

Dr. Sigmund Münz.

(Personal)

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My Dear Friend,

Only today I find time to reply to your letter of September 27th. I would have written earlier, but I have been so terribly busy lately - I say lately, but I am always busy! I am sorry to say my friends have to wait longer for my letters than other people, but that is the privilege of friends!

I am so glad you liked the "Apollo" I sent you.

Meanwhile you will have heard that we saw here Dr. Edelstein and his charming daughter. It just happened that at that moment our son John, who is at Oxford, returned from a three months expedition to the Arctic, with several other undergraduates, to make scientific observations, so he met Miss Edelstein, and we have heard from him that they have met several times since, and he has introduced her to some of his friends. John is the only one of our sons now at Balliol, and I am just going there now for his coming-of-age. Patrick left there two years ago. Just fancy how we are getting on, our fifth son at his twenty-first birthday! That means that I am beginning to decay, but we must give in to the inevitable! I don't feel like decaying yet, I have the same ambition and the same vitality and love for my work as when we first met.

We are all very well. Henry is doing splendid work at the University. Stephen and our fourth boy, Patrick, work together, and have now a very successful wireless valve factory. Paul, who was married last June, is doing very well

at the Bar. We do not know yet what John is going to be, his ambition would be the Diplomatic Service, but we have not yet decided.

Amongst others I am painting just now a portrait of a man you will know, Lord Carson, who once played a great rôle in the affairs of the British Empire. He will be 80 at the end of this year, and though physically he is very frail he is still full of vitality and I am greatly interested in painting him. It is going to be placed in the Middle Temple; he was, as you know, a great advocate.

It will interest you to know that my wife is deserting me! She is leaving on the 3rd November to visit her sister in South Africa, and will be away for three months. Meanwhile I intend to leave for America to carry out some commissions there, and will be away from foggy London for about two months.

So you see we are all very busy, and I am sure you must be too, especially with this recent upset in Europe, in which I am sure you must be particularly interested, but nobody knows what will come of it.

I am much looking forward to reading your book on King Edward, I remember so well your telling me of your meetings with him at Carlsbad. I myself am working in connection with my book, it will one day be a historic document.

You mention the Sculptor, Felix Weiss. I have heard of him, but never met him.

Now, dear friend, we all greet you heartily.

With my best wishes,

Ever yours,

Dr. Sigmund Münz.

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