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Prof. K. S. Krishnan, D.Sc., F.R.S.,

15 A. Kamala Nehru Road,

Allahabad.

Benares,

23.1.43

My dear Krishnasingar,

Your kind post card of

the 19th is straight most, but he is a delicate boy like the "Aowata" flower.

He is a veritable Sismograph registering every little movement of the rocks in the bowels of the earth - in his case every slight response of his body to changes in weather. We are as eagerly looking forward to our visit to Allahabad as you are. April is not too far as you seem to think. As far as I am concerned, time seems to fly on swift wings.

As regards non-receipt of your parcel of books from Calcutta, Mr. Meddhar has promised to make enquiries at the Chief Commercial Manager's office. When a post card from Moghal Serai can reach me at Benares after 5 days, you may estimate the time a Ry. parcel would take in proportion to reach a distance of 500 miles. Anyway, the parcel will ultimately reach you, I hope.

I had two letters from Venkateswaram in quick succession - the first expressing disappointment at your decision to by-pass him at Bombay on your visit to Poona & the second his immense satisfaction at the change in your programme which secures him your company for a whole week. Oh, Krishna, how you steal the hearts of ~~seven~~ mere men! From Sundaresan comes the proof of your estimate of him as a happy philosopher - Three pages of pure philosophical thoughts on mankind - stimulated by the presence of the self-same Krishna, who "like the loyal friend he is, he managed to steal some moments to call on me at office".

What about a reprint of your article in "Kalki"? A letter from ^{who told me about it} jaya has reminded me about it.

S.R. Ranganathan refers in his article in "Current Science" of Dec. 1934 on reason, mathematics & Ramanyjan to the interesting ^{philosophical} discourses on Ramayana & Mahabharata to two of his intimate friends with reference to his abstruse mathematical ideas. Do you know anything about it? It is time Ranganathan or someone else wrote a "Life of Ramanyjan" both as a mathematician & as a man of religion. Pardon this microscopic writing. I wanted only to send a brief note, but it has somehow grown.

yours affly
K. Shivrase Rao

stopped morning tennis. My only exercise is an hour's swim in the Ganges in the evenings. This keeps me quite fit.

If you do not come to Benares before the end of the month, I threaten to pay you a week-end visit in June.

I hope you are quite comfortably settled down in your new home.

Yours affly
S. Srinivasa Rao

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Benares Cantt.

16.5.42

My dear Krishnairangar,

Thanks for the prompt reply to my p.c., but you evidently forgot to answer the few queries I had made. What have you done with your a.c. Table fans? If you have no use for them in Allahabad which is a D.C. area would you care to send them over here for sale. Could you give me Ambi's address? Chakm has sent a second reminder about it. Any chance of your visit to Benares in the near future? Benares is certainly warmer than Calcutta, but without the other discomforts associated with that city. In any case the heat in Benares seems to have agreed with my physical system. Who could have imagined you giving up tennis as a concession to the weather gods! But I can tell you that the marker boys of the Calcutta Club heaved a sigh of great relief when Sarma & you left Calcutta. Basu has now definitely

Benares,

4th June, 1943.

My dear Krishnaiyengar,

I am sure you will have returned to Allahabad by the time this letter is in your hands. I hope you enjoyed your stay at Bombay and at Poona.

I received a letter from my son-in-law yesterday telling me ~~the~~ ^{what} great pleasure it was to receive you & Dr. Venkateswaran at their humble flat and how much he & his wife appreciated your kindness to call at their place. It was so like you to entertain hosts instead of being entertained by them. Jaya writes to say how happy she felt in the company of her father's friends, and how like old times at Calcutta it was to be in their company.

I am very glad to see Dr. Ramanathan figuring in the Birthday Honours list. I have sent him a letter of congratulation. Scientific men and their work rarely get their due recognition in this country. I am glad that Dr. Norman has not been niggardly in his recommendation. A cheap Ras Bahadur would have degraded him & his dept., and would have struck like mud on the recipient. However, let us hope that many more honours are in store for Ramanathan before his retirement in a few years' time. I was also glad to see Mr. Sathasamyam among the C.I.Es. I suppose it was a sort of retirement gift for him.

Madhu has reached Madras & will be staying there for a week or ten days. He writes to inform me that he borrowed some small sums amounting to Rs 4/8/- from Ambi while in Allahabad of which the latter never told me when I was there. Madhu also tells me that you did not deduct his train fare from Benares to Allahabad when you paid him all the Rs 50/- you took from me in Benares. Hence the enclosed cheque which please do not return on any pretext.

We have been having ~~the~~ most unusual weather conditions ^{here} for over ten days - almost from the time I returned to Benares from Allahabad. I think ~~we~~ will skip over the dog days this year.

