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Message

I understand that you are proposing to inaugurate an association called "Kottayam Club of Houston". I am extremely glad that the great city of Houston in the future will have a place called "Kottayam". All those who belong to Kottayam will naturally be happy on this great occasion. Kottayam has already attained a special place in the history of learning in India. This town has been adjudged as having cent percent literacy which is a grand record. The oldest college in India, CMS College is at Kottayam. The oldest Hindu temple (Sree Krishna Swamy temple, Thiruvarp), the oldest Muslim mosque (Jama-at mosque, Thazhathangadi) and the oldest Christian church (Valia Pally, Valiyangadi) are the other great institutions, which made Kottayam historically important. This town being the topmost rubber market in India has been selected to house the headquarters of the "Rubber Board". This town is blessed with the largest number of schools and colleges, besides many professional colleges. Thus from all angles, it is a thoughtful idea to name the new club as "Kottayam Club of Houston".

I wish all the best for the new endeavour.

Kottayam
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Sd/-
Justice K.T. Thomas