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My dear Philip

I was very glad to get your letter as I was not sure whether you had gone to Scotland or not; it is not a very nice time of year to go so far north but in spite of that I expect the trip will do you good as anyhow you will not be working while you are there at anything like your usual pressure. You seem, too, to be having a good time in pleasant surroundings and that is restful. Your news about Paul was an agreeable surprise; I am exceedingly glad to hear that he is engaged to a nice girl but I did not know that he was contemplating anything of that sort — I hope most sincerely that he will have a very happy time and that everything will go well with him; he is so level-headed that I am sure he would choose the right type of girl and not a society butterfly.

careful and my doctor tells me to keep quiet and not run risks.

I like your remarks in the "Sunday Graphic". They are not calculated to make you popular with the modernists but they are to the point and they will appeal to sensible people — there are still some sensible people who can appreciate plain and sane speaking and that publisher who liked your White-priors speech is evidently one of them, he deserves encouragement.

I am glad you approve of my suggestion that you and Whitley should become acquainted; I will drop him a line and ask him to write to you when you get back and ask what day he may come and see you. His address is — W. T. Whitley, 1, Templeton Place, Earl's Court, S.W. 5.

I hope to see you soon — our love to you and very
good wish for the New Year.

always yours

A. L. B.

My heartiest congratulations to
you on your election as a member
of the Portuguese Academy — one more
trophy to add to the remarkable
collection you have already.

I did not see Konody's review
of the Academy show but I did
read the one in the "Times", it
seemed to me rather silly and
decidedly dull and to be written
with very little understanding
of the characteristic qualities of the
different men who are represented
in the collection. I hope I shall
be able to go to the Academy
before the show closes but it will
depend upon the weather. I
am afraid to move about much
when it is cold and damp and
just at the moment it is wise,
I think, to keep away from London
as there is so much "flu" there.
I have, I am glad to say, nearly
got rid of the cold I had at Xmas
but I am still supposed to be