

1, Vassar Street
Cambridge - Mass. U.S.A.
20th Dec 1926

My dear father,

Your letter dated Portbandar on 17th Nov
to hand on the 17th instant.

I am doing quite well though this
Tuesday my weight registered 106.9 lbs. The cold is
getting more and more severe. The wind that comes is
blowing. On Saturday a wind blowing at the rate of 56
miles an hour swept past the west coast of America and
brought down the temperature unusually low. Some
places recorded 15° below zero. Our city had a tempera-
ture of 7° above zero in the morning which rose to 12°
during the day-time. Now a days the temperature keeps
somewhat near 20°; but because we expect more
cold. We had no snow this week; the snow which
is already here has hardened. We always get glorious
sunshine, and heat is a distinct advantage here over
the English climate.

I was invited by our Miss Gutterson on
Saturday for tea. I formed her acquaintance at
the meeting of the Hindooomian Association. She is a
graduate, and a member of the League of friends and
neighbors and takes great interest in international
politics. She was born of missionary parents in South
of India and so has quite an attachment for our
land & her birth. Prof. Kosambi was also there; and
we had a very intellectual talk. Prof. Kosambi then
led me out for dinner.

We have also been inviting him to our place.
Last Sunday we had him with us; this Sunday it was
his turn our friends, Rose and Alexander prepare Dal
Hilwa (Jira), Vegetable, Pulao (spiced rice) and meat.

It's really a pleasure to have Indian dishes. We intend to go on for more entertainment during the Christmas vacation which we are going to have beginning from Thursday.

The Americans over here, at least some of them are very mindful of foreigners. They would like to know them and give them and idea of the real American life. We have been invited on the Christmas eve by a lady called Mrs. Shepherd to her place. The Cosmopolitan club is also doing its best. The Christmas is a great festivity and Boston is renowned for its observance. It was Boston that first pioneered the singing of Christmas carols in the streets. Groups of people go round certain streets singing carols and the houses are illuminated. I want to see all this, though it all takes place in the evening. I shall see that I go out fully protected against the biting cold that we are now having.

I have been doing quite well in my subjects. There was one in French after last week's the 1st class man, and they brought me it. While the Physic's subject has brought me 100. I am doing better also in drawing. I have nearly finished half the work & the second term, and though I have caught several work at it done during the Christmas vacation, I think I shall have no difficulty to avail of it looking to the work that remains.

We shall have terminal examinations in all subjects except drawing. Teachers will find us in the second term, and I shall have to pay a fee of 155-00 dollars. I have just now two hundred and seventy-five dollars. They will see me to the end of Feb. Hence I shall require money by the end of Feb., and I have written accordingly to my brother and Dinchandbhai at Bombay.

With respects

Yours truly
Bikamal