

Mme. la Comtesse de Chen.

14th June 1933.

Forgive me for the lateness of my reply to your last kind letter, but we have been terribly busy the last fortnight, partly with the wedding of our third son Paul, whom you have met. It was a beautiful wedding and I wish you could have been present.

Now I am very busy with the exhibition of my works, which is being arranged in aid of the Artists' General Benevolent Institution. It was so kind of you to offer me your portrait, and, until now, I have hoped to include it, but, as it is four years since there has been an exhibition of my works here, so much material has accumulated that I have had to refrain from asking for many pictures that I would have loved to include, and, alas! amongst them is yours. The space is not sufficient this time, but I hope on another occasion you will let me have your picture.

I wish you could come over for the exhibition, as it is so many years since you were here. I myself had hoped to be in Paris by now. I have never been away from it so long, it is more than two years since I was there. I want to see you and my friends, and I shall not fail to come over for a weekend before the Salon is closed, when I shall look forward to seeing you.

I hope you are in the best of health and in your usual charming spirits,

Believe me,