

craving for simplicity and open-heartedness and the  
sophistication of our time which gives your pictures  
their unique poignancy and appeal.  
I showed your book some days ago to a lady friend  
Yvonne de Marz who wrote a brilliant model: "En deuw  
gewandde Tedaarna," (A woman called Eudanna) in  
answer to the novel a marrix Gijen wilca you read  
during our "brief encounter," ne Oude God. She was  
deeply stirred and she wrote me some days ago that  
she often thinks at your pictures.

So you are receiving a message which beyond  
seas and continents unites men and women  
of all creeds and nations. It shall not rejoice?

With deep affection,  
Your Hernane

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Dearest Nell,

By the time these wishes reach you, you will surely have received my letter on "Bare Feet". Again our messages have crossed, our messages and our feelings.

I am extremely happy to hear that Wim is quite well again and all your anxieties are over - Be happy together in sweet remembrance of all who loved you both!

I wrote yesterday to our mutual good friend Martin Cappens who just brought out a magnificent calendar: "Op de grens van land en zee, op the border-line of land and sea". Of course I mentioned the publication of your "Bare Feet", of which I hope you will send him a copy.

Looking at your pictures I sometimes think: "Nell could as well have lived ten centuries ago and even earlier, in prehistoric times". But is this true? Is it not the tension between your



Paula, Margaret and Herman  
bring you their kindest  
wishes for 1963

"on bare feet",  
remembering the noble man  
who was your dear John