

16th July, 1930.

Dear Mr. Riley,

It was an exceptional pleasure to me to receive your very kind letter, for which please accept my warmest thanks.

I am very pleased to let you know that our son is now on the way to complete recovery, and we are indeed grateful that he had such a miraculous escape. Of course it will always be a matter of great sadness to him to have lost in such circumstances one of his best, and also ours, friends with whom he studied and graduated at Oxford.

It interested me very much to learn that you were a friend of one of the ~~late~~ Presidents of the R.B.A., Sir Alfred East, whom I very highly esteemed as a friend also and an artist, and it is great satisfaction to me to hear that I have your full support and sympathy in my best endeavours as President of the Society. My one desire is that the Council and Members to realise that I am trying to do my utmost for the interest of this ancient institution.

I do hope you will be taking part in the forthcoming Water-Colour Exhibition, and will also be sending one of your best works for the coming Winter Exhibition.

With my renewed thanks,
Believe me,
Yours sincerely,