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SUBJECT.

Forwarding an application
from Mr. K.R. Menon for an appointment
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FROM

C. H. A. HILL, Esq.,
Under Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Madras.

Home Department.
Education.

Simla, the 22nd September 1897.

SIR,

I AM directed to forward for the consideration of the
Governor in Council
an application (with enclosures) from Mr. K. R. Menon in which he prays for
an appointment in the service of Government. Mr. Menon appears to be possess-
ed of exceptional qualifications.

I have the honor to be

Your most obedient Servant.

C. Hill

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

Dated August 1897.

From—K. R. MENON, Esq., Christ's College, Cambridge,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

May I lay before you this my request for suitable employment under the Government of India.

I am by birth a Nair of Cochin, where my father is a revenue official. I took my B.A. at the Madras University in Biology and Zoology; gained the Gilchrist Scholarship in 1893; came to England, and obtained an Exhibition and Scholarships at Christ's College of the successive values of £28, £40, and £50 a year. I took my degree in Natural Science, obtaining a First-class in the First Part, and again a First in the Second Part of the Science Tripos. The latter examination was in 1897. I was examined for the First Part in Botany, Geology, Physiology and Zoology, and I specialised in Zoology for the Second Part. The University of Cambridge has now honoured me by choosing me to take the Cambridge University Zoology table at Dr. Dohrn's Zoological Station at Naples.

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Mr. Harmer, Fellow of King's College, and University Lecturer in Zoology.

Mr. Sedgwick, Reader in Zoology.

Professor Newton, Professor of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy.

Professor Marshall Ward, Professor of Botany.

Mr. Darwin, Reader in Botany.

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I apologise if I seem to have written egotistically. But I know that the Government, while it desires to encourage Indian experts, require full evidence of a candidate's fitness for the employment he desires. Therefore I have presumed to describe at length the qualifications which I possess. I am 24 years of age in the present year, 1897.

TESTIMONIALS.

CHRIST'S COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE,

July 7th, 1897.

I have great pleasure in testifying to the character and ability of Mr. K. R. Menon. For the last four years he has been a student at this College, and during the whole of this time his conduct has been in every way most satisfactory.

He is a quiet and gentlemanly man, and unusually popular with his fellow students.

Both in 1894, when he was elected an Exhibitioner, and in 1895, when he was elected a Scholar of the College, he was placed in the First-class in the Intercollegiate Examination in Natural Sciences. This is an examination of some 160 students in which, with one or two exceptions, all the Colleges in the University take part, and in 1895 Menon was second in the list. His University Examinations were equally successful; in 1896 he was placed in the First-class of the Natural Sciences Tripos, Part One, and this year he was placed in the same class in Part Two of the same Tripos. Menon is a thoroughly trained Zoologist, in addition to his work in the Laboratories of the University, he has studied at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Plymouth, and has recently been appointed to work at the University table at Dr. Dohrn's Zoological Station at Naples. I can confidently recommend him for any post in which a sound and extensive knowledge both of theory and technique of science is required, and I feel sure that he will prove to be an agreeable and helpful Colleague. He has a great love for the study, and has sacrificed much to acquire the necessary training to pursue it. He possesses a sound grounding in other subjects and has a good knowledge of Botany. He writes most excellent English in lucid and pleasant style.

ARTHUR E. SHIPLEY,

Fellow and Tutor of Christ's College, Cambridge, and University Lecturer in Zoology.

UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ZOOLOGY,
CAMBRIDGE,

June 23rd, 1897.

Mr. Menon, of Christ's College, has attended my lectures on Zoology of Invertebrates for two years. I have seen enough of his work to know that he has acquired a sound and extensive knowledge of Zoology, and I regard him as an extremely capable man.

Mr. Menon's work is both thorough and accurate, and I have been accustomed to consider him a most promising pupil. He has distinguished himself by taking a First-class in both First and Second Parts of the Natural Sciences Tripos; and he is about to proceed to Naples, on the nomination of the University, to occupy a table at the Zoological Station there. Should Mr. Menon prove himself as capable as a worker as he has been as a learner, he would show that he has high qualifications for a Zoological appointment. At the present moment I have no hesitation in saying that I consider him well fitted for work in which a sound and accurate knowledge of Zoology are required.

S. F. HARMER, M.A.,

Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, and Superintendent of the University Museum of Zoology.

ZOOLOGICAL LABORATORY,
NEW MUSEUMS,
CAMBRIDGE.

June 18th, 1897.