The University here is almost like a mausoleum now with all its students & Professors dispersed for the Summer holidays. ^{or most of} Sundaram is also away - probably in Jaipur or in Delhi or similar. Mudaliar has been in town for the last two weeks. Srihageni Rao has gone to Bangalore on his mother's leave. That leaves me only Subbaraman who gives me an opportunity to visit his quiet retreat in the Rishi Valley on a Sunday. Sundaram wrote to me from Madras. He must be holidaying somewhere in Travancore.

With love to Papou & Ambi & all the rest of the kind regards to
Mrs. & Self,

Yours affectionately
N. Srinivasa Rao

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AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED
THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT
BY ORDINARY MAIL.



Replied
MSH
19/5/54

Professor Sir K.S. Krishnan, F.R.S.

~~clo The Royal Institution~~

Room 53.

~~21 Albemarle Street~~

Royal Hotel
College Green

~~London W.1. (England)~~

BRISTOL.

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Sender's name and address :-

Dr. A. Srinivasa Rao,
Dept. of Agriculture,
New Delhi

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Dept. of Agriculture,
New Delhi
23.8.46

My dear Krishnayaangan,

Many thanks for your kind letter from Cambridge dated the 25th July. It was very nice of you to have found time to send a reply describing your activities in spite of the hectic nature of your engagements. It is an indication of the number and tautness of the chords in your heart, both of which matter in the volume of vibrant energy produced.

It is a very pleasing tribute you are paying to English climate & English hospitality, but my own impression is that a word of praise is not merely a matter of climate & food. The condition of the head & the heart has also a great deal to do with it.

I hope you will have no less glorious and comfortable^a sojourn in Europe & U.S.A. than in U.K.

My four months' leave was rudely interrupted by a telegraphic recall to duty from New Delhi. Baimi Prasad is now in U.K. to attend meetings of the FAO at Bergen & Copenhagen in the course of this month & the next, and it was to take his harness that I was called to Delhi. Except for the fact that I enjoyed a perfect Lotos-eaters' holiday amidst the family in the pleasant climate of Coimbatore, ~~the~~ 2½ months' leave that I was permitted to avail of proved a

futility in respect of the two main objectives for which I took leave. The housing problem of the family & the marriage problem of my second daughter could not be solved during the period of my leave, and I do not know whether I will be spared again when a suitable opportunity for fixing up a boy for my daughter arises in the near future.

I have been allotted a hutment in Panora Road not far from the India Gate where I shifted from no. 1. Alleby Road on return from leave. My old friend & class mate, T. Ramiah (a brother of the late Dr. E. Kambam) asst. Director-General, Postal Telegraphs is staying with me. This is a much quieter locality than the one I was in before I went on leave, and there are beautiful walks, open spaces etc. near at hand. Unfortunately, the climate at the present moment is none too pleasant, but I expect that from October onwards it will be most enjoyable.

You must have seen the news in the papers regarding Calcutta. I am most anxious about our friends, particularly those who live north of the Esplanade, and it will be some time before authentic news trickles in.

I have had no news from Sundaresan direct, but his brother at Madras told me that he was keeping fit though busy. You will, doubtless, meet him in Washington or New York. Give him my love. Venkateswaran is still in Bombay, I presume. I learn that Dr. Ramanathan is away on leave. Moorthy Rao & Sastri are quite well. I met Sahni, Hora, Mukherjee & others in Delhi on

Their return from the Empire Scientists' conference
Mrs. Krishnam did not pass through Delhi, I was
told.

The new Govt. is expected to be in office
on the 1st September. The task ahead of the Govt.
is going to be immense & difficult. There is
tense expectation in the Secretariat.

I hope you are receiving regular news from
Allahabad, Lucknow & Burdwan & that the
family is doing well.

I shall be very happy to hear from you
as often as possible.

yours affly
S. Srinivasa Rao

Madras

9.10.47

My dear Krishnairangar,

It was nice to hear

a long while
from you after your last visit to Madras.
Friends at Delhi has been uppermost in
my mind during the recent holocaust,
but seeing that communications had been
badly put out of joint I put off writing
to any one of them until the ice was
broken by somebody. I am glad to know
that you & your friends are all safe.

Sujan Singh Park is after all a nice
locality where you generally feel that you
are in a friendly & opulent atmosphere, and
with Dr. Ramanathan & a host of other
friends you are bound to feel at home and
happy.

