

3rd February, 1953

My dear Friend,

I have two letters to reply to, for which I thank you, and I am glad to know that you are well. It gave me great pleasure to know that you liked the reproductions I sent you, and I was interested to hear that you made the acquaintance of Lord Cecil. He certainly is an idealist, and I wish more of the politicians were of his kind.

At present I am painting a second portrait of the Archbishop of Canterbury, this time for Oxford University, to be placed at Balliol College, where he was an undergraduate. This gives me double interest and happiness, as it is the same College to which three of our sons also belong. When the time draws near I will let you have a reproduction of this picture too.

I am sorry to say the times are so crushing that I have been obliged to put aside my big canvas for the time being and paint some portraits.

In the South of this month we are leaving for five weeks holiday in the South of Italy, which we both need very much and greatly look forward to.

Alas! from Budapest I have only sad news. I am afraid there is not much improvement in my brother, which is very unfortunate, his nerves are so shattered. I wish it could be different. It gives me great sorrow. He left the Sanatorium in Dobruzzin, and he is a little bit better but cannot yet walk and is confined to his room, from which he directs his business, which is of course very unsatisfactory.

Dr. Sigmund Münz.

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We are very busy here now with Paul's engagement. On the 14th we have a family dinner, but the wedding will not take place until June. We are all very satisfied and happy about it.

I had a visit from Mr. Mallow the other day, I am sorry he has to leave.

I did an amusing sketch lately of my friend Marconi's beautiful wife. We look forward to our days in Rome, and Marconi being the President of the Academy wishes to give us a reception, at which I will be glad to meet all the Italian colleagues.

Enclosed I am sending you the letter to Signor Proziosi. Please give him hearty greetings from me, and especially to Signora Proziosi, she is a most charming lady, and I knew her a long time before she was married. I am sure you will gain kind friends in them.

We often see the Balfours. She enjoyed your company very much, and I am sure you often see her daughter Kemona.

Write to me, dear friend, and tell me how you are. It may be that I will be able to arrange somehow to meet you while on the Continent. I would love to see you. Meanwhile we have both got quite snow-white, but the main thing is, in heart we are still the same.

My wife joins me in good wishes and greetings.