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My dear

While in your midst I had plenty of time to keep in touch with all of you. This I must attribute to two factors, namely, the various time saving devices you have and the easy life of your priest friend.

The very day I landed on the Cochin Air Port I was given the charge of the St. Francis Assisi High School as Headmaster. In addition I was appointed Director of Christian Doctrine and Director of Social Service.

In my School there are about 900 boys and girls. My dissertation at Cal as you know was on the Kerala State Examinations. However my batch of students this year came out very low on these tests. It may take some time to regain the standard. The School faculty consists of 36 teachers. Two of these are sisters and two of us are priests. Lady teachers lead by a majority of one. In the School we have recently organized a Saving Fund for the teaching and non-teaching staff. This is helping them in a very wonderful manner to buy properties, redeem debts etc. We feel mighty happy about this.

When my brother Clarence returned from the U. S. he brought me 16 m. m. projector. We are putting this to very good use. The Government gives the films for free show. But they do not have a single religious picture. I am proud of my library, thanks to the Asia Foundation and my many friends. These books are well arranged in a hall 80' by 20' and, a reading room. One of the teachers is the librarian and is doing a marvellous job. The School has lately organized an Auxiliary Cadet Corps. The officer in charge is just the youngster you would want. A few of my students have already been selected for active service. This is only the beginning. We have a girl scout unit. There are a number of pious organizations in the school such as Legion of Mary, Sodality & Altar Boys. Every First Friday they receive General Communion. Two of our priests sit from morn till 4 p. m. hearing Confessions. On First Fridays we usually have a dialogue Mass or children sing some songs. This is a parish school. I have a very good team. They never fail in their duty while I do. We are working out a great social revolution. This school has been selected as the center for National Efficiency Drive, thanks to the Physical Instructor. Last year one of our students established a State record. This year our juniors may do much better. The girl students are still a shy group. One of the Reverend Sisters is newly put in charge of the girl's sports and games to bring the best out of them. Let us have our fingers crossed. Are these the girls that are going to fight the Chinese?

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My social service consists in guiding some Cooperative Societies. These Societies are helped, audited and supervised by the Government. My School has a Cooperative Society. This I wish to develop in to Coop Store. I am the President of a Fish Industrial Cooperative Society. We had accomplished great things through this society prior to my leaving for the States. Now opportunities are much greater. I am in touch with a large cross section of the people. This eats away my time. The various qualities of the people fill me with pride and joy. We are carrying on the unfinished task. God has given us a task and this we have to carry on with vision, courage and grace.

I am sure you want first hand war news. To speak the truth, you will be far better informed than we here in India. You will get news from all countries with out the controls that are necessary in war affected areas. Let me tell you this. The people of India are very grateful to my fan President Kennedy and to the people of the U. S. A. We are very grateful to Britain and to the Commonwealth countries. War with China, I think, may last for at least a decade. Every man and woman in India is eager to go to the fore front and fight. I have never seen such willingness, unanimity and courage. The hated Indian Communists are still loyal to Peking. Can you imagine? This war is Providential. India can easily spare 50 million people and can do away with birth control. There are about 3.5 million Ex-service men in India. As soon as winter is over war with China will take new form and life. Krishna Menon, thank God, is out. He will never rise again. He thought he could feed the serpent, with milk so that it may not bite. This war has stopped the process of industrialization of the country. However war has its own economic and social benefits. The teachers of the School are giving a day's salary to the war fund and 50% from their association. For the students there is a box in every class. Daily they spare some thing for the war fund. These children no doubt spare from their necessities. Our victory will help to preserve democracy as well as dignity and freedom of man in the East. If not the members of the slave State will consume the rest of Asia and Africa.

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