

Walter,

26.6.1949

My dear Krishnan,

We are all shocked to hear that there has been a terrible calamity (bereavement) in your family. Not knowing what it is has been making us more miserable, if that were possible.

Yours affectionately,

T. Vijayaraghavan

P.S. You should spend some time every day with all the members of your family, ~~who~~ each one freely reminiscing (and shedding tears). This is of some little help.

T.V.



Nilkhet
RAMNA
DACCA
2-3-1946

My Dear Krishnan,

I had been hoping that I would start by postponing to write to you for a few months or may be in a position till I have turned the corner and emerged from chronic & acute monetary needs, it would have been possible for me to ~~to~~ have a cheerful correspondence with you but the expectation seems to be a vain one for the present. [About a month ago the Vice-Chancellor of the Dacca Univ. asked me if I would accept the sinecure job of the officer in charge of the Bureau of Information for Students going abroad & the Registrar & some others. Congratulated me on having ^{virtually} got ~~the~~ the appointment. But thanks to the Railway accident - the V.C. ~~is~~ was not present at the relevant E.C. meeting & the job (₹1000 a month) went to another, ~~who~~ (Dr. P.K. De). S.M. Shah had brought some money ^{for me} to Bangalore ~~where~~ when he came there for the Science Congress & took it back with him to Aligarh as he did not meet me; there his brother took it from him for meeting some urgent needs]. This letter is not an appeal for money, but a preliminary one for a possible later appeal. Shah has promised definitely to ~~to~~ make a remittance next month but if he fails I shall

have to send you a telegram. My son writes that the ~~months~~ deficit since
November last is 100 Rs.

Will you be attending the ^{April} meeting of the Council of the N. I.?
I remember that it was agreed to hold a meeting in April in
Calcutta? Are you going abroad, & if so when? I am
thinking of ~~going~~ leaving for the U.S.A. in September 1946 or 1947.

Kosambi says that the Institute for Advanced Studies
(Princeton, N.J.) would like to have me in residence for
a term or two year. My idea is to avail myself of all
the leave due (about 5 months) & then resign ^{early} in
1947. Do you think that the idea is ~~not~~ unsound? It
looks as if I am in one of my active periods (or feeling
an upsurge as is the fashion to say now) and I hope
that it will last for some years. This is one of the reasons
for desiring to go abroad as early as possible.

K. S. Chandrasekharan writes to me that R. Vaidyanathan
has turned down an offer of a professorship at the Andhra
Univ. & that the Univ. is likely to advertise & call
for applications. After the Patna affair I do not feel
that I should apply for the Andhra chair. Perhaps
with a little luck I may be able to spend 2 or 3 years in the United
States till a suitable post is available for me in this
Country.

Yours all
T. V. Vaidyanathan

2nd Nov.

My dear Krishna,

N.M.B. is still continuing his seminar lectures, and ~~will be~~ the Seminar will be meeting every morning till the 6th on the evening of which ^{N.M.B.} he is leaving for Shillong.

I doubt if I shall come at all to Calcutta during this vacation, and this ~~has~~ is a disappointment to me.

N.M.B. has an audience of ^(including me) ~~two~~ and ~~it~~ it seemed unfair to break up the course, as would have been the case if I absented myself. Moreover, (1) I am rather keen on picking up an acquaintance with the topic on which he is lecturing, and (2) if the course is not brought to a conclusion ^{now} it is not likely to be over before ~~the~~ April.

I received your letter & the postcard.

Please do not bother to reply to this letter.

With greetings of the Season (Dipawali) from all of us here
to all of you there

Yours with
T. Vijayaraghavan.

1-9-1941

My dear K,

There is something appropriate in sending ~~an~~ an article in Tamil to the Annamalai ^{Univ.} Commem. volume. your daughter and Ambi can be of help to you in finding out if the construction of a sentence is easy or not. Simply ask them to read the paper aloud and you will see that if the construction ~~is~~ matter has been presented lucidly then they will read the sentence perfectly correctly whether or not they understand the contents.

I am glad that you will be having a really nice trip during the Pujah holidays though it will mean being away from your people.

Is ^{the present} your invitation to deliver certain lectures in Calcutta Univ. the first invitation from the ~~Calcutta~~ ^{Univ.} Univ.?

I shall probably attend both the Baroda & Aligarh meetings. I shall also try to attend the Wajapur meeting.

I have not yet received your the first part of your ms. ~~and~~ I suppose that it is not necessary to send it to me either.

Did you ~~send~~ ^{give} Vol. I of Dickson ~~to~~ (that I sent through Ayer) to Sarma? ~~If Sarma has a~~

Yours all
T.V.

The Vice-chancellor is keen that we should all vacate the house in a day or two, but it is probable that most of us will need a little time to be able to get away; the V.C. has all the along been taking very great pains to provide security for the students of the Halls, and to the residents in the Univ. houses. He will probably be here till all the houses in the Millket-area are vacated.

We have begun packing, and I shall be in ~~at~~ Calcutta on any day between now and Mg 2nd. Please ~~settle~~

~~make~~ settle a ~~flat~~ flat at once. I have no idea of leaving Calcutta if bombs begin to fall in some place in Calcutta, for I find that ~~problem of~~ shifting is more forbidding than bombs.

Wishing you a happy new year

Yours truly

T. Vijayagharu

^{yesterday}
P.S. I received a card from you. The V.C. tells me

that he has been assured that S.N.B. got you on the phone and has informed you that the practical examinations are off.

