

31st March, 1925.

My dear Friend,

We have just returned from our glorious holiday, well rested and now find ourselves surrounded by our sons; even Henry is here but he is leaving us at the end of this week for Paris, where he begins his work with the Duc du Gramont.

As seems always the case on coming home - I find myself overwhelmed by all kind of duties besides my work, which also keeps me very busy with many interesting sitters in my studio. Before I continue I wish to thank you for your letter and the two articles, both which gave me much pleasure - I think they are splendid - I am sure you are a good listener. You will do me a great favour if you will kindly send five copies of each to my brother for distribution amongst his friends. I hope you will be able to do this and let me thank you now in anticipation of them.

The young lady of whom you speak - the daughter of Dr. Galambos, I am sorry to say I do not know - but I certainly spent many happy weeks with her father and her family. At that time he was unmarried. I was then quite young and I went there during my holidays painting besides studies, portraits for 50 gulden each. Many happy memories bind me to the place where they live Obecse.

Will you please remember me to the young lady and give her my greetings and I would like her to send my greetings also to her parents.

What you tell me about Kestrarcke is very sad. They brought up their children well, but he was a bad character. I am very sorry for him because in his latter years he passed through many difficulties - but the thread seems to be broken between us.

The gentleman you mention, von Auspitz, it would give me great pleasure if he would call here and I will show him my home and my collection of work in my studio, and invite him to luncheon and tea.

It will interest you to hear that only yesterday I had the last sitting of the Baroness Alphonse Rothschild from the Theresienung Gasse. I painted her portrait, which you will see in the Spring Exhibition at the Kunsterhaus - and he was here too. She is, as you know, born Montefiore and is a very intelligent and sympathetic lady - he is less interesting.

I remember so well his uncle, who was a delightful man, Baron Nathaniel Rothschild and I hear they live in his magnificent palace, surrounded by art treasures.

I am sending you an amusing little note which appeared the other day with my chaftature. I am sure you will like to have it.

What are you doing at Eastertime? I hope this summer that we shall meet, either here or on the continent. Let me hear soon from you how you are and what your plans are.

My wife and all my boys unite with me in sending you many hearty greetings and they all hope to see you here this summer in the country.

With our best Easter greetings,

Believe me,

Always yours,