

26th May, 1927.

Dr. László Siklósy,

Forgive me for not answering your last letters, and messages, for which accept my best thanks. I have to rest a certain amount during every day, and there has been so much extra to do during these days of the Coronation that it has been difficult to get through everything.

It was so nice of you to send that number, as I asked you, to the Countess of Strathmore, and I am sure you will hear from her.

Meanwhile a splendid reproduction has appeared in a most wonderfully arranged supplement to the Christian Science Monitor. It is done in the character of an ancient parchment, most elaborate and artistic. I have sent a copy to Dr. Légrády, and no doubt he will show it to you.

I sent off my postcards punctually on the day of the Coronation, as you desired, and do hope they have reached you. I am sending you by this post a copy of The Times with the Coronation pictures, in case you have not seen it. Nothing could describe the splendour of the mediaeval ceremony,

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one can only say it was glorious, and more wonderful still was the expressions of loyalty on the part of the millions who were in London then.

You too must have had very interesting days during the visit of the King and Queen of Italy. It was certainly an historic event for Hungary, I think centuries must have passed since such a thing took place in its Capital. I much hope it will be to the great advantage of Hungary in her present unfortunate position.

Now, dear friend, I cannot wait longer before giving you our future programme. I have delayed writing you about this, as I still hoped to be able to carry out my old plan, which I had so much at heart, to accompany you to Hungary on your return, but now find I will have to postpone it again. You will realise that I have first of all now to consider my health, and must avoid everything of an exciting nature. It would be quite impossible to do it by car, and for the present I am not able to do the long train journey. My brother is lying dangerously ill on the Margaretten Island, and I had hoped to come and see him too, but am not allowed to do so.

We shall be here until July 10th, when, if I keep well, we are going to Scotland for a week with our son.

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Then on the 20th we are going down to the country, where we have taken a very comfortable and lovely place, where we hope to live very quietly till the end of September. When you come here we much look forward to extending to you and your wife our warmest hospitality, and also to Dr. Légrády, and hope you will spend a few happy days with us. We will do everything to make you comfortable, and the portrait of Dr. Légrády I would love to paint there quietly. I would need four or five sittings. If Kornis is with you, he too we would love to see.

I do hope you will understand the situation. I must not do anything to tire myself too much, as I have many important works waiting, and others I have to refuse.

I will write to that effect to our friend Dr. Légrády too, and hope he will be able to come with you. I could then arrange that you could take the picture back with you, and so avoid complications. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

We both send you and your wife our best greetings.