Mondy.

Dear Krishnan, Please send me a crossed draft ~~for Rs 250/-~~ (Two hundred and fifty) by unregistered post. There is a general belief that conditions in Dacca are deteriorating, and are likely to deteriorate further too. It is not considered safe to live in Nilkhet. A few days ago the Vice-Chancellor ~~to~~ went round the Nilkhet houses and instructed every one to move into his house if at any time there appeared signs of an approaching mob. Yesterday he wanted us ~~to~~ all to sleep in his house. His house is guarded by armed military guards, and moreover it will be easy to get ^{effective} protection quickly for one house than for a number of houses.

Uptill now I have been living here as if \neq no riot has been going on in Dacca, though I made it a point to collect all rumours — conflicting, fantastic, incredible (though ~~some~~ ^{a few} have proved entirely true, and a few partially true)

and numerous. ~~It~~ It now seems however that

I should get away from Dacca as soon as possible.

For a few days ~~from now~~ ^{from now} the Univ. area (including Nilkhet) ~~At present~~ Nilkhet will be ~~heavily~~ heavily guarded ~~area~~, and ^{for some time after that and at} at considerable expense to the University

there will be posted some armed men at key points ^{in the University area.} The present ~~for some time~~ ^{crisis} ~~is~~ ^{was} caused by the

fatal stabbing of a student of one of the ~~the~~ muslim Halls yesterday. The University has been abruptly closed till the 15th of June.

As it is unlikely that the Univ. will care to ask a
Madrasee to lecture to the Post-graduate students. & Am I
right in supposing that you had never been asked to lecture
to the ^{Post-graduate} Univ. students?

I do think that rent and milk will cost me more ^{at Calcutta} than at
Dacca ~~but~~ that ~~there~~ one need not grouse if the
increments are at the rate of Rs 50/- per annum.

When will the Public Service Commission advertise the post?

I wish that you would advise me to state in my
application that I shall not accept a lower
salary than Rs 700/- . I don't regret ^{it} if on account

of this stipulation I fail to secure the post.
If however you decide that ~~considering~~ ^{under the present circumstances} I
may accept 600 even I shall abide by your decision.

M. Hussain (Zakin Hussain's brother) has been
appointed for the duration (of the war) as a Special
officer in the All India Radio office, Delhi. H. was

Bokhari's choice, & the post was not advertised but
just offered to H. The appointments will be made for six
months at each time. H. has accepted the offer of the post
(Salary 775) and is leaving shortly, and will in all

probabilities get a permanent appointment with the
Govt. of India. One more good man is thus leaving
Dacca.

When is Chellamma due to deliver?

Yours affly

T. Vijayaraghavan.

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Provided
a loan is
made how raised
to pay off the
more urgent loans.

P.S. My mother, wife & all of us are very glad to know that Nachian has got married. Stars I hope that her husband is worthy of such a smart, industrious & good girl. Very few husbands are worthy of their wives though we ~~often~~ have a impression that we glimpse ~~of~~ ^{dominating} worthless, costly, and frivolous wives of weak, gullible, patient long-suffering, but affluent ~~and~~ husbands.

Sunday

My dear Krishna, Many thanks for your letter. I have thought over the matter very deeply, and I have decided that I shall do whatever you advise me to do. In future negotiations you need not refer matters to me at all. From ~~both~~ what Ayyar told me, and your ~~last~~ letters ~~it~~ is clear that you think that I should be well advised to take up the post in Calcutta. ~~It is~~ you can ~~not~~ tell Z. definitely [anything] on my behalf.

What will be the period of probation — or rather the time that will elapse before confirmation? This is to know when I can repay my debts ~~by~~ withdrawing the P.F. money.

Do you think that there is no serious risk of my being disqualified by the medical board?

Is it worthwhile to make one more effort to ~~try to secure~~ a higher initial salary? Is it likely that Jenkins who knows me (and who ~~is~~ will probably be impressed by the American Lectureships etc more than Principal Zubairi) may be able to help me wangle a higher starting salary if you speak to him?

Are the increments annual or biannual?

You have not replied to some of my queries in my previous letters.

What you say about ~~meeting~~ attending conferences ~~fully meets my~~ are fully assuring.

I am not much impressed by the prospect of an extra 100 Rs — a privilege not extended to teachers in the Pres. College —

Received
at
Calcutta
on
the
10th
of
the
month
of
the
year
1900

I hear ^{that - the} Hindu say that the present rioting is a very much more serious affair than the last one, and possibly it will go on for a long time. I hear that the muslim mobs are of the opinion that the Muslim Raj has come to stay and that this means that the Hindus can be exterminated or ~~at~~ enslaved whichever is the more profitable course. Those who have no insight to idea of how mobs think and behave will scoff at the whole above and say that it is most phantastic and totally absurd. ~~I do not~~

Nikkhet area has been quite safe until now, and we have not even had an alarm as yet.

The Vice-Chancellor, it seems, is trying all sorts of means to hold the few remaining examinations - practical examination, ~~and the B.A. examinations~~ ~~in~~ ~~Philosophy~~ two or three papers in some subjects in the B.A. examination. I hope that he will succeed.

