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~~WOLMER WOOD,~~

~~MARLOW COMMON,~~

~~MARLOW - Bucks.~~

June 14th 1933.

My dear Philip

I meant to have written before to tell you the result of my talk last week with Halton, the publisher, about a possible book or books but this is the first chance I have had. I found Halton rather pessimistic about the present condition of the book market but he was definitely interested in what I suggested and is now going into things to see what is possible — this involves a consultation with Putnam's, the American firm which handles his publications, so I do not expect to hear anything definite from him for another ten days or so.

I have suggested to him three books for consideration, so as to cover the ground as fully as possible — one on your paintings of children as I thought this would have a popular appeal; another on your sketches and

Studies, which would be a record of
your achievement outside formal
portraiture; and the third on your
drawings, which would include your
subject drawings, black and white
sketches and designs for portraits and
your more elaborated portrait drawings.
The first of the three — paintings of
children — should be, I have suggested,
a collection of from twenty to thirty
reproductions, all in colour, of selected
pictures; the second book would have
some illustrations in colour and some
in black and white; and the third
— the drawings — would have
all the illustrations in monochrome
as they would be reproduced from
drawings in pencil or black or red
chalk.

We will have a talk about the
whole matter when I get back and
by then I dare say Halton will have
heard from America and will know
what view they take there of the suggested
books — he seemed to think that
the chances of really successful
publication would depend to a great

I hope you are not wearing yourself out with the preparations for your exhibition and I hope they are going smoothly; you will, I expect, have a big crowd at the private view and I am sorry we shall not be there to see the crowd. Are you busy with work as well? I suppose you have finished the little Princess and I hope you are satisfied with the result. I do hope, though, that you are really getting some rest and change at Wooburn and that you are not working all the time. We are having quite dense weather here but we are not doing anything in particular.

What news of Paul and his wife?

Our love to you all

always yours A.L.B.

Gen. Verno

and

~~John~~

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my