

Bondoeng, Java. May 22, 1912.

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My dear Margaret:-

I received your letter dated Jan 22.

I was surprised to learn that you were studying in Germany, but I am glad you have found something to your taste. You wrote me once that you wished to do something for suffrage and I have a task for you. India is the most hopeless country for women because of the caste. There is one class called the Brahma Samaj who do not believe in caste and they are the progressives of India. There is a beautiful girl in Calcutta who together with her sister, who did not impress me so much, graduated at the Calcutta University. They are interested in the woman movement, especially in education and I want that girl to come to Budapest. It would prove a light for all India if she could for she is in the best center of the Indian movement - not the cranks and hot heads but the thinkers who compose this center. I should like you to take up correspondence with her. Tell her I have expressed the hope that she will come and assure her that if she does you will help look after her and make her feel at home. If I must take note you will make first friends. She has big brown eyes, the most raven black hair, and a mouth like a cupid's bow. Of course she is brown, but a pretty girl. She is aspiring and we must make her feel our warm sympathy. Of course, also she is a Hindu in religion. I will ask

Rosa Manus and Mia Boesvian to write her also. but they
have undertaken some big thing in Holland, and must be
very occupied, so I rely upon you to do this chiefly. Naturally
it would be a great thing for a young girl to make that
long trip and ^{to} come among a people alien to her in
color, religion and custom. I want her to feel before
hand that she has many friends anxious to receive
her.

We are just now in the mountains where it is cool
enough to work. I am bringing my correspondence
up to date, which I could never have done, so long as we
remained in the heat. Every particle of ambition oozes
out through the pores of our skin in respiration here.

I hope you are still happy in your study and that
you will find some definite use for it, as I am sure you
will. I am proud of you, and shall look forward
with anticipation to meeting the learned Miss Coit
at Budapest if I do not see her before.

Lovingly,
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