

Bangalore  
Nov. 14, 1955.

My dear Professor Mathavaleo,

I was expecting to hear from you, but, of course, you never can bring yourself to write, can you? I suppose you are busy with the usual things - but at Kirkee, there are no cows to tend, no garden to look after, no cows to clean and put away, - none of these exciting occupations which kept you busy here. I'd give anything to know how you are spending your time and what your daily schedule is. But I do expect you are busy organizing the department and starting off on your look of Teaching and Research.

First about that interview with Sir C.V. Raman. You remember he had given me time to think it over & tell him till the end of Oct. So, I met him on the 1st. Of course I had made up my mind now to have anything to do with it. But he made it considerably easier for me. He had already chosen Sadasivan. I don't think he at any time had any intention of considering my name & but for your insistence, would never have bothered about it. He had made up his mind long ago: S.R. Ramachandran (A), Sadasivan (B), R.S. Krishnan (Treasury). No objections. No objections at all. Just as it should be. But he needn't be so damned insulting about it. Nevertheless... Are you going to Hyderabad for the Academy meetings? The University have deputed me & other Academicians here but am not sure of

going. I was never too enthusiastic about the Academy (as you have often ~~and~~ observed) now visibly less so. Anyway let's see, you must go. For you are going to be a Vice President, so He told me! All this in fun. Don't take it too seriously. I hope you still have your sense of humour. Your successor here was deputed by the University to attend the Conference of Applied Mechanics at Kharappa. It is not clear what benefit accrued by the visit but at this end, the members of the Senate (which met yesterday) were regaled to the excellence of the Buildings, the good food in the Hostels, the lovely residential accommodation etc. at Kharappa. So you see, things are moving!

Wife and I went to Mysore last week, - ostensibly to attend the Chairman's meeting. - and had a nice time. I took the car and we roamed all over and enjoyed ourselves like two little children. The exhibition was in its last days but that didn't prevent the wife from buying a couple of sarees (I bought two books!). We stayed at the Modern Hotel and were looked after very well. Sastry was away for a week at Delhi arguing before the Powers that Mysore should stay separate from Karnataka. Apparently AGR must have roped him in. He returned yesterday afternoon and dashed into the Senate meeting right on time to move the resolution that ~~the~~ K.V. Puttappa

be awarded the Doctorate Degree, Honoris Causa!  
 Oh! it was accepted unanimously. Earlier  
 as the meeting, Bondade stoutly opposed any  
 suggestion of the lowering of standards in  
 the University. "Actually, the standards are  
 better!" he appears to have said.

Oh, it is a big story. His visit  
 of the U.G.C. Our Physicist Principal was asked  
 by the V.C. to prepare Comprehensive plans of  
 expansion and ask for, oh! huge amounts.  
 And out he came with a demand for....  
 you can never imagine! A ~~million~~  
 oh! Boy! Did they not laugh! They burst  
 their sides laughing and they nearly  
 rolled off their chairs when they were  
 told the cost would only be five lakhs!

"You mean, the Electric Wiring"? Said  
 Thacker. Nothing further was said but a  
 great lot of was understood. It  
 went all over the Town, but then,  
 who cares? His confirmation has come  
 through and everything is fine.

How are you? Tell me  
 all the news of Kharkee & Poona.

Yours Very Sincerely  
Seshachay

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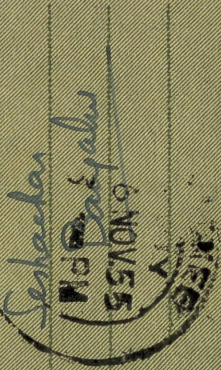
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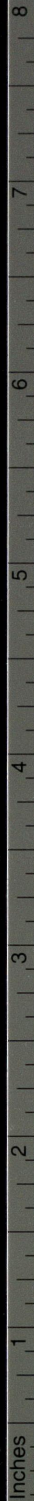
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