

WOLMER WOOD,

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MARLOW COMMON,

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My dear Philip

I think I can help to solve the mystery about the phone message. There is no R. B. A. dinner and nothing of the kind has been suggested since Silbert had his bread and cheese and beer supper some months ago. But the dinner of the Artists' General Benevolent Institution is due soon and at that time there is to be a R. B. A. table at which the R. B. A. members will sit together. I should think the phone message referred to that. But who Mr Granger is I do not know. I asked Miss Taylor today whether the name was Miss Granger Taylor and she said she only heard the name Granger. If it was Mrs Granger Taylor who phoned, it is curious, as she is not the stewardess of the R. B. A. table and she resigned her membership of the R. B. A. when Silbert left - the stewardess for the R. B. A. is Howard Richmond.

By the way, I heard a rumour today that Mrs G. Ganger Taylor is thinking of withdrawing her resignation of her membership and has become an enthusiastic supporter of you! It seems a little difficult to believe after her vehement support of Sickers in the past. I gather that her return to the Society is not particularly wanted as she is rather a difficult person and is too anxious to have her own way in things - not that, in the not ahead.

I was at no. 3. Last night and found Henry and his wife, and Stephen, flourishing. London was rather ~~foggy~~ dingy but not foggy and not so cold as it was last week. I did my usual round of shows; the London Portrait Society exhibition, at the New Burlington Galleries, is quite passable and there are some recent portraits in it, though there is nothing, perhaps, of the first rank; and there is a collection of drawings and paintings by a Japanese artist at the Fine Art Society - it is rather amusing and fairly clever but some of the paintings go away too much from the Japanese tradition.

The work of them are those which do not show too much
European influence. In the first art society there is another
show of pictures by a Swedish painter, they are really good
and of an importance on our type. The Italian exhibition
is doing stronger than ever and is the best in some
in days since then was originally intended.

I hope you have arrived at Naples, that you are both
well and that my letter, which was posted on Sunday,
has duly reached you. I have, as you see, very little news
to add to what I wrote in that but there is very little
happening just now that is at all interesting. The accounts
of the weather along the Italian coast sound as if you
might be having it rather rough but perhaps it is
better at Naples — I hope so, as you will want sunny
days for your golf.

Fabry has this moment rung me up — there was a
meeting at the R. F. A. this afternoon to elect a President
and the result was — de Lazzio 39 votes, Maclean 18.
So, there you are; what are you going to do about it? It is a

healthy majority and works out
as more than two thirds of the
members present at the meeting.
There is to be another meeting in
a fortnight's time for your formal
election as a full member of the
society. Patry said on the phone
that the meeting was just over and
your supporters were celebrating the
event with a bottle of champagne.
Morley, he said, was thoroughly
enjoying himself.

Well, all my heartiest congratulations,
I think the majority is substantial
enough to justify your acceptance
of the position and I have every faith
in the power of your personality to
bring over to our side the bulk of
even the people who did not vote
on you. I shall be anxious to hear
your views on the subject.

Our love to your mother

Yours & ours

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