

Dear Nell,

We saw your beloved John scarcely a couple of hours and he conquered us completely.

Although a famous man he has remained humble, and although old, he is attentive and inclined to be kind.

We regretted so there was no more time left to let him go and ~~well~~ something of his busy and human activity.

To know that he is now in a hospital with an aching illness gives us much pain.

We can only hope with you that with the best possible help - and your love - he will once more and soon be able to throw down the evil.

Please reassure us!

The short time spent together with you belongs to the best which were given to me. To find a soul so attached to one's own is so rare.



Believe me, dear Nell, days will come
and days will go, but never shall
I forget those twenty four hours which
gave me the fragrance of your presence,
as a sweet melody, lingering in each
corner of this room.

In imagination I shall walk with you
through your "green pastures", sharing
your pains and your joys.

Semper
your Herman.

- P. S. 1. I feel completely well again.
2. We were some days from home
to visit exhibitions - which explains
why I answer so late - and we
have now again for Gent, Knocke
Ostend for other exhibitions until
Saturday - (Chagall, The Flemish
Expressionists, the museums of Damme,
Sacral Art etc)
3. As you are able to read German
don't miss the opportunity to
buy the book of Max Picard: "Die
Welt des Schweigens", a pocket book
published by Fischer (Bücherei) in 1959
This is just what you need - especially
now. It will bring you much consolation
and comfort you.