Without some financial arrangements there is no possibility of my being able to come to Calcutta. Did you hear from T. V. Ramachandran? He mentioned that I might occupy his flats during my stay in Calcutta. If so, it is my idea that Dr. Shell should ~~I shall bear the~~ ~~he will be~~ ~~I shall bear the entire exp~~ I should pay his cook's pay and that he should not buy any provisions for himself as his cook during my stay there. Will this work? Will he agree? Did he speak to you. Any way, I shall not be able to leave Dacca before May. I shall convey your Gaurabhalis to N. M. D. I hope that all your people are doing well.

T. Vijayarajam.

4.4.1941

My dear Krishnan,

Will you kindly write to T.S. Swaminathan (Rajahmundry) to let you know if he ~~will~~ will be lending me money? I wrote to him long ago but I have not heard from him. In my letter I had stated that if for any reason whatever he had changed his mind he was certainly entitled to do so. My object was to hear from him definitely, even if in an unfavourable sense. It seemed possible that he wanted to make sure that you will be standing guarantee ~~and~~ but that he did not like to make those stipulations. [On the other hand, it is ~~not~~ more probable that he has changed his mind, and if you agree, please do not bother to write to him]

Things are very uncertain in Dacca. It is possible I believe that the Commissioner of Dacca is against the closing of the University, for fear that that will add to the panic and lower the ~~the~~ prestige of the District officials. ~~as a result~~ Evidently the Commissioner believes that the panic can possibly be higher than at present.

Waltair, 4.8.1947

My dear Krishna.

This letter concerns T. N. Ramachandra. He is to be posted to Waltair from sep. 1 from which date a new circle is being opened with its headquarters here.

It is now known that 3 Muslims (all his seniors) have elected to serve in Pakistan; Wheeler's contract comes to an end on Apr. 1; P. M. Chakravarty who is the only other officer who is senior to him in the Department will be 55 years old in June '48.

The probabilities are that though Wheeler is willing to hold an office in India or a State or in Pakistan he may not continue to be the D. G. after Apr. 1. It is believed that Wheeler has been asked to indicate his views about his successor and the place of senior officers in the future setup. A decision is likely to be obtained before the interim post. Breakup, i.e. within a few days. ~~Naturally~~ It may not be surprising if Chakravarty wants to be the D. G. & have an extension of service. [C. is now the joint D. G., a post created recently (2 or 3 years ago)]. In this context T. N. R. is not quite sure that his claims may not

be overlooked. You know that T. N. R. is
an all rounder [Exploration, Conservation,
Epigraphy and Museum] and should ~~be~~
at least be the joint D.G. [Of course, you
need no telling from me that all key positions
should be filled with competent and men of
good character and that the harm that results
otherwise is out of all proportion to the mistake
made or injustice done in making a choice]

It may be urged against R. that he declined
in 1936 as well as in 1937 to be deputed abroad.
Since R's father passed away in 1944 R has been willing
to be deputed abroad & intimated the D.G. ~~in 1944~~
to that effect in 1944 itself.

It seems that the entire Council or at any
rate a committee of the Council — and not merely
the member concerned decides such questions as appointments
of Heads of Departments. R. has been advised to make
his claims known to C.R. Can you help him in this?
The matter is very urgent. Probably Srinivasa Rao
has independently written to you about R.; Srinivasa Rao
advised R. to get you to present his case to C.R. affly T.V.

16.4.46

My dear Krishna,

From a letter that I received just now from Chandrasekharan, I ^{learn} understand that he has applied to the National Institute of Sciences for help (~~through the~~ from the Govt. of India) for passage money. I am writing this letter hoping that you may be attending the meeting of the Council.

It appears that Minakshi Sundaram didn't get the scholarship on account of his application not having reached Princeton in time. The other ^{Scholarship} ~~award~~ has gone to one K. G. Ramanaiah who is, I think, quite third rate. If you go to Pr

you will have to take up this matter with
some one or other whom you know well.

It appears that Princeton has invited
Dirac, Alexandroff, Kolmogoroff and Borok this
year.

Regarding Chandrasekhar, Madras ^{univ} want help
him as they have no funds for the purpose; C.
is a temp. teacher of the Andhra Univ.
and so, is not eligible for help.

Yours affly

T. Vijayaraghavan

Milkhet, ~~S~~ Ramna, Dacca,

13.4.1946.

Dear Krishnan,

Sometimes I felt depressed at not hearing from you in reply to my letters, but - am again in high spirits since last evening (New Year Eve) I trust that the new year will bring you fresh success and that all of you will have much happiness throughout the Vijaya Varsham

S.S. Pillai has heard from Princeton that his letter to them did not reach them in time the stipends had been awarded to two others, viz., K. Chandrasekhara and one Ramanatha. Of the Ramanatha is one of the two I have met, [have heard of and have read the papers (or book) of] then the choice is one that is going to ~~ad~~ affect adversely the prospects of future award of stipends to Indians.

It is now clear that Princeton is not inviting me this year; the only consolation is that I won't have to go abroad at a time when travel facilities are likely to leave much to be desired.

Did I write to you that I heard that the Andhra University ^{for the V.C. of the Univ.}

offered the professorship of Pure Maths. to R. Vaidyanathan & that he had ~~been~~ declined the offer in the form in which it was made. Now they have advertised it. I

do not propose to apply for it. ~~It is~~

This letter does not seem to be very cheerful but I want you to believe that I am cheerful at the moment.

Yours affly
T. Vijayaraghav

~~X~~ The main reason is that I should prefer to take up a new post after a visit to the U.S.A. There are two other reasons too.

