

MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF SHRI RUMALE CHANNA-
BASAVAI AH'S FORTHCOMING EXHIBITION AT THE -
BANGALORE UNIVERSITY

by

SVETOSLAV ROERICH

With the dedication of a true artist Shri Rumale Channabasavaiah goes ever forward, solving problems, enlarging his horizons and perfecting his technique. His new paintings reflect this quest of self expression and they vibrate with the flame of his own spiritual striving.

Every creative effort is deepened and enlarged by the intensity of the inherent spiritual impulse. This inner striving imbues our creations with a special power of evocation and vibrations all of their own. The latest paintings of Shri Rumale Channabasavaiah have greater strength and clarity, greater technical mastery and communicative power and by looking at them we rejoice at the constant progress of this fine artist.

It is not easy for an earnest dedicated artist to obtain deserved recognition and fame while he is still alive. Somehow fame has always been lavished upon men who were no longer with us. Though this may be the general rule, it certainly is not the proper approach, the proper attitude or relation between society and the artist.

Every true artist must be helped to carry out, develop and perfect his work, by helping deserving artists we save them ever so many heart aches, so many avoidable difficulties, so many privations.

I feel confident that in the years to come Shri Rumale Channabasavaiah will enlarge further the scope of his artistic endeavour and reach still greater heights.

We shall always look forward to his new paintings and
await with joy the abundant harvests of his creative
meditations.

1st October 1969.