

6th May, 1936.

My dear Fred,

I am sending you herewith a typewritten copy of the lecture. Since I came back from you I had a conversation with the Secretary of the R.S.A., and told him about how long I thought it would take, and the number of slides I wanted to show. As we must leave time for discussion afterwards, he fears that my lecture will be rather too long, as thirty-five to forty-minutes is the usual time. For that reason I have gone over the whole thing and you will notice that I have tried to curtail it without interfering with the main ideas. I do not dare to go further with it, but leave it to you to shorten it still further without spoiling the spirit of it. It should be about fifteen pages of type. I would be very glad if you would do this, and return it at your earliest convenience.

Alas! I do not feel up to the mark. I had my tooth removed, which was rather a complicated job, and I have still a swollen face. If I am able I must go tonight to the Artists' General Benevolent Institution dinner, because my dear old Friend Lord Ullswater, who is to take the chair at my reading, is to be in the chair at the dinner too.

I am enclosing two cards for the reading. Ladies are welcomed too. I also enclose a list of the slides which I propose to show, of which I hope a few will be in colour. I hope you will think they are sufficiently characteristic and well arranged.

You can imagine how much I have to do after such a long absence, but I hope soon to get my desk in order.

We must arrange soon when you will both come
to us, and look forward to seeing you before long.

Hoping to have your reply soon,

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