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Dear Dr Chen,

I was very pleased to receive your letter from Sweden. It was quite a surprise to find you comparatively near London! One of these days I hope you will pay us a visit.

It was interesting to hear of your tour of India, Burma & Pakistan. You are lucky to be able to travel so much & I must confess I envy you. My travelling is confined to summer holidays. I think this year we will motor through France & probably re-visit Spain. We will take both the children with us again.

I read "China Reconstructs" regularly & was very interested in your article

on co-operatives. My elder daughter, aged 9, always welcomes the arrival of the magazine as she takes the Chinese stamps for her collection. She also very much liked the supplement "Two Chinese Picture Stories" & says she hopes they will do more of these one day.

Your research project on the history of India sounds intriguing. Pity you are not at work on it here & needed an assistant!

I have spent rather a dull winter. The weather has been cold & depressing. This week I have finished my three years' service on our local Council. I have decided not to stand for re-election as, though the experience has been valuable it has left me very little free time. I want, in

future, to spend much more time reading about and studying international affairs. Recently I have noted with a great deal of interest the changes in Ceylon.

As far as the situation here is concerned the rising cost of living & the steps taken by the Government to combat inflation are proving very unpopular. If the General Election could be held again now a very different result would, I am sure, emerge.

The visits of Russian leaders & the recent news from Russia has been followed by the general public with a great deal of interest.

Thank you again for your welcome letter.

Best wishes,

Yours,
Joan Edmondson.


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