

21st January, 1927.

My dear Friend,

I was very pleased to receive your letter of January 2nd and glad to know that you are well.

To-day our youngest boy, John, has left us for school - and yesterday the elder boys went away, so the house is, again empty and we feel it very much. Luckily we are both so very busy, which is a great help, and there will be so many important things during the next few months, until the Easter holidays come round, that we shall not have time to miss them too much.

On the 6th inst., two great events took place in our family. First - Henry's wedding, which we did not attend, although Paul and Stephen represented the family there, and we heard that everything went off very well and that it was a great wedding. The young couple sailed two days ago, back to Boston.

If you wish to write to him his address is:-

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Cambridge,  
Massachusetts, U.S.A.

The second event was that on the very same day, our third son, Paul, came of age and was 21. Before he and Stephen left for the wedding, we gave him a Ball here, which was a great success - he is a very popular young man!

My portrait of Lord Reading is developing - and next week I shall begin again on it, after a rest, and go on with it until it is finished. I am sending you a newspaper cutting, but the press was very impatient and did not wait until it was finished, but I will let you have a good photograph of it later on.

Enclosed I am also sending you a photograph, which was taken at the same time, and in that picture you will see the portrait of a lady, Mrs. Jack Nelson, of Buenos Aires, Argentine. She is of Irish extraction and very well known out there, and he is a great Polo player. She is famous for her beauty and very charming. When the Prince of Wales was out there, he was their guest on their Rancho and they became great friends. The picture will be taken back, at the end of this month, by his father, who is now on the Riviera, and will be returned later on, in the summer, for my Exhibition of my workshere, which takes place in June.

The second portrait - the lady with the lilies - is the beautiful Ex-Queen of Greece, the daughter of the Queen of Rumania.

Underneath - but I am sorry to say it has not come out very well - are the famous horses on the Dome of St. Marks, which I painted while in Venice.

If you want to make use of this picture for the "Nacion" - you have my blessing on it!

While in Paris I painted also another very beautiful Argentine - a Spanish lady of the best family - called Mme. del Solar Dorrego, and I have already had news from them that the picture has arrived safely and is much appreciated.

I have taken note of what you tell me of Monsignor Nicotra and your other friends at Lisbon, and very much hope to make their acquaintance. I shall be staying at the British Embassy, with Lord Carlisle, when at Lisbon, and no doubt I shall have the opportunity of meeting them. It would be very nice if you would write them a few lines that I shall be arriving at the Embassy on February 15th.

After stopping there a fortnight, I proceed to Madrid,