

Calcutta.

3rd April 1942

My dear Krishnainagar,

many thanks for your letter of 30.3.42 which came to me just as I was about to address you asking for news about yourself. I thought you were not yet fully reconciled to the new environment you had chosen for yourself, and anticipated some little delay in hearing from you. The battle of emotions which your ^{wanted} self-possession could not obliterate that evening as the train was steaming out of the Howrah station haunted me for several nights after you left. It was indeed a revelation to me that you could be so sentimental in regard to your students. However, a new environment has its own compensations, and I hope that you are beginning to set your mind on the wider & fresher opportunities which a kind destiny has secured for you.

I am glad that you find the work at the University not heavy at all. The hours of work are certainly sensible. The long twilight hours of Allahabad Summer would leave you sufficient time for several sets of tennis in the evening. Now that you have found a house near, if not, on the tennis courts, I hope you will find a partner who is no less an enthusiast at tennis than yourself. Talking of tennis, I must tell you that A.K. Basu has found an excuse to close down

morning tennis at the Calcutta Club. Same, when he returns from leave, will find it a job to revive it.

As regards your membership of the Calcutta Club, I would ask you to become a non-resident member the subscription for which is, I believe, only eighteen rupees per annum. I will enquire of Basu & let you know. You may write formally to the Secretary that as you left Calcutta for good ~~on~~ on the 23rd March you may be charged only the non-resident membership fee as from the second quarter of 1942 commencing in April. You may have occasion to stay in or pass through Calcutta ^{in future} when you will feel like having a game of tennis, and the Calcutta Club will certainly be most useful then.

Venkataraman left for Delhi last week. I met Thiruvady with Venkataram in the house on the day that he was to have left for Giridih, but haven't seen him since. V.D. Swami tells me that he is in town. Padma must have left for Madras yesterday. This morning I found your old house locked up. Presumably, your things & the car have been booked by Allahabad. I will try to get Thiruvady again tomorrow & let you know or ask him to write to you.

I shall probably be in Benares in another ten days. As you will not be going down to Madras before the end of the month, I shall take the earliest opportunity to meet you at Allahabad in the course of this month.

With kindest regards,
Yours affly,
Srinivasa Rao