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Woodstock, N.Y.

[May, 1918-1930]

Friday

My Dear Mr. Gallup : I am ashamed
to have left your kind and interesting letter
so long unanswered ; and can but cry you
mercy - with the poor excuse that I was
born the worst of correspondents, and I am
afraid, grow still worse as I grow older.

I have no doubt that you, or your friends,
have long since discovered that Biblical origin
of Wilde's reference to the "little red & the
"honey of romance" ; but, anyhow, I, even
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thus belatedly, send it to you. It is in
the First Book of Samuel, Chap. 14, from
verse 25 onwards - verse 43 being that which
Wilde particularly paraphrases.

Allow me to add that we have all been
much interested in your name - because my
wife's mother, Mrs. Howard Hinton, who,
with Mr. Howard Hinton, lives with us,
is also a Gallup, & very proud of it -
her mother having been Lucy Gallup, who
married Dr. Hector Bronson, of Rhinebeck.

Again thanking you for your interesting
letter

Yours,
Believe me

very sincerely yours

Richard Le Gallienne.

To Charles Gallup, Esq.

42. LE GALLIENNE. (RICHARD). Celeb. poet, author, playwright, etc. A very fine full
A. L. S. "RICHARD LE GALLIENNE", 3 pages, 8vo. "Woodstock, N. Y. Friday" n. d. - A
very fine letter about Oscar Wilde, etc.:

".....I have no doubt that you, or your friends, have long since discovered
the Biblical origin of WILDE'S reference to the "little rod" and "the honey
of romance"; but, anyhow.....First Book of Samuel, Chap. I4, from verse 25
onwards-those 43 being that which Wilde particularly paraphrased....", etc.
An unusually interesting letter. Extremely fine....."