

THE Old Water-Colour Society has lost one of its oldest members, and English art one of its greatest ornaments. William Hunt died, at the advanced age of seventy-four, last week. He died in the full and ripe possession of all his powers, and a truly great artist. The loss has fallen suddenly upon us, and we are unable at this moment rightly to estimate the extent of it. The importance of his life as an English painter, his influence upon that branch of art to which he devoted his energies, and the character impressed upon all he did by his simple and modest nature, deserve, and will undoubtedly receive, the attention demanded by the importance attached to the life of so distinguished a man. For the moment nothing is left for us but to mourn the loss of one who could be so ill spared from his work in the untilled ground of British art. *Feb 1854*

**Hunt**, William Holman (b. 1827), painter of the pre-Raphaelite school, son of a London warehouseman; made the acquaintance of Varley, and studied at the Academy. In 1853 he exhibited *Claudio and Isabella* and *The Awakened Conscience*, and in 1854 *The Light of the World*, now in Keble College Library. After this he went to

the East, and on his return painted *The Scapegoat* (1856), *The Finding of the Saviour in the Temple* (1850), and *Isabella and the Pot of Basil* (1866). Among his more recent pictures are *The Festival of St. Swithin*, *The Shadow of Death*, and *The Triumph of the Innocents*, etc. 189.45123

acknowledged  
Jan 24/52 Jm

No 24

22 Stanhope St  
Hamstead Road

Dear Sir

I herewith send the  
two drawings the  
leave brought no  
message from yourself  
a line to say if its  
all correct will much  
oblige you truly

W. H. Smith

Sheet W

Nov. 1852

Copy sent  
31/12/52  
Jm

Perk 30

12 Stanhope St  
Hampstead Road

Dear Sir

I am obliged by your  
prompt reply and forward  
you a copy from your  
memoirs of the three drawings

Birds nests ————— 25 Guineas

Plants ————— 20

Blackberry blossom — 15

Yours truly  
W Hunt

100.6213

Hunt W<sup>m</sup>

Dec 1852

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Notes for  
particulars of  
30/12/52  
pm

Dec 27

2 Stanhope St  
Hampstead Road

Dear Sir

In yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> you  
mentioned that you would  
write to your people to  
forward me a cheque  
for the three drawings and  
in case they could not and  
which has not been done  
I was to wait a few days  
or at all events I might  
depend upon receiving the  
amount in the ensuing  
(that was, or last week)

Yours truly  
W Hunt

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Hunt Jan

Dec 1852



LONDON  
FEB 16 1855

Mr Seaton

27 Grove Terrace

Kentish Town

N.W





1 Torr Villa. Campden Hill  
Kensington - W

Feb 14, 1839

My dear Mrs Seddon.

Altho I am generally  
very strict to a rule that I am obliged  
to make not to go out to evening parties  
I cannot withstand the temptation  
to come for an hour or two to look  
on at the Dancing, <sup>on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday</sup> to which you  
are kind enough to invite me.

With kindest regards to all your  
family I am yours ever sincerely

W Holman Hunt

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7 Berkeley Gardens

Camden Hill. W

May 21. 1878

Dear Mr Bicknell,

I know B

early as a student in the Nat. Cycl.  
and in the R. A., and when he  
exhibited I was struck, as others  
were, by his original talent. I  
never however had any knowledge  
of him at his home so I fear  
that I cannot add to the infor-  
-mation already given about  
him - indeed the paper stat-  
-ing his case speaks of a se-  
-rious attack of paralysis.  
which accounts for and causes

Hunt

his want of energy and self  
reliance more than I had thought  
it could be explained. In  
Italy I think some subscrip-  
tion was raised for him. I  
know this was proposed.  
Whether he has received help  
from the Artists Gen. Ben.  
Society I have not heard. If  
not I think he should apply  
and doubtless they would  
help him. He wants more  
assistance to paint a picture  
such as he proposes to do than  
your society could give him  
and if only uses this proposal

as a pretext for begging it would  
certainly be a pity to take the  
money from more deserving peo-  
ple for him and his family  
altho these last at the least  
claim the greatest commiseration.

Yrs faithfully

W Holman Hunt.

St. Bicknell Esq