Yesterday, Gini Press ~~has~~ noted down
your requirements at my instance & will be
despatching to you to-day to your office
address c/o the Delhi University, W.O., 116 W/O
of W/O, 113 W/O, 113 W/O, 113 W/O, 113 W/O
of Valmiki Ramayana autographed by Subramaniam

Sastigal in five volumes by Regd V.P. post.
I did not carry enough ^{money} with me to pay for the
books or the cheque book. Hence the necessity
for sending the books by V.P.P., & the Press
proprietor suggested this method of despatch as
the most convenient. The cost including
packing, postage etc will come to a little
over Rs 23/-, I believe. The Press will keep
you informed of the date of issue of the other
volumes of the series as & when they are ready
for publication & advise you promptly of the
despatch of books in future.

My wife & myself and Meather are staying here,
the rest of the family remaining as usual at Coimbatore.
From January next I propose to have the whole family
staying with me, if by then I succeed in finding
a suitable & more spacious house. The Fisheries
Research Station is not likely to shift its headquarters
to Mandapam before six months or so, as the
C.P.W.D. are taking an unconscionably long
time to prepare their estimates. I trust you
are having better luck with the Nat. Phys. Lab. at
Delhi.

With kindest regards to Lady Krishnan
& self from all of us & love to Ambi, Pappu & Prerna.
Please remembrance me
to all our mutual
friends at Delhi.

Yours affly
S. Srinivasa Rao

10. Arcot medalist street

Vijayarajagopal P.O.

Madras 17

21st June, (1947)

My dear Krishnairajagopal,

I was at Bombay from the 9th to the 15th and returned here only on the 17th where I saw your letter of the 11th announcing your taking over of the Directorship of the N.P.L. It is in some ways advantageous to be close to the seat of the Govt., and in your case it is more so because of the isolation secured to you by the N.P.L. being 6-7 miles away from the Secretariat. The immediate problem for you is to get a house in New Delhi or Old Delhi. In many respects I prefer the latter.

I was in Bombay in connection with the interview of candidates for the posts of Research asst. etc in my Research Station, and am now busy with a ^{much} larger number in the South. I stayed with Venkateswaran enjoying the strong monsoon breeze & the spray of the sea. He is now here on his way back to Bombay from Trichinopoly where he had gone to attend the marriage in his sister's house. He is leaving by the Express tomorrow for Bombay.

Yesterday was Dr. Vijayarajagopal's daughter's marriage in George Town. I went there in the afternoon & met a bunch of old friends. We found Vij's old mother supremely happy.

Mashu is busy trying for admission into one of many colleges to which he had applied. He was keen on Medical College & but it looks as though he will have little chance there. He has been called for interviews at the Agric. Coll., Coimbatore & the Vesp. Coll. at Madras. Within a week he will have decided on the one or the other. As a serious string he has

for
applied / B.Sc. Geology at the Presidency College & the girls have
gone back to Coimbatore. + Andhra Univ.

Dr. Damodar, Director of the Biochemistry Laboratory, Madras
has applied for the post of Sugar Chemist at the Campson Institute
of Sugar Technology. He has been called for interview at Delhi
in spite of Bhatnagar's advice to Damodar not to apply.
Damodar has little hope of getting it. Still he will be going
up for the interview. I have asked him to see you. He seems
unhappy with the very casual treatment he receives at the
hands of the university bosses here & would like a billet up
in the North. S.S.B. seems to be encouraging Damodar to
hope for a place in the N.C.L. at Poona, but the latter is sceptical.
You could probably give him the necessary tips to go about the
right way to get fixed up in some decent job in the Durian
union area.

I understand that M.S.K. is back in Madras & is
fixing up his daughter's marriage. I have not been able to
meet him yet.

The Govt of India ~~are~~ at the present moment
concentrating all their energies on partition & have called for statement
of assets & liabilities in each office. All other work is also stand
still & will be so till the middle of August, I expect.

I presume you will hereafter have little chance to come down
South - not that you are doing so tight - but I feel that M.P.L.
work would keep you busy at headquarters.

Has Anil secured admission in the Delhi university?

With affectionate regards

yours as ever

S. Srinivasa Rao

c/o Dr. S. Venkateswarau

Bombay

10th December, 1947.

My dear Krishnairangar,

I arrived here yesterday from Kanwar on the N. Kanara coach where I had gone to look for a suitable site for a small laboratory in which fishery research can be conducted. I shall be staying here till Saturday the 13th, and expect to reach Delhi on the 14th night by the Frontier Mail. I have a meeting of the Fish (Scientific) Committee of the I.C.A.R. on the 15th. I hope to be staying in Delhi till the 18th. The I.C.A.R. have undertaken to arrange for my lodgings at one of the Govt. hostels, but have not so far intimated ^{me} where I have been booked. If I do not hear from them before I leave Bombay, I shall dump myself on you or Dr. Rameshwarau. Venkateswarau tells me that Rameshwar from Poona is also attending the I.C.A.R. meeting at Delhi, and will presumably stay with you.