9-2-1945

My dear Krishnan,

I drafted a reply immediately after I got your letter of 25-1-45, but not being satisfied with the draft I put it away hoping to ~~come~~ take it up when I had both the leisure & mood to write, but since I ^{ordinarily} get the mood ^{usually, get hold of me} during such awkward times as such as when I am in a gharry I have to be content with writing this at this moment of leisure.

I agree with almost everything in the article that you sent me. Briefly, the difference between the old and new attitudes will be that between the views of Thirukkottiyar Nambi and ^{those of} Rao Udayavan & Say, Namibillai. By the way, who is the author of the article [Design for Teaching, (Discovery)]? Shall I return ^{the typed copy of} the article to you.

I spent the Christmas holidays in Decca. I was living in my house at Milchet and ^{until my mother came on the 8th Jan. I had} having all my meals with the Medical officer who is a neighbour and friend of mine. Curiously enough I felt during those days that I was living in some quiet hotel in a foreign country with a Californian climate.

It is probable that Ramanurti will be a suitable referee for the paper you refer to, and it is better that you ask him not to be too indulgent. I have an idea that Ram Behari is (at any rate, at present) a very weak mathematician.

It will be nice if we all meet at Udaipur

X. I was the guest of the doctor & not a paying guest

Has Anbi appeared in the Matriculation examination? Does he
occasionally correspond with Pattuchami?

I am enclosing herewith the draft earlier referred to; I
happened to come across it just now.

Yours etc

T. Vijayaraghavan

Waltair $\frac{11}{12}$ - 1-1948

My dear Krishnan,

It appears that the Library of the Indian Math. Soc. contains 1300 volumes only. I am taking steps to ensure that unbound volumes get properly bound at an early date. If an Institute materializes then it could be transferred ^{to it.} ~~there~~ on a temporary basis till the Institute is able to ~~secure~~ build up its own library. This will be to the add advantage of the Institute & the Math. Soc.

By the way, will you please let me know of your suggestions for the questionnaire which is to be issued shortly by me to the members of the Ind. Math. Soc.

Do you think that it will be ^a desirable thing for the govt. of India ~~to earmark some of the~~ ^{to set} ~~grants that it makes~~ ^{by setting} apart some. Research Scholarships and fellowships for those who are unusually competent and want to work in Universities other than those ^{from} ~~for~~ which they ~~are~~ took their degrees or in which they are working.

(2)

The idea is that the best supervisor ~~is~~ being in some other University ~~and~~ the researcher wants to ~~work under~~ 'migrate' to the place where he could have the best supervisor. To take an instance, suppose that a student of the Delhi Univ. wants to work ~~is~~ under a ~~Calcutta~~ Professor of the Calcutta Univ. At present it will be nearly impossible to arrange for such work. Neither Delhi nor Calcutta will give such a person a scholarship without which it may not be possible for ~~the person~~ ^{him} to live in Calcutta. ~~The~~ If the Calcutta Univ. is not called upon to provide facilities in a Laboratory and if the student is so bright that supervising his work is not only not a drain on the energies of the professor but ~~is~~ on the whole ~~also~~ is of advantage to both the professor & the pupil (and even fellow pupils) then Calcutta ^{Univ.} need not object to the proposal. ~~It is not~~ It may be that it is proper that in a situation like that the Calcutta Univ. should have the final say, and moreover may insist-

that the researcher should become a member of the (3
University in some sense or other ~~for~~ such as
enrolling himself ~~to~~ as a candidate for a
research degree ~~and so forth~~. This is
-exactly what happens when a student from here
wants to work in a foreign University.

When Sadusivam was here I ~~sent~~
submitted a report on the needs of the
Dept. of Mathematics. This I did in consultation
with Bhagavantam & indeed ~~most~~ ^{all} of the items
except those mentioned below were put in
either at his suggestion or with his approval.

The items ~~that~~ about which he was not-
enthusiastic (nor critical) referred to
Research Professorships ~~and~~ and Research
Readerships with nominal lecture work
only. I now understand from the Principal
(V.S. Krishna) that Bhagavantam who was
asked to edit the proposals gave the last

place in the list of priorities for these proposals and finally they were not even included in the proposals sent to the Govt. of India. These things do not matter very much to me though I feel annoyed at being ~~left~~ asked to submit schemes merely for the purpose of shelving them. [I put in certain things for the reason that D. wanted them to be included & omitted whatever D. wanted me to omit.]] And some of the items that I included at B.'s suggestion ^{and is a request for a grant of Rs. 200,000 for astronomical} are now supposed to make the scheme extravagant]. V.S. Krishna who was not well posted with these matters - for the scheme concerned Science and ~~not~~ D. was in charge of it - had been asked by the Vice-Chancellor what was wrong with my scheme proposals & as he did not know what my proposals were he came to see me to enquire of me about them. I understood that Mahadevan goes about telling people that I draw up cranky and ~~half~~ ^{half} brained schemes & depend for their materialization on your help and that it was for that purpose that I 'put up you & you up' while you were here. This is a dreadful letter ^{in parts}. Please destroy it & don't acknowledge receipt of it. ^{in parts} your affl. T.V.

11. 11. 1941

My dear K,

Many thanks for your letter. I have not been able to locate Lawther's paper [on an application of ^{the theorem} that primitive roots (mod. p) exist when p is prime]. I shall try to send you the paper later.

