

Sunday
Jan 29/88

Dear Mr Clayton.

Just a line to accompany
enclosed. Friday night maybe Mr (or Mrs?)
Hasko interesting but inadequate paper was
a trifle depressing. He mentioned all prin-
ciple Italian arts down to Raphael,
omitting Venetian School. It must better
to have selected say one of each period, as
he suggested afterwards. His Siletto.

Musacchio, & Raphael exemplified them.
No time for the adventures of J.R. Oddifari.
Just as well there wasn't for Clarkson had had
no time (professedly) to read it - I didn't
care to try & write.

The Pall Mall Review I think smart but
most likely prompted by animus.

To day I have Svenson's Memories & Portraits
He is clever - very clever there is no use
denying.

In yesterday's Saturday Review are four parodies
by Andrew Lang (under Music & Verse Poetry).
What a pity he trifles so. If he wrote in
earnest (only I don't quite know what he could
write on) he might become a classic!

Thank you for book list - they are un-
commonly interesting I always think.

Did you note the number of new art books
he catalogues. Also 'Marjorie Fleming'
early edition .. &

Last verse of piece I sent you

But in spite of Tales' kind opposition

I've written a little. 'Tis here

It will show I'm a rhyming metricalian,

And any thing further? Not clear.

This (which happened^x last night) is meant
to be a bit of a skit on ~~Tales~~
Heredity's Curious Law^o.

My father's an ignorant man,

My mother's no more than a fool,

But between them they mustered the sense

To find me a capital school

and there I learnt Latin & Greek

And the measles got top of my class

Went in for a stiffest Exam

And came off with a prize or a pass^o.

^x a Stevensonism

^o of course not autobiographical

Now ^a struck me as awfully odd

That I should be clever & quick

With my father no end of a clod

And my mother dull with stunts

Still I heard of the virtues of 'Blood'

Of Heredity's Curious Law

So I chinked up our family tree

And this is the issue I saw

My Grandmother's Godfather's Aunt

Had a cousin of learning immense

Renowned (in his town) as a man

Of infinite wisdom & sense

With the help of the Herald's archives

I have followed the trail bit by bit

And it's now beyond question or doubt

That from them I inherited my wit

Is this worth polishing up? E.L.