Respectfully,
Rastin person,

With affectionate regards
Yours as ever
S. Srinivas Rao

Madras,
6th July, 1948

My dear Krishnairangar,

Your telegram
& your letter cancelling your visit to Madras
owing to pressure of work at headquarters.
Both Prof. M. O. P. & I felt disappointed
because we were ~~both~~ planning to give you
a nice time in Madras - some music or
Cinema - ~~within the~~ ^{period of} short stay you were going to
make here. But we ~~were~~ hoping that it was
only a postponement of the trip - not a cancella-
tion. Prof. Damodaran tells me, however, that
there was no chance of a second meeting of the
Ind. Inst. Sci. coming off soon after this. Never-
theless, there may be other official excuses for your
coming down South in the near future.

Your stenographer seems to have succeeded
in making you believe that the life of a Delhi
official must always remain official or semi-official
but never that of a free citizen even in his
correspondence with friends. Moreover, he adds to
my weight by giving my name the double
initial of H.S.

M.S.K. is still on leave. He feels
sure he will be called away to Delhi to act
for Wadia during his absence on deputation abroad.
He is alright & looks fitter than ever.

I wrote to Dr. Ramana than to his
Address about address thinking he was there,
but his son has answered my letter
intimating that his father has ~~gone~~
about & would not be back till October.
It shows how ^{ignorant} a citizen of Madras could be
to events happening in other cities than his
own. I am glad that Dr. Ramana ^{unofficial}
was able to breathe the atmosphere of science
after freeing himself from official ~~travels~~
in India.

Dr. Vijayaraghavan made me believe
that he was going to make his presence ~~felt~~
in Madras felt by me, but I learn that he
has gone back to Waltair quietly.

Madras appears to be practically
dead - socially, politically, scientifically &
economically - thanks to the low grade of
congress leadership in this still benighted
province. The determination is on me to live
really & fully - at least after my retirement
which is due in July next year, but the
atmosphere around me is very depressing.

Someday when you come down South or
I go to Delhi we can talk it over.

With affectionate regards,

Yours as ever
S. Srinivasa Rao

Central Marine Fisheries Research
Station

Triplicane P. O., Madras

27. 8. 48

My dear Krishnaiyengar,

I have had no

news from you since you called off your
visit to Madras ~~last~~ⁱⁿ July. Someone
mentioned to me that you were present
at Karaikudi on the 25th July to attend
the foundation stone laying ceremony by
Panditjee. I was in Tiruchi on the evening of
the 24th giving a talk to the members of
the Natural Science Association of St Joseph's
College at the kind invitation of our old
friend Father Siquiera & an old class fellow of
mine (Father Balan) who is the head of the
Nat. Sci. Deph. The same night I travelled
by the Thanuskodi Passenger from Tiruchi to
Pamban and had the privilege of witnessing
the enthusiasm of the people of Tiruchi who
were travelling to Karaikudi by the same train.
I took the opportunity of ^{stopping} at Tranquebar
on that trip to spend a few hours with our
old friend, Sri K. S. Venkubramani, at his
rural residence in Kaveripoompattinam.

From Mandapam I visited Tuticorin and
Tiruchendur - all on official work supervising
a fishery Survey which is being conducted by
some Survey assistants at each of these places.
It was a most refreshing change for me from the
inhospitable and indifferent atmosphere of Madras
which in my eyes, at any rate, has degenerated
like many other cities in India, I suppose, into
a soul-less cluster of human beings bent upon
making money by hook or crook. I enjoyed doing
some cross country trips in the Tambraparani valley.
The situation of Sivakuntam & Alwathuruzhagar
on the banks of this river ^{so} fascinated me that I
purposely missed ^{at Sivakuntam} the mid day bus to Tuticorin
to enjoy a good swim & bath in the river. I thought
of you and wished I had your company at the
moment, and again when I was having a sea-
bath at Tiruchendur. It occurred to me that some
of us who think ^{that} we are contributing to the advance-
ment of society with our knowledge are still too
poorly equipped to show by example how to lead
a simple though happy life. I must not distract
you with thoughts like these which are usually
disturbing. If you are not likely to be away
from Delli from the 27th Sept to the 3rd October, we
can meet for a chat as often as opportunities present
themselves, for I shall be in Delli for the Fisheries
conference from the 26th Sep.

How are you & the family. We are all
well. Please let me have a line in reply
as soon as you can. With affectionate regards,
yours as ever
Sd. Shivadas Rao

1/18 Sait Colony 1st Street
Egmore P.O., Madras
7.9.48

My dear Krishnaswamy,

You must have received my air-mail letter of 28.8.48. I take it that you have been busy or were away doing some committee work, and consequently unable to reply immediately.