Can you send to the enclosed address Rs 50/- in postal orders (not crossed; & registered post) ? I find it difficult to send a man to the bank and it is also difficult to send a man to the post office. The enclosed chq for Rs 61/- is made up of 5 folios: -

To Deesa M.D. Shah:	50-0-0.
Postage & Postal order fee:	0-10-3
To you (for what S.M. Shah took from you)	10-0-0.
Collection chq	0-4-0.

I am now much better, and this is
perhaps due to the fact that I sleep
with windows open.

Yours all

T. V.

Read P. 344 first; pages 1+2
describe who M. H. Stone is

Waltair 28/10

(1)

My dear Krishnan,

Do you remember M. H. Stone
who came to India during war time? [I wanted him
to look you up but I forget if he did so] His father
was the late chief justice of the Supreme Court of the U.S.A.
M. H. took to Maths in spite of his father's wishes that
he should ~~not~~ study Law — so I heard —
He became professor at Harvard at a very early age
and I believe to, but am not sure, that he had
been chairman of the Dept at Harvard. [There is
no permanent head at Harvard but a chairman
is elected once every 3 years, I think.] He has
published a book in the Colloquium Series of the American
Math. Soc. & is the author of many longer papers.
He is ~~probably the~~ certainly one of the most influential
men in the mathematical world of the A. S.
He & he alone was responsible for securing
~~the Princes~~ for Chandrasekhar & Minakshisundaran
the Princeton Fellowships. [I ^{work} recall, up to May 1948,
\$ 10,000 - 0 - 0.] He is a top notch man

(2)
the Mathematical World ^{among the} American Mathematicians
and recently went to Chicago ^{in 1946} ^{or in 1945} as the

head of the Dept. of Mathematics with an object of
making ~~the Chicago~~ ^{at Chicago} the Dept. of Math. the best (sic)
of such departments among American ~~the~~
Universities. He has ^{successfully} grabbed Andre Weil,

Saunders Mac Lane (the top man in his subject in the
U.S.A.) & Zygmund (the one of the best of

Hitler's gifts to U.S.A. ~~is~~ as the author of the
best book on Trigonometric series) & made them

Professors in his Dept. [At Chicago there is a formal
head of each dept. with nominal ~~or no~~ or
no lecture work]. By the way M. H. is an Honorary
member of the Indian Math. Soc. (The other
two American Honorary members are ~~A~~ Hermann Weyl
& Max Dehn. [Hermann Weyl is now in America, I suppose])

* Refugee from Europe. Polish Jew, I think.

men so chosen badly let us down. ~~in some sense~~. Thus one gentleman who came from Madras got down at Waltair ^{in the morning}, called on the Chairman of the Board at his residence and then proceeded to Calcutta (or Delhi) by the ~~next~~ ^{afternoon} train. Though he had not attended the meeting of the Board and though he was getting full T. A. for the meeting that he attended at Calcutta (or Delhi) he claimed (+ got) his t.a. from the Andhra University. He said that when he called on the Chairman of the Board he had discussed with him about the matters on the Board Agenda.

Another gentlemen used to come here from near Delhi, collect his t.a. (which is given in cash at the time of the meeting) and leave the meeting after attending it for 15 minutes to catch a train to go to his village to attend leisurely to matters connected with ~~his~~ his lands. Group loyalty, family loyalty and such like sometimes fail.

And indeed Cynics & wiremen too have often (4
noted that ^(especially) where there is ignorance a man is his own
worst enemy. &

I sat down to write a nice pleasant & long letter
but this ~~small~~ introductory ^{& not very pleasant} small talk has grown
~~big and~~ lengthened much beyond the planned limit.

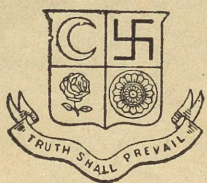
Alamelu came here a week ago to be of help
to her grandmother; the rest are in Tambaram.

In many respects, including some important ones,
I am ~~very~~ happy here. , I think,

How are you all doing? Anubi must be very
busy with his preparations for the examination.

Did you attend the ^{Dacca Univ.} Selection Committee meeting at
Calcutta? Recently ~~the post was offered to~~ Bhagavantam
was consulted about his willingness to accept the Dacca chair
but he declined firmly. I am glad to know that
there will be one Academy for India.

your affl
T. Vijayaraghavan



UNIVERSITY OF DACCA

Department of Mathematics.

Ramna, Dacca 29. 1. 1945.

My dear Krishnan,

I was very glad to get your letter & the typed copy of the article from "Discovery". Who is the author of the article? Much of what he says ~~is~~ I strongly agree with almost all his views. Much of what he says is ~~of~~ known to many, but most [of those many] do not attach much importance to it. They will perhaps say that it is a better method of teaching, but not worth the bother. The intelligent student will somehow arrive at the destination no matter how repellent ~~it is~~ the teaching. Moreover science teaching is for the few only.

[Of course, this is just like saying that teachers,

Universities, Scholarships, opportunities of employment, etc are all ~~unnecessary~~ for the not so very necessary

~~Consider the~~ ^{They think that} ~~look at~~ Ramanujan, Raman, Shakespeare, etc. prove their case. [The two R's certainly prove the contrary.]

The great man has a ~~rendezvous~~ ^{rendezvous} with destiny and he manages somehow to keep his engagement.

The chief trouble is that all but few ^{teachers} lack ~~either the~~ one or more of

Such qualities as aptitude for the profession, competence, energy, and capacity -
The pity is that sometimes ~~even~~ a few great men too
lack the enthusiasm to teach ^{in the proper}. Such thinkers like Nambiar

Complicate the problem of successful propaganda.
for the creation of sound methods of teaching.

