

To be sent to universities, etc.

No doubt you have heard of the foundation last year of Urusvati, the Himalayan Research Institute of Roerich Museum, in the Kulu Valley, Western Himalayas. To recall the purposes of the Institution, we are enclosing an outline of our prospectus which will summarize for you the aims and ideals to which the Institute is dedicated.

Founded by Professor Nicholas de Roerich, and under the direction of Dr. George de Roerich, the Institute includes among its corresponding advisors, Dr. Albert Einstein, Professor Robert A. Millikan, Professor Albert A. Michelson, Dr. Ralph V.D. Magoffin, Dr. Edgar L. Hewett, Sir Jagadis Bose, and others.

Within the last nine months, the work has actively proceeded under Dr. Walter Koelz, a member of the staff, and honorary representative in India from Harvard and Michigan Universities. Dr. Koelz gives us impressive reports in regard to his research work and its unusual possibilities, both in the botanical and zoological departments.

The botanical collections now comprise some 1560 numbers, representing over 10,000 specimens of Himalayan flora. In addition to the collection maintained at the Museum of the Himalayan Research Institute in Kulu, and in accordance with plans previously made, sets of plants have been sent to the New York Botanical Gardens, the University of Michigan, and the Jardins des Plantes, Paris.

\* { Inasmuch as large duplicate collections of fine specimens, both of the Himalayan flora and fauna, are still on hand, the Institute would be most pleased to offer these to the botanical and zoological departments of the scientific institutions, in exchange for bio-chemical instruments or donations for the equipment of a bio-chemical laboratory which is now being built at the Institute base. Should there be any



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other way in which your cooperation could express itself, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

We believe that the work of Urusvati is so broad, comprising as it does, research in archaeology, geology, meteorology, medicine as well as botany, zoology and allied sciences - that there may be many opportunities for cooperation with your own splendid work in these fields. There may be further departments of your institution with which we are unfamiliar, but which may very well coordinate with our efforts. We will be delighted to hear from you in this regard, as we feel that in endeavors for a great mutual scientific goal, every possibility of joint cooperation should be encouraged.

The Himalayan Research Institute is also publishing a scientific bulletin, and would welcome an exchange of such publications.

We hope that we may have the pleasure of hearing from you in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,

Vice-President

\* This paragraph is to be omitted in the general letter to biochemical and medical institutions.