I shall be attending the Fisheries Conference at Delhi from the 27th to 30th. If it is not likely to be inconvenient to you to put me up, I should like to have the opportunity of spending ^{with you} the few hours I shall be free from the conference in the evenings.

I shall be ~~leaving~~ spending four days in Bombay from the 20th afternoon to 25th morning to acquaint myself with the work of the Fisheries Sub-station there and expect to reach Delhi by air on the evening of the 25th. I shall be in Delhi exactly a week & return to Madras on the 3rd October.

Please let me have a line in reply to assure me that you will be in headquarters when I arrive there. With kindest regards,

Yours affectionately
S. Srinivasa Rao

Madras

4. 10. 48

My dear Krishnairajagopal,

I enclose a cheque for Rs 100/- which you were good enough to lend me. To save you the bother of acknowledging receipt of the same when your time would be taken up by so many important matters before you leave for Europe, I thought it best to send it to you by Registered acknowledgment due.

I arrived here last evening after a pleasant air-voyage. all well here. I was glad to have had almost a whole day with kindest regards into you.

yours affly
A. Srinivasa Rao

1/18 Sait Colony, 1st Street
Egmore, Madras
24. 6. 48

My dear Krishnaiyangar,

Your kind

letter dated 17-6-48 posted on 19.6.48 at some undecipherable place was in my hands last evening.

I am delighted to know that you will be touching Madras on your way to and from Bangalore early next month. Unless you have previously fixed up with any friend in Madras, I shall be glad if you can stay with me for the two nights you will be spending in Madras on the 1st & 3rd July. My house is within a mile from the Hotel Conventura where most air-ways buses touch. I can meet you also at the air-booking offices of Deccan or Jupiter or Air-India Ltd. Airways in Mount Road & take you home. I shall await your next letter containing the definite programme of your air-tour.

With affectionate regards,

Yours
S. Srinivasa Rao

Private

Benares,

4th March, 1944.

My dear Krishnaiyengar,

I have had no news from you as to when Ambi is coming here. I am told that the admission examinations ~~will~~^{be} commencing on the 13th. I hope Ambi received the hall ticket etc and knows where the examination ~~is~~^{would be} taking place. Adiseshan is bringing his daughter also for the same examination sometime next week. He will be staying with me. Venkateswaran told me that a son of Rao Sahab T.P. Bhaskara Sastri of Hyderabad would also be coming with Ambi, but I have had no further communication from him in regard to this. My wife met Mrs. V.A. Sundaram a few days ago & was told, it appears, that Padma & Ambi would be coming here about the 11th or 12th. Do let me have some authentic information about this by return of post.

I am applying for the post of Director, Madras University Zoology Laboratory, which is falling vacant shortly on the retirement of Prof. Gopala Aiyar. I saw the advertisement by chance in the Current Science of February only a couple of days ago, and all of a sudden it came on to me in a flash that I should apply. The last date for receiving applications is 15th March, and there is no time to consult any of my friends who are interested in me. But the impulse to apply is so strong & irresistible, that, much as I would have valued the advice of dear friends, I wish to strike & give in to that impulse straight away. Bainsi Prasad has written a good chit. I am giving two references - one to, of course, Prof. Gopala Aiyar who is my guru, mentor, and friend, and the other is your good self - with apologies for not obtaining your previous consent - because I wished to have a reference from a non-zoologist as well. Sir S.R. is away in Calcutta, otherwise I would have roped him in also, but I can't take liberties with him as I can with you. It is not the pay - nor even the prospect - of the post which attracts me, because the maximum advertised is only Rs 1000/- and I stand to gain only Rs 50/- more than my present pay. I am assuming that I will be given the maxi-

Prospects in the Zool. Survey are absolutely bleak - I have been drawing Rs 900/- for the last six years & for the next ⁵ years of my service I shall be getting not a pie more. The only selection post ^{of superintendent} which has been in abeyance since 1932 has no chance of being revived in the present temper of the Govt. of India, and even if it is, I stand no chance of benefiting by it, because of ~~Thara~~ Chopra who is senior to me. As regards work, the prospect is far more dreary - we have become mere scribes now - the work of writing labels & registers which have been damaged in the floods has devolved on us, and there is no near prospect of any one of us resuming our research work & publishing anything of scientific value. Bainti, as the head, is getting less & less interested in real zoological work, and the Govt. care less & less as to how we get on or whether we do anything at all. They are satisfied so long as we do not ask for increased grants for the maintenance of the Dept. on a real scientific basis. I feel that I am becoming rusty, and if I can do something worth doing in the next five years of my service I shall feel very happy. The only other consideration which weighed with me in ~~deciding~~ my decision to apply for the Madras post is that I shall have the children with me & they will be nearer home. I shall also avoid the annual exodus between the north & the South. If I understand Madras university politics correctly, I stand probably a sixty per cent chance, but that does not bother me. I felt that I should apply - and the result, either way, would ~~either~~ depress or elate me. The only thing I care for is ^{interesting &} quiet work & some little independence, which the university post offers me. Anyway, I have taken the plunge.

