



Miss B. Holt,

c/o Hotel Cecil,

DELHI - 6.

"RIVERVIEW"
KATRAN, KULU,
PUNJAB (I).

9th June, 1958.

Dear Miss Holt,

Thank you for your letter of 31st May. I am sorry for the delay in replying to it and in thanking you for the good wishes expressed therein.

I sincerely hope that the crisis in your office, which greeted your return to duty, has been satisfactorily overcome and that matters are again running smoothly.

Despite the Valley's shortcomings in regard to transport--4-legged and vehicular--I am glad you liked Kulu. And I hope your friend Miss Kruger similarly enjoyed her short holiday. My house seemed very dull and quiet after you had all left.

Owing to a short spell of bright sunshine and higher temperatures, and consequent influx of snow water into the rivers, fishing has been very poor. I have not touched my fishing rod for over a week. Besides, there's a lot of work in the orchard just at present--thinning excess fruit and prepping up fruit-laden branches.

Am sending you, by book post, a copy of "The Happy Valley" in which my original Preface (typed) has been inserted.

Marcelline informs me that it is now very hot in Delhi. I can well imagine it and am thankful to be away from the heat. I hope the monsoon will break early and bring welcome relief to all heat-stricken souls living on the plains.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Don Dixon