Mr. K. R. Menon, B.A., Christ's College, is an earnest and enthusiastic student of Zoology. Personally I have not much knowledge of his work, but I know him well by repute, and his position in the class list of the Natural Science Tripos fully bears out the good reports that I have heard of him.

ADAM SEDGWICK.

MAGDALENE COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

15th June 1897.

On coming to Cambridge, Mr. Menon was strongly recommended to my notice by my old friend, the late Mr. A. F. Seely, for many years resident in Cochin. Soon after that time I made Mr. Menon's acquaintance, and was impressed by his great intelligence, which he gave me the opportunity of observing throughout the whole of his University course, while I was able to observe that his manners and social characteristics rendered him agreeable to men of his own standing. His proficiency in Zoology is attested by his having been placed in the First-class of the First Part of the Natural Sciences Tripos of this year, and I anticipate the same high position in the Second Part of the same examination, the result of which is to be immediately declared.

Mr. Menon having attained the degree of B.A. has been appointed by the Special Board for Biology to occupy the University's table in the Zoological Station at Naples, which cannot fail to be for his benefit, and I confidently entertain the expectation that, if he was placed in a position where he could carry on Zoological research in India, he would not only materially advance Science by his investigations, but do credit to the appointment.

ALFRED NEWTON, M.A., F.R.S.,

Professor of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy, Fellow of Magdalene College in the University of Cambridge; Chairman of the Special Board for Zoology and Geology.

UNIVERSITY BOTANICAL LABORATORY,
CAMBRIDGE.

July 10th, 1897.

DEAR MENON,

You ask me for a testimonial, and I am very pleased to say that, although Botany was not your special subject, you showed a remarkable power of assimilating the principal facts of the Science, and would, I think, have made a very successful student of that subject.

Your chief efforts were, however, directed to Zoology, in which department I understand you have distinguished yourself.

You were much liked here, and from what we saw of you I do not doubt you would teach with enthusiasm and success in India.

Of course your having taken a First-class in the Tripos, as well as your selection for the research table at Naples, emphasize the high opinion held of your promise.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

H. MARSHALL WARD, D.S.C., F.R.S.,

Professor of Botany in the University of Cambridge.

WYCHFIELD,
CAMBRIDGE,
July 4th, 1897.

I am glad to have an opportunity of expressing the favourable opinion I have formed of Mr. K. Menon during his residence at Cambridge. I have had opportunities of testing his powers during practical instruction and by written examination. I consider him to possess a very good knowledge of *Elementary Botany*. He showed so much intelligence and power of acquiring knowledge that I feel sure his progress in the more advanced part of the subject would have been equally good if he had been able to give more time to Botany.

FRANCIS DARWIN,
Reader in Botany, University of Cambridge.

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Dear Sir,

An application for
Mrs. H. R. Menon of Christ's College
Cambridge, for employment
in the Ed. Dept of this President
has this day been transposed to
you. In reference to it, I am
to ask you to bear the candid
name in mind in connection
with any suitable opening.

[Signature]

To
J. B. Bilderbeck Esq.
Ag O.P.S. *[Date: 13/9/97]*

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My dear Duncan,

Mr. H. Ramunni
Menon of Christ's College, Cambridge,
who gained the Gilebrist scholar-
ship in Madras in 1893, has applied
for employment in the Ed. Dept.
I am to ask you to bear his name
in mind in connection with any
suitable opening and to suggest
to you that he might do for
the school of arts.

May this stand?
He won't do for the
School of Arts.

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Desp'd

J. Duncan Esq.

22/9/97
London

CHRIST'S COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE,
August, 1897.

To *The Private Secretary*
to H. E. the Governor of Madras

Sir,

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I am, Sir,

Yours most obediently,

K. R. Murdun



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Chennai

18th August 1897

My dear Sirs, ^{oot}

His Excellency
thinks that this might be
passed on to the Educational
Department for disposal.

Yours truly,

W. H. G. G. G.

To Mr W. G. G.

Please see the application
with this note of the P.S.G.

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be borne in mind in connection
with any suitable opening

May this stand?
He won't do for the
School of Arts.

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May the D.D. be so in-
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Yes, the D.D. may be in-
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his address is known. The
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15th Sept. 97

Dear Sir,

With reference
to your application for employ-
ment under the Govt of Madras
I am directed to state that
your name has been registered
in the Ed. dept. and that when
a suitable opening occurs your
claims will be considered.

Yours truly

S. R.

To

Mr. R. R. Menon

Christ's College

Cambridge.

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