

Baldy

9th November, 1933.

My dear Fred,

I am distressed to find that your letter is dated October 31st and I am only answering it today, but since Lucy left on Friday I have had to do and arrange, besides which I am beginning to prepare for my visit to America, which really seems to be going to materialize now.

By now I very much hope that you are quite recovered. It is very unfortunate that these things happen to you who need movement and air so much.

I would like it so much if you would come up and stay here two or three days as soon as you feel well enough, just to lie about and read and do whatever you wish. Do think about this seriously as soon as possible.

It will interest you to know that Holmes liked the photographs of your bust so much that he decided to reproduce the full face one with the deep shadow, and he is to include it in the book with a note by himself. I rather like it that the readers should see how I would draw a portrait in clay, and I am sure it will add to the interest. I have already handed the bust over to Fiorini, who will cast it in bronze just as I explained to you, with a very pale green patina and a little gold.

Besides this I would like you to see the Carson portrait, and the picture of Lord Hugh Cecil, which I hope to finish tomorrow. It is strange that just now, when I want to go to America people are coming and asking me for their portraits, and as there are some very interesting ones amongst /

amongst them I have decided to postpone my sailing until, at latest, December 7th.

It will interest you that Jagger has written a book on sculpture which is really very attractive, and he has also written a splendid article in "The Studio" in which he attacks modern art very pluckily. I will have a number sent to you from W. H. Smith.

I have not yet finished my final notes for the book. I am still hesitating about the pictures, but as soon as I have written the notes I will send them on to you, and hope you will be good enough to hand them over to Holmes.

Our time at Oxford with John went off splendidly, and I had a delightful evening dining at New College with the Warden, Fisher, who is a very cultivated man.

Do write to me soon, and I hope the news of you will be good. I also hope you will be able to let me know that Peter has had some news.

Always yours,

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