When are you coming over to Benares - probably not till April? What have you decided about Padma's marriage? I wish you take some positive action this summer. I know it is hard for you to break away from your laboratory & your scientific work, but as Grihasthas we have our clear obligations to the family as well as to the world of science ^{to} your natural inclinations. I know that you have the heart, but the will sometimes plays you false. Do plan for a trip to the South as soon as you are free from obligatory work of your employers. I am sure you ^{will} take my suggestion in the best spirit.

With affectionate regards,

yours as ever
S. Srinivasa Rao

to get Madhu admitted in the
Queen's college at least on the
1st September.

I trust the amount (Rs 315/-)
intended for Mr. Ramachandran
Chetty has been handed over to him.
Please ask him to acknowledge
the same to Mr. Madalier.

Madhu is all right.

yours affly
Sri Srinivasa Rao

POST CARD

ADDRESS ONLY



Professor K. S. Krishna Rao, D.Sc., F.R.S.

15 A. Kamala Nehru Road

Allahabad

Benares

26.8.43

My dear Krishnaiyengar,

The three days that I spent with you have had the most refreshing effect on me. It was a real holiday. The voices of children and their happy prattle were what I was longing for, and Chellamma's little boy and Papu served to enliven my stay. The bridge party at the University Staff club & the contact with your colleagues were additional attractions. Besides, the weather was fine for the most part.

Enquiry at the office of the Inspector of Schools, Benares, this evening shows that the permission for Madhu to join the Queen's college has not yet been received here. Presumably, it was sent only on Tuesday after Dr. Dhar had reminded his office about it. Will you kindly get into touch with Dr. Dhar on the phone and ascertain whether the permission has actually left his office. I should very much like

Benares,

28th Oct, 1942.

My dear Krishnaiyengar,

I am glad to see your letter of 26.10.42 on returning to Allahabad from a short sojourn in the South. I am pleased to know that you have been able to bring the family with you. The life of a grass-widower is far from enviable, and you have lived it for over ten months now - a period which few married men care to treat as anything but an ordeal. I hope the children will soon get acclimatised to Allahabad and be prepared for the coming cold weather.

I remember having written to you about my ^{would be} ~~about~~ ~~at~~ Lucknow on the 26th + 27th September, ~~and~~ that I would be back in Benares before the morning of the 28th Sept. You would certainly have found me in Benares on the 28th on your way down to Calcutta, and you could have left Ambri in Benares like your return from S. India. I feared that letter had been lost in transit as I received no reply from you.

So P.R.S., the prodigal son, has returned to Calcutta! It is a pity that he has allowed C.S.R. to be in a position to say 'I told you so'. Anyway both "Indian Finance" & the "Telegraph" will be as much the beneficiaries as P.R.S. himself by his return. I wonder if he has brought his family.

The Benares Hindu University has reopened on the 26th without any incidents so far. Sir S.R. has taken upon himself a very heavy responsibility in reopening it, as it is known that a large party of students of the B. H. U. was actually responsible for the damage caused to Govt. & Railway property in the Benares dt. & elsewhere. It is sheer luck that Govt. has allowed him to shoulder this responsibility. Last Saturday I was at the university and found the V.C. & the Professors inspecting their defences. I hope there has been no trouble in Allahabad after the reopening of the university.

How is S. India? One hears ^{of} disturbances in Mysore & Travancore but nothing has come out in the papers.

Dr. Sankar Rao was here yesterday on a short visit to the Benares State. ~~He~~ was stopping with the Kalkers at Rajghat but was good enough to call on me. He must have left for Calcutta last night.

Madhu is keeping well & preparing for the admission Exam. of the B. H. U. He has asked me to remember him to Anni.

Where is Tiruvadi and has Chellamma joined him at Calcutta? How is Padma and how are the other youngsters - Paper talk?

My family is doing well at Coimbatore.

Write to me now & then,

yours affectionately
H. Srinivasa Rao

has been transferred to Calcutta, his
place in Kashi being taken up by
Subbaraman.

