

WOLMER WOOD,

MARLOW COMMON,

MARLOW, BUCKS.

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My dear Philip

I was very glad to get your letter and post card and to hear that you had finished your work in Paris and had really begun to get some rest. I hope by now you are on your way to Cosneville and that you will have a good time there. — don't do too much golf or at all what you like to do in your own time; you want, I am sure, plenty of fresh air but not too much violent exercise all at once. I saw Harwood at no. 3. on Thursday and he seemed really concerned about you, as he said you were very tired by your spell of work in Paris — I was glad to hear, by the way, that his doctor does not think he has consumption, after all, so I hope he will soon be well right again. But you ought not to take so much of it up, but I do wish you would take life a little more placidly — I think I have said all this before, several times, but I am saying it again.

However, I am glad to hear that your work in Paris went off all right and I hope you will find plenty of good material for your picture when you go on to Rome. I shall look forward to seeing your sketches when you come home again. I do not suppose there is any chance of your meeting the Hendricks while you are at Costello but they will not be very far from you. They were going off yesterday to Roquebrune for two or three weeks, as Kendrick's doctor insisted on his getting a change to a place where he could see something of the sun. I hope the trip will really do him good, for he has been wanting a change ever since the various illnesses he had last winter. I saw the Eastman portraits after you had finished them off and I thought that they were very successful — it must be a very difficult job to do a portrait from photographs.

I have been at No. 3 the last two Wednesday nights; I missed you and Lucy very much but Henry looked after me exceedingly well and we had long talks. I find his wife decidedly pleasant in her

quiet way; she talks well and she is an agreeable contrast
to the rather empty and shallow young woman of whom one
meets so many nowadays. I think she is a
D very good type of wife for Henry as I am sure he would never
have got on with the ordinary sort of society girl with no
ideas beyond amusing herself.

I have no special art news to send you; there is the
usual crowd of shows to be seen but none of them are very
C important. A collection of sculpture by Bourdelle, at the
Winstler Galleries is fairly interesting but a show of pictures
by a Hungarian painter, George Fenyö, at the Burlington
GALLERY, is rather nasty and to me seemed all wrong
in quality. I have heard nothing further about any of
the movements in the T.B.A. so I do not know how
things are progressing there. I hear ~~some~~ ^{one} of
the members there, came to see you; how did you like
him? I have never met him but I believe he has
some influence in the Society. There is a show of Sickert's
work open at the Saville Gallery but I have not seen to see it;
I know I should not like it and I do not want to attack
him so it is better to keep away.

I am delighted to hear that your
jaunty portrait is to go to Versailles;
it is pleasant to think that it will be
permanently placed in a national
collection — there must be a good deal
of your work & now in public galleries all
over the world and I hope there will be
more still as years go on.

We have been having rather cold
weather here during the last week or two
but there has been some sunny days
and there has been very little rain or
snow. The wind, however, has been north-
east and wind in that direction is
always rather unpleasant; but this
night & a good deal worse so it is all
well not to be gone. Anyhow, this
winter has been a good deal less
trying than the last one and now
we are so nearly through February we
can begin to hope for spring. The birds
are singing here now as if they thought
spring had already come but I think
they are rather hopeful as we are never
safe until we have got through March and
April.

Well, I am afraid this letter is all
about nothing but really I have no
special news to send you. I hope that
you and Lucy are already feeling better
for your rest and change and that
you will keep in the best of health.

Ever with you with

always yours A.L.S.