If the ~~state~~ ^{government} begins to attach great importance to text books and takes all wise & energetic measures to ensure that such books are produced fairly rapid progress can be made in some respects. The problem of creating competent & cheerful (& therefore enthusiastic) teachers in adequate numbers ~~will be~~ can perhaps be solved in the course of ~~centuries~~ two or three generations provided a new ^{great} civilization comes into being and thrives too.

~~for several~~

Even when all these present ~~the conditions of~~ ^{for instance} ~~teaching~~ other factors [such as the examination system, the general outlook of the students & their parents, ~~matter~~ the poverty of the students, ~~is~~ ~~matter~~ ~~matter~~ ~~rule out~~ ~~for a reader unpopular~~ ~~of~~ sound ~~teaching~~ methods of education.

to disencumber oneself from the so called
Dukh (~~parents~~ ~~dependents~~, ~~to~~ ~~to~~ ~~parents~~, ~~wife~~, ~~children~~, ~~poor relations~~) worries, & petty ambitions that

primary
the discharge of one's
duties
with

all the way to Delhi for it, & especially nice
much work had to be done in Madras where
T. N. R. was at that time. T. N. R. is
anxious to go abroad & will avail
himself of the earliest opportunity to
do so. He wants of you to ~~keep an~~
~~eye on~~ safeguard his interests as much
as you can.

Yours truly
T. Vijayaraghavan

It is now 1 A.M. (10th — 11th Dec.)
& I am sleeping

T.V.

Waltair
10/12/47

My dear Krishna,

T.N

I communicated to Ramachandra what you wrote; he is grateful to you for ~~the~~ it. He has not, however, heard from the Govt. of India or his Director.

He wonders why Chakravarty who is nearly 55 years old should be sent abroad. He is also afraid that C. will push up ~~some~~ above T.N.R. some one who is now ~~below~~ junior to T.N.R. It appears that sometime ago one who was junior to T.N.R. was made to act at ~~new~~ ^{Delhi} as Deputy-Director General during a temporary vacancy. (The Director General wrote a letter of explanation (+ consolation) saying that the vacancy was for a short period & that he didn't want to bother T.N.R. to come

Thursday

25/12/41

My dear Krishnan,

Many thanks for your letter which I was delighted to receive. ~~However~~ My programme is still unsettled* but I hope to be able to reach Calcutta on or before the 30th. It is probable that though a state of emergency has been declared in this province still there may not be a cancellation of a substantial ~~amount~~ part of the train service, and people may be allowed to travel about with a moderate amount of luggage. Perhaps within a day or two the position will become clearer.

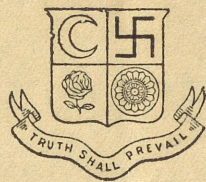
I am glad to hear that your ~~for~~ people have left for the South. Though this may seem to be a ~~complete~~ ~~very~~ dose of living in the South' still it is good in itself. That was my feeling ~~both~~ when I went abroad in 1936 and I felt the same way after my return.

* I shall be writing to you every day till the programme gets settled.

It was extremely nice of you to have reserved two berths to Bombay. I have you any engagements in Bombay?

I suppose that the withdrawals in Malaya were necessitated by the need for having a large military force in and ~~at~~ around Bhagalpur and that the British ~~the~~ navy is entitled to great credit for having successfully effected this withdrawal ~~without any casualty and~~ right under the nose of the Japanese.

The A. R. P. activities are going on in full swing at Dacca even, and though this tickles the vanity of some people ~~in~~ and makes them imagine that they are in the front line of firing, the general public seems to be utterly indifferent to the A. R. P. it.
your affly
T. Vignani



Mandy,

RAMNA
DACCA

7.7.41.

My dear Kushman.

Many thanks for your letter. In a letter

to me Sourvi (my brother-in-law) says that it was a piece of genuine good fortune for him to ~~know~~ have met you and thereby have known how good and great a man can be. ~~More than half~~ from the ^{Social} point of view the greater part of the excellence of good many virtues ^{arise from the fact-} that they are able to propogate themselves by spreading from person to person. [It is a pity that in the matter of physical health, many diseases are ~~of the~~ infectious but good health is not] Of course, this spreading is not according to any simple law. [Else, how could one explain why ^{the} Raman (C. V.) did not tradition of enthusiasm, hard and good work, etc. did not take any root in the Science College? Why should Gandhi's eldest-son be the sort of man (?) he is?] If ~~hopes~~ have not been ^{the} hopes that were entertained about the Dacca University have not been realized it is, I think, due entirely to the absence of fountain heads of inspiration. The growth of good traditions in the absence of such sources ^{more} is a matter of chance than anything else.

Thanks very much for the A. J. R. chq. Please send word to the Komala Vilas that I shall send the balance (after the payment of Rs 50/- that I sent through you by an M. O.) later.

Yours affectionately
T. Vijayaraghavan

P.S. I shall try to get from the Librarian of the Dacca Univ.
some stamps for Ambr. Please tell him this.

16/7/1941.

My Dear Krishnan,

Many thanks for your letter. Would it be possible to get loans of Rs 3000 each from two persons ~~th~~ on the understanding that the repayment will be at a slow rate for (if they prefer it) at the end of a long period?

