

9th June, 1925.

Herr Dr. Sig. Munz.  
III Reissner strasse, 23,  
VIENNA.

My dear Friend,

First of all I wish to apologise for this long delayed reply to your letter and postcard, and also the newspaper you so kindly sent me; but we have been, lately so very busy, besides in my studio working, with so many social duties, that I seem hardly to have had time even to look after my most intimate correspondence.

We both now wish to congratulate you for the prize you have received from the Concordia Jury. It must certainly be a great satisfaction to you.

All the sad news you send me is very depressing. I never have heard of such a terrible catastrophe as that which has befallen the Rastranek family. It is really very tragic for the children, but it is a warning to those who try to work too hard and the unexpected end which has overtaken Rastranek, who was a restless man, makes me see that I must not overwork myself. It is certainly a warning to me, as this spring I did not feel very well and had a slight heart attack, but I am glad to say I now feel quite well again.

Yesterday we had all our sons here, with the exception of Henry, for a charming little family gathering on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of our wedding day. I wish you could have been present. I am happy to say that I do not feel that a quarter of a century has passed away since I married and thinking of the enormous amount of work I have done since. Only our grown-up sons make us realise how fast the time has gone.

On Sunday we are leaving for Budapest and Monday we spend in Basle with our son Henry and we arrive

Tuesday night in Budapest. As we cannot stop in Vienna we shall send you a wire letting you know when the train passes through, and we should be so very glad if you could come down to the Station, either on our way down or back, but in any case you will hear from us.

I expect you will have heard of my pictures at the Kunsterhaus which opened on 7th May in the presence of Governor Horthy and the President of the Diplomatic Corps. It seems that the Exhibition attracts great attention.

Two days we shall spend with my brother, incognito, and the rest of our stay will be spent with Barczy, when we are to have the opportunity of meeting the Prime Minister and Governor.

I look forward, after so many years, also to seeing to seeing all my work concentrated together. I only hope that it will not be too hot.

If you have anything to say, will you write to me immediately and address your letter:-

C/o Henry de Laszlo  
Stadelhofer strasse, 7, ZURICH  
and Henry will bring it to us at Basle.

I wonder you have not written to me to say you have seen my portrait in the Kunsterhaus of the Baroness Alphonse de Rothschild, which I painted this spring here. I hear it has been much looked at and it is very well placed. If you should have seen it, please let me know what you think about it.

We have had many Vienna friends here last month, and have heard much about Vienna. I wish the news had been more pleasant.

If you write to Budapest please direct the letter:

C/o of my brother,  
VI Revay utza 20,  
BUDAPEST.

I cannot write more to-day, but am much looking forward to hearing from you and we shall send you a wire, hoping to see you for a short time at the station.

With our united best wishes,...

<sup>Believe</sup> Believe me, dear Friend,

Always yours.