How is every body at home? Mother
is keeping fit & all is well at Coimbatore.

yours affly

N. Srinivas Rao

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Professor

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Benares,
16.12.42

My dear Krishnaiyangar,

Many thanks for your letter of 10.12.42. Yes, I heard about your visit to Delhi from Sundaresan. The Science Congress will go into hibernation this winter, I am told. As you say, the old Dame needs a lot of rest & Calcutta is about the best place where she can have it. Three of my colleagues ^{be} ~~will~~ attending the session at Calcutta. My Xmas programme is to stay in Benares. It will be great if you will spend a few days with me. Let me know when you are coming, but don't make ~~the~~ stay too short as you did last time. I am dying for company. Ganapati

I had a letter from Venkateswara also
of the same ^{time} as your post card.

I am having a very quiet time
as usual. The grey matter in my brain
refuses to function. After many long
years I ~~have~~ am refreshing my
memory with the incidents of Maha-
bhārata. I wonder if we are living
in such a critical period as that
of the mahabharata.

We are well here & trust the same
with you & the family.

yours
with affectionate regards,

S. Srinivasa Rao

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Benares,

15.2.43.

My dear Krishnaiyanger,

Thanks for your post card of 11.2.43.

I am glad to know that you had a very pleasant time at Bombay & Poona amidst friends, and to read about your activities in connection with the National Academy. I wonder if you have a chakram or chakrams on the sole of your feet which keeps you on the move all the time; and ^{in spite of} ~~with~~ all these distractions you manage to accomplish so much. You are a perfect marvel!

The old ladies about whom I wrote to you in my last letter have returned to Benares. Mr. Mudaliar has left for S. India. I believe he would have met you at Allahabad. He is expected to return after a month.

Sir S.R. has been greatly worried of late & is not looking too well. Mr. Sundaram & I meet once a week. He is anxious to go to Poona.

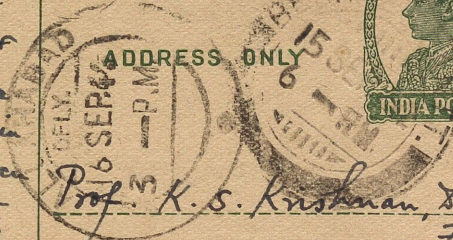
Cousin at Madras regarding your people. As I wrote to you in my last letter, it would be better if you put off their coming ~~down~~ to Allahabad till conditions are more settled. Railway travel in these days is a real ordeal even for men who are accustomed to frequent travel, and it would be cruelly to let women & children travel hundreds of miles in these most extraordinary days.

more in my next. With kind regards,
yours affly
N. Srinivasa Rao

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Benares,
15.9.42
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My dear Krishnairangar,

Madhu & myself arrived in Allahabad by the Nagpur-Allahabad Passenger on 13.9.42 at 9 pm., only to find our ingress into the city impossible on account of the curfew. We therefore left Allahabad by the early morning Passenger for Mughal Serai & arrived here at 12 noon. I was sorry to have missed the opportunity of meeting you. Owing to incessant rain at Nagpur I could not meet Ganesh either. It was a tiresome journey & I just want to do nothing but sleep to get over the fatigue of it. I have, however, joined duty today cancelling part of my leave. I understand that Mr. Mudaliar is in Allahabad & is due here tomorrow. Where is Anbi now? I had no communication from your

Triplicane P.O., Madras

23rd April, 1947

My dear Krishnaiyengar,

It is now a little more than four months since we parted after that memorable long walk from Pusa Institute to Dr. Ramavatani's. I have often thought of that pleasant evening, and I remember it more particularly because you revealed to me one of your inner-most thoughts regarding what determined your judgment in respect of me as long ago as 1930. Isn't it curious that in the long passage of worldly events, just one or two incidents dominate our minds and determine our reactions to them moulding our lives in a definite direction? If marriages are made in heaven, so are friendships, I believe.

One sees your name in cold print in some connection or other, but that conveys very little of interest to me. I must, however, get it from the horse's mouth. I realise that it would be cruel on my part to expect you to write & tell me all about your activities, but as the ~~subject~~^{changes} of our meeting, as often as it happened these last few years after the great break up of our group at Calcutta, are likely to be fewer hereafter, I hope I have some little justification for pleading for keeping in touch with each other by correspondence.

Madras, after my 27 years' of absence from it, appears to me to be a strange place. Like many other towns in India after the war, Madras has inevitably changed - for the better in some respects and for the worse in many. The climate of this city seems to have undergone a large change - or may be my arteries & kidneys are less resiliently ^{now} than they were some 27 years ago. Even so I am getting slowly used to life in this city.