On many days in the week I do think that I ~~could~~ would give up the post in Dacca if I can get ~~Rs~~ 500 Rs even elsewhere, but it seems to me that if I now accept in Calcutta ^x a post on Rs 600/- then at the end of two or three or five years I ~~will~~ ^{shall} again be in a morass of debts. Moreover the acceptance of this post might impose a moral obligation not to get away for a few years to come and there are probabilities that some better posts may be ~~you~~ fall vacant during the next three years. At present my salary is really Rs 650/- [taking the P.F. contribution of the Univ.] in a non-pensionable post and in spite of future prospects [besides the prospect

^x: rent, cost of milk, etc.

ask me to

of a pension] I think it is not quite fair to ~~me~~
to offer ^{accept} Rs 600/- only. [Of course, the other party will say;

Nobody asked you, sir, ~~asked you, sir.~~] Moreover
it is doubtful if a medical Board will pass me. †

Taking these into consideration I have decided not
to apply for the Islamiyah College post unless there is
a chance of a higher initial salary than you
mention.

My idea is that if I can get a starting salary of
Rs 800/- I could stay on permanently in the college
and make a thorough success of the special job
for doing which they want a new man.

Will you verify that for my age - I will be 39 in
Dec. 1941 - the starting salary is 600? If

the Principal wants to know definitely from you
if I will take up the post - you may tell him

† Do you think that this part of the business will be some
what more easy if I don't apply for but the post is offered to me?

that I cannot have definitely come to the definite conclusion that I shall not accept Rs 600/-.

1. How can you find out for me what ~~the~~ is ~~change~~ are the ~~probable~~ number of students that ^{took} take up ~~the~~ math. in the pass & honours courses ~~set~~ respectively in the ~~Delamich~~ Delamich College during the last two years?

2. ~~#~~ How many ^{lectures} ~~hours of work~~ will I be expected to ~~do~~ ^{deliver} in the college per week? [~~lecture work + tutorial work~~ if these ~~with~~ are tutorials too how many ^{period} hours of tutorials will I be expected to take?].

3. Does the college have intermediate ~~students~~ ^{classes} too, and if so will I be expected to lecture for those classes even?

4 What will be the total Staff in the Department
of Mathematics, and is it reasonable to
hope that the members of the staff will co-operate
with the head of the department, and, if need be,
will modify their styles of lecturing and tutoring
according to
as per the suggestions of the head of the
Department? There are certain departments
in certain Universities where, just for this
lack of the spirit of co-operation on the part
of the members of the department, ~~and~~ the
heads of the departments — no matter how
competent they are — can do ^{only a} ~~very~~ little to
train the students in such a way as would enable
them to get high marks in the subject in
competitive examinations; this is spite of the fact, ~~and~~
~~that the material — i.e.,~~ the students — ~~is~~ good,
are intelligent and hard working.
your affectionate
T. Vijayaraman

Nidkhet,

14.7.1944

My Dear Krishnan.

Many thanks for the draft. It reached me at a critical time, and I should think that the situation at Madras was even more so than with me.

Ayyar expects to become a grandfather sometime towards the end of this year and ~~it~~ he did not know of it nor of consequent expenses — even the valai kappu will cost him more than a couple of hundreds of rupees — ~~that~~ when he gave me the loan. I could see that he was infinitely relieved when I suggested that he & I could divide your draft equally between us. His account too is overdrawn.

Do be on the lookout for a temp. job for me. The more I think about it the more it becomes clear that my problems could ^{not} be solved if I continue

at Dacca.

I am re-writing my short-note for
the journal & shall send it in to you
in the course of a week.

Yours affly

T. Vijayaghava

P.S. How is Chandra? (Did
you meet him at Lahore?)

My dear Krishna,

5-5-43

This letter is an S.O.S. for money. I am sorry that I can no longer postpone sending it. I request you to do whatever you can. If you can arrange to meet my needs in full and at once I shall have an opportunity to lead a peaceful and fruitful existence for 3 years, and I won't be worse off at the end of that period than I am now. I want you to explore all possibilities through all our friends.

I wrote to S.M. Shah in March and drew a blank. I also wrote ^{early} in April to ~~some~~ a classmate who is in the D.C.S. I have not yet heard from him - I had not asked him not to bother to reply in case there was nothing doing.

Here ^{the cheapest quality} the price of rice has now come down to Rs 30/- per maund, and the cost ^{almost} of every other thing [~~except~~ rent charges & electricity charges have not yet gone up] has doubled itself during the last 6 months.

I am yet unable to send even one of my 'children' to school. I state my needs on the reverse page, and though my needs ~~are not~~ ~~will arise~~ ~~every month~~ are not for a large sum of money at once I think that I will be able to have ~~any~~ sufficient mental peace for hard work if only I have a large advance ^{loan} now ~~for~~ ^{to} my unhappy experiences in the past - make me ^{feel} very doubtful about ~~all~~ future ~~loans~~.
yours with T. vijayalakshmi

- My needs are (i) Rs 150/- per month for the next 12 months
 [I can't hold out beyond 10th of June].
 (ii) Rs 100/- per month for the 12 months after that
 (iii) Rs 50/- per month for the 12 months after that
 (iv) Rs 1500/- as a lump sum some time or other,
 preferably as soon as possible. [About Rs 700
 of this will be needed by me for the D.Sc. degree of Oxford].

The total is roughly Rs 5000.

My present net ^{monthly} income is ~~now~~ below Rs 200/- ~~per month~~.

