for us in the States.

I understand that there is being published in Chicago a journal of the name "World Unity" which, I am told, is in our line. As we would like to get it regularly for our library will you kindly cause a specimen copy of the same to be sent to me? I shall be much obliged if you will.

I am the Secretary of the Roerich Students' International. I am at present studying in the Loyola College which is being conducted by the Jesuit Fathers. I am sixteen years old and am interested in journalism--I frequently contribute articles to Indian magazines. All this is only by the way.

Just now I am preparing a pamphlet setting forth our aims and objects. As soon as it is ready I shall send you a stock of the same for circulation all over the States.

Our Society has 45 members on its rolls. It comprises students of German, French, Italian and Japanese nationalities besides the Indian. Thus it is truly international in conception and composition.

Indeed the cause of culture is very near to our hearts. In this materialistic age it stands forth as a lightning among the clouds. The interests of peace can best be served by the servants of Culture. In this our aim I hope we will have your valued cooperation. As a matter of fact

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we shall look to you as one who will rise with steadfastness and resolution to spread the seeds that will grow into mighty trees under the shade of which all nations may live happily and peacefully. Whatever you may do in this regard will be of distinct service to the Cause to which both of us have dedicated our lives.

I shall always be very happy to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

K. Srinivasan

Abirampuram
Nylapore
Madras, India
4th October 1937

My dear Mr. Fosdick

Will you please accept my sincerest thanks for your beautiful letter? The singular similarity between our cosmopolitan outlooks and broad cultural plans has led to the growth in my heart of hearts of a feeling that we are made for each other and that is was a divinal dispensation which brought us into intimate contact.

My heartiest good wishes rest with "Flamma". Its foundation is a most significant sign that simultaneously all over the world youth is awakening to a sturdy realization of its responsibilities in the era to come. The Latvian poet's booklet on culture is a most appropriate and appertune publication and the wealth of its contents as well as the inspiring message it preaches augur well for the success of your enterprise. In issuing such booklets you can always rely upon my co-operation. I shall see whether I can get some cultural leader of India to contribute to the series.

Thank you for your flattering remarks about my article in "World Youth". I hope to follow it up by many more in the same strain although at present pressure of work at college leaves me very little leisure.

I shall send you my photograph shortly.

I give you below two addresses to which I should like you to send your publication. Both of them are imbued with ideals like ours and they would do much to popularize your aims in their respective countries. They will prove themselves to be true friends of the cause. Of this, I have no doubt.

1. Mr. Albert Riester
Frauenstr 7,
Ulm (Donau)
Wurtemberg, Germany

2. Mr. Charles R. N. Mackie
Editor,
"The Peace Record"
63 Cathedral Square
Christ Church
New Zealand

I would very much appreciate it if you can send me an article about your impressions of and thoughts on the Indian Freedom movement. Pray, for my sake, undertake the work. I am preparing a symposium on the subject and the views of an American are likely to find immediate publicity in Indian papers.

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I shall keep sending you, ever and anon, some books about India so as to enable you to build up a little library of Indian literature. You will shortly receive, besides numerous Indian journals.

I shall close now. I shall write to you again shortly.

Very affectionately yours

K. SRINIVASAN