The problem of housing in the city appears to be more acute than in Calcutta, Bombay or Delhi. These last 3 months saw me revising my knowledge of the topography of this city in hunting for residential accommodation for myself. Most of Rao's people were kind enough to house & feed me for nearly 2 months, but I have found a place in Thyagarayanagar after all at almost blackmarket rates. The family has come down to Madras now that the children have their summer vacation, and it has just begun to look like the days we had in Calcutta between 1935 & 1941 - a sort of family re-union after these 6 years of separation since the evacuation in December 1941.

My office is in the university zoology laboratory although my scientific staff is actually spread over the three Biological Laboratories of the Madras University. The housing of the Central Marine Fisheries Research Station in the university buildings is one of those liberal measures which even the conservative policies traditionally followed in the South seem to make allowance for. Some of the vested interests in the university seemed at first to resent this unwanted intrusion, but the veiled opposition is gradually fading out. I have now working at this station 5 gazetted officers and 4 research assistants, and expect the full strength of gazetted officers (about 16 in all) and non-gazetted technical staff (24 in all) to be working at 3 or 4 different places in about 4 months' time. The mandapam buildings have come under my charge, but it will be some months before the headquarters of this station could be shifted over to the shores of the Gulf of Maa-sar. There is some real ^{covering} work to do, and I feel so happy that it has fallen to my lot to undertake this creative piece of work. Much of my time is being taken up by correspondence with various Govt. departments & individual officials, but this is inevitable in a job of this kind, but I am in the ^{best} ^{of} ^{my} ^{position}, not in stagnant pools as I was in Delhi.

How are things at Delhi which you must be visiting fairly often? Are you being hard away to the Nat. Phys. Lab. or will you stay on in Allahabad? How is the new regime of Dr. Tarapore? I shall look forward to seeing the Report of the Scientific Man-Power Committee. I am certain that a lot of this man-power is being wasted or even proscribed by our scientist-politicians in power. I hope this Committee will place the finger on the rot.

Madhu is keen on studying for medicine & is applying for admission into one of the colleges affiliated to the Madras Law & Arts Universities. He wants a certificate of character from a reputed person & he couldn't think of any one ^(except you) really great who would give it to him for the asking. ~~He~~ is particularly insistent on by the American medical college at Vellore. I hope you will not mind giving this certificate to him. He must submit copies of these before the 15th May. If this letter happens to reach your hands in time, will you kindly send the desired certificate by return of post to the address given above or to my residence no. 10, Arcot Medaliaar Street, Thyagarayan P.O. Madras 17. I shall be going to Mandapam on the 4th May to show round Sir Pheroze Kharegat who is visiting that place on the 7th. I expect to be back here by the 9th or 10th May.

Trust this will find you, Lady Krishnan, Subbi, Papa, Paper & Pema all doing well. With affectionate regards, yours as ever
S. Srinivasa Rao

c/o Postmaster, Maharaniipetta P.O.
Vizagapatam Dt.
16.12.40.

My dear Krishniengar,

I hope you had a nice time at Benares and Aligarh.

I arrived here yesterday at 1-30 pm. Bhagavantam had sent his car to the Waltair station, which took us to the house he has arranged for us almost next to his. It is so convenient to have him next door, although my stay near him will prove to be a source of nuisance to him, I am afraid. However, I find myself quite settled already though I have been here less than 2 1/2 hours.

Bhagavantam is expecting to put up 12 guests in his house & you are one of them. Some visitors will certainly be housed in the University Hostel. The University area is a real beauty spot, perhaps the best in Waltair. It is a pity there are no houses or bungalows in the area except that of the Warden.

By the way, I have to trouble you with a small commission. My daughter, who was attending the

St. John's Diocesan Girls' High School, has been asked to sit for the next Matric Examin. in March 1941 as a private candidate, because the Principal of the School has suddenly made the discovery that my daughter hasn't put in the full term of one year. But if I remember right, there is a declaration to be made in the application form that a private candidate hasn't attended any ^{recognized} school during the previous one year. I wonder how I can make such a declaration after she has been at school ~~for~~ since February this year. Will you kindly send for an application form (for a female private candidate) from the University & send it to me? I understand that the application has to be submitted before the 8th January 1941. I should like to have a precise idea of the regulations in regard to the candidates appearing for the Matric privately. I think the Principal of the School has let me down badly. Before I left Calcutta ~~on~~ on Saturday I thought I could get this affair straightened, but the Principal was away, and I have left a note behind asking him to write to me here.

There is considerably difficulty here for water, but in the house I am occupying there is a tap from which the day's supply has to be stored in vessels. I am afraid this leaves very little hope of your wife being able to come over here for a change. I shall expect to hear from you in 2 or 3 days.

Yours affly
A. Srinivasa Rao