I have fully paid off my Madras dues and it is partly due to the instalments that I pay in that connection that my net income has fallen so low. I will have some relief in June 1944, and some more relief in June 1945.

Some 8 months ago I had so many letters and telegrams - all appeals - from Govindswamy Naider that I sent in my resignation to the Vice-Chancellor N.M.D. who came to know through the V.C. of the reasons for my resignation immediately offered to borrow and pay off my Madras dues within a month. He did so. This Madras problem which was baffling me so much finally got solved with me who volunteered to give me a loan though I had not asked him for it.

If you give me all that I have asked for still I will not be more indebted at the end of 3 years from now than I am now. In all probability I will be a little less indebted. No doubt by then I will have to think of solving some very costly domestic problems. There can be no ^{real} solution of my financial problems unless I leave the Dacca University. Please try to get me any job anywhere provided the salary is not below Rs 600.

15-5-1943

RAMNA, DACCA.

My dear Krishna,

You two letters and the draft ^{sent to hand} } I am respect-
 } # I can compare
 my present feelings to those that I felt on one previous occasion
 only; that was when ~~in spite~~ the Registrar of the Madras Univ.
 sent me a letter saying that the Madras Univ. had granted me
 a scholarship of a little over £1000 ^{all} and enquiring of me whether
 I would accept it. [I had applied for a scholarship in 1924
 but not a year ^{one} later when ~~it~~ ^{one} was awarded].

Your telegram literally stunned me with joy. For a minute or so
 after receiving it & I was ~~at~~ sitting with a blank mind just staring at
 it. After that I had considerable difficulty in locating the place where
 I should sign for the receipt of the telegram, and the telegraph
 man pointed the place to me. It is very probable that he thought
 that he brought ^{me} some quite shocking news. And I felt rather
 weak for a couple of hours after that. And I think that
 that it was good for me that I ~~had~~ misread your telegram as saying
 "Shall send draft for thousand Mandy". I discovered the mistake
 after reading your letters.

T. Vijayalakshmi
yourself
few
years
ago
writing

Another service that you have done me is to correct my notions concerning certain things that are in Kural. My father used to think that the chapter on 834 (^{chap} 106) might have had - or probably had - much validity in a different age & different civilization but that the sort of things that are referred to in that chapter are ~~highly~~ becoming highly exceptional occurrences in this world. But it seemed to me that it at no time could it have been the case that there were more than a few of whom it could have been ~~so~~ said " 834 835 836 837 838 839 840 841 842 843 844 845 846 847 848 849 850 851 852 853 854 855 856 857 858 859 860 861 862 863 864 865 866 867 868 869 870 871 872 873 874 875 876 877 878 879 880 881 882 883 884 885 886 887 888 889 890 891 892 893 894 895 896 897 898 899 900 901 902 903 904 905 906 907 908 909 910 911 912 913 914 915 916 917 918 919 920 921 922 923 924 925 926 927 928 929 930 931 932 933 934 935 936 937 938 939 940 941 942 943 944 945 946 947 948 949 950 951 952 953 954 955 956 957 958 959 960 961 962 963 964 965 966 967 968 969 970 971 972 973 974 975 976 977 978 979 980 981 982 983 984 985 986 987 988 989 990 991 992 993 994 995 996 997 998 999 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 1024 1025 1026 1027 1028 1029 1030 1031 1032 1033 1034 1035 1036 1037 1038 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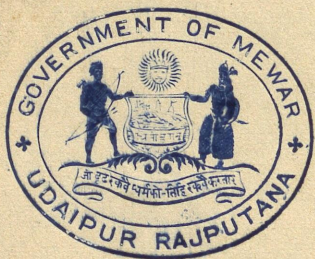
Dear Krishna,

Will it be possible to order ~~for~~
for an enlargement of Ramanujan's photo? The
Maths. seminar here must have one, and the
seminar will pay.

The account that appeared in the Hindu of your
lecture on low temperatures was a very readable one,
and I doubt if there is any scientist in India other
than C. V. R. who could have delivered such lectures.

I trust that you had a pleasant trip to
Trivandrum.

Yours sincerely
T.V.



UDAIPUR,

RAJPUTANA.

Camp, New Delhi,
2nd January 1946.

My dear Dr. Krishnan,

I arrived in Karachi on the 31st December by Air and here yesterday by Air. I shall be going to Udaipur next week.

I am sorry to have missed the meetings of the Indian Academy and of the National Academy. It would have been a great joy to have been present. I hope you found the arrangements satisfactory. Kindly let me know your impressions.

Yours sincerely,

T. V. Vyngura Shastri

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Dr.K.S.Krishnan, F.R.S.,
The University,
Allahabad.

Nilkhet

10-5-1943.

Dear Krishnan,

Who but you would have sent more than what I immediately needed and earlier than I needed it?

But I appreciate the telegram most. Hail to your haste.

Yours affly
T. Vijayaraghavan

Calcutta, 18/9/46

18/9/46.

My dear Krishna,

I shall
reach Allahabad on the 22nd
or earlier [i.e., on the 20th or 21st
or ~~the~~ 22nd]. I wonder if Serrin
can stay on for a few days
more. I am most-anxious to
meet him but I am not sure
if I will be able to go
Lahore.

It was just like you to
send me the telegram which I got
at Dacca. I left Dacca the next

day, but inertia and difficulty
in ~~obtaining~~ securing a berth
have prolonged my stay here.

Yours affly

T. Vijayaraghavan