

P.S

In old age

I find I am more interested in ideas than details though I have not reached the age of Wren who when dismissed from St Pauls said

Nunc me jubet fortuna expeditius philosophari

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upholder of the Classical Great Masters

latterly

but he cared not a fig for ordinary human sentiment.

and that disregard tended to throw young architects into the extreme of functionism ; If Lutyens gets his effects by such disregard of human purpose, we will have nothing to do with art !

Have you read Wavel's anthology ? very good for an active soldier ; But of course he does not penetrate far into the mysteries of poetry .

He is critical of modern poetry and says

"for poetry the years from the 19s to 39s had better not have been!" so many will think that saying applies to architecture and the other arts .

thank goodness this war will efface that phase in the future . ; at least I trust so.

My wife thanks you for your kind message we and all our family , now ten in all with wives and grand children are safe and well. We have air raids every night now so near the Thames ; very wearisome but exciting to watch ; two were brought down in sight of our house last night , but there was a heavy frost and I did not look out ; But London is in fear again poor Scott is up most nights as a fire watcher near Hampstead .

with kind regards

yours sincerely

I have written to Mr Sturrock who takes an interest in our colonial architecture .

If you had time to send me your draft I might be inspired to fill in some details

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