

My dear father,

1, Vassar Street
Cambridge, Mass, U.S.A.
2nd Jan 1927

I am in receipt of your letter dated Ahmednagar the 12th Dec 1926. So I have now been writing my letter in English and I wonder if they do anybody good. At least I am sure Champa can not make head or tail of them and other boys are away from home to derive any benefit; however I shall continue writing in English till you ask me to do otherwise.

I am glad to see that Sri Anantlal Thakkar has been elected President this time. He is a good and trusted servant of the people and it is always desirable that one from them presides at their conferences. I have always a distrust for these rajahs. They have all almost lost the sense of duty which a true conception of non-aristocratic society enjoys in them towards their subjects. It is a tough problem for India and Free India shall have to ask them to retire from a position whose privileges they have abused as a class, as well as as individuals.

I had some fine time here this week. The holidays has lessened the tedium; and I moved out freely in response to Christmas invitation. One is now mentioning that from the Rotary Club. It is an international organization of industrialists and professionals, one of its objects is to cultivate international peace and understanding by mutual contact and friendship. The foreign students of M.I.T were invited to a luncheon last Thursday. Certain of their rituals and formalities are quite interesting. Members call one another by the first name; after lunch they sing songs, and singing songs shake hands with one another. One can see how intimacy can be developed in such atmosphere. I had the good fortune of making acquaintance with one Mr Stockwell who is the vice-president of a great manufacturing firm Barlow, Stockwell & Co. All of them were great industrialists, but they mixed with students so freely. I wish to cultivate the acquaintance of Mr Stockwell. It is all so different from India or even England, where the rich will not descend to work upon the poor.

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Last month my expenses come to \$1862.97.

Baths	3.50	
Gas	6.50	
Scotch	6.00	I consulted a dentist and got three fillings
Christmas Presents	2.25	
Hinduism Association dues	2.00	

The remainder still forms a good portion, and gives me the idea how expensive American living is. I think I ought to be more ~~strict~~ on the work-out to probably control my expenses. Searchandthai writes to me that I shall be receiving some 3000-5000 by the beginning of the next month. I also see that my business is rather dull. I do not want that he should be hard-pressed to find money promised by him for me. I wish that he lets me know it in Home, so that I can find some work over here, and try to work my way out.

With respects

Yours truly
Vikramlal

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Last month my expenses came to \$Mar 62.97.

Baths	3.50	
Gloves	6.50	
Dentist	6.00	I consulted a dentist and got three fillings
Christmas Presents	2.25	
Hindu-Canadian Association dues	2.00	

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