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1st January 1960.

Mr.K.Visweswaran is one our brilliant, first-class B.Sc students now doing his post-graduate(M.Sc) course in Physics. I have known him intimately for over five years now and I can speak with the utmost confidence anout the many qualities of his head and heart. His academic record has been unifomnly good. He is a student of the greatest enterprise, energy and enthusiasm. As the Secretary and Student Chairman of the Physics Association of Madras Christian College, Tambaram, in successive years he planned for symposia, one on quantum physics and another on relativity and cosmology, in which distinguished professors from the city colleges, the university and the Tata Institute of Fundamental Physics, Bombay, pariticipated. The discussions initiated proved extremely fruitful. During the Madras University Centenary celebrations, Mr. Visweswaran figured prominently in the Atomic Section of the Exhibition sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission. He excelled also as an active volunteer at the Madras Session of the Indian Science Congress in Jsnuary, 1958.

Mr.Visweswaran combines with his many academic qualifications a sterling character and a most dependable conduct. He has a persuasive personality as well as practical skill and deftness. It is my firm opinion that he is eminently qualified for some responsible post in any administrative commercial, or research departments. In my long experience as a teacher who has to do with post-graduate classes, I have seldom encountered a more trustworthy & or efficient student.

(sd) C.T.KRISHNAMACHARI.

(Member of the Governing Council and Senatus
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of Arts, Annamalai University.)

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Rev. J. R. MACPHAIL, M.A., D.D.
PRINCIPAL

Madras Christian College
Tambaram
8th January, 1960

Mr. K. VISWESWARAN has had a long and distinguished career in this College, and is probably one of our best and most promising students. He read for the Intermediate examination in 1953—'55, and passed in the first class. He proceeded at once to B.Sc. in Physics in 1955—'57, and again passed in the first class. He is completing the M.Sc. course in the same subject, and now stands first in the class examinations. He has been a keen member of the College Physics Association, has been Secretary, and is now Student Chairman. As such he has had much to do with the organising of some interesting symposiums in the College, in which mathematicians and philosophers from this and other colleges have participated; in this work he has shown enterprise and organising ability. He has also done useful work in exhibitions organized by other bodies.

His character and conduct are excellent.

(Sd.) J. R. MACPHAIL
Principal.

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From

K. Visweswaram
(B. Sc. Physics Student
Madras Christian College

9/32 Chavadi St. (Jambaram)
Pallavaram. (near Madras)

Pallavaram
22nd Feb '60

Respected Sir,

I am enclosing along with this letter Rs 50/- which sum I received from you as a generous help about a year ago. I am grateful to you, sir, for the timely help rendered to me at the time of crisis. I must also express my deep sense of thankfulness for the advice received from you, which helped a long way in giving me a proper perspective.

My academic progress and attainments during the past two years may be judged from the following facts. I worked as Secretary of College Physics Association for two consecutive years (1957-58, 58-59) and during the third academic year (1959-60) I have been holding the office of the Student Chairman. During these three years I had much to do with the organizing of four symposiums which evoked much interest and in which distinguished professors participated.

I was one of the voluntary workers whose services were enlisted on the occasion of Madras University Centenary Exhibition. I was also associated with Indian Science Congress Session held in Madras during Jan '58.

I can say without exaggeration that my interest in the subject of my choice has steadily increased. I found it repeatedly necessary to go outside the routine work in the class and the syllabus in order to equip myself with the latest knowledge in certain fields of Physics such as Quantum Physics and Relativity.

I participated in a symposium at Madras Christian College and my paper was on the "Philosophic Questions of Modern Physics".

My relations with my fellow students and teachers were equally cordial. The Madras Christian College with its century old tradition of personal contact has greatly influenced ^{me} in the cultivation of mental independence. I can truthfully say that I tried to make use of all opportunities which came in my way. To crown all these the college ~~me~~ presented me this academic year books on Modern Physics as part of the 'Special Studentship' awarded to me.

I must ascribe all these achievements of mine, to the impetus and best wishes which were bestowed upon me, by you, when I joined my M.Sc. class. Soon I will be entering the bigger arena of life. My only aspiration is to get stabilised in life and prove to be of good support to the family.

I am enclosing my Principal's certificate and other Professors' certificates with whom I had associations in the past two years. I am rather puzzled and as to choose between 'science' and 'Administration'. In the latter field there seems to be more scope for progress. In this connection, I will be very thankful to you, sir, for whatever advice you can give me.

Once again profusely thanking you for the encouragement given throughout.

Yours respectfully,
K. Umeswaran.

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