

13. Holland St.  
Kensington, W.  
Nov: 15<sup>th</sup> 1906

My dear Shields,

Accept my best thanks for  
the beautiful book of your fine studies  
which you have so kindly sent me.  
I am very glad to have them, es-  
-pecially with your inscription.

The Manchester Municipal School of  
Art has done well to issue them, as  
they cannot but be of great value  
to students as examples of vigorous  
studies & direct & delicate work from  
life - a full of life as they are.

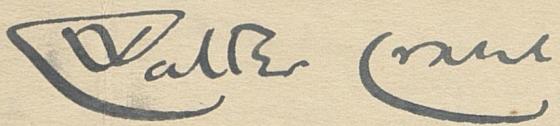
They have reproduced & printed them  
most excellently, don't you think?

I heard from Rodley that you had  
not been well & was sorry. I trust  
you are now better?

We (my wife & I) are on the brink  
of departure having in view a tour

in India. We are due to sail from  
~~Bombay~~ Marsella on the 21<sup>st</sup> November<sup>(for Bombay)</sup>,  
& shall be leaving here on Monday next.  
I have never been in the East, so it  
will be a leap into the unknown.  
We may be away several months, but  
that depends upon circumstances.

With very kind regards from us both  
& best wishes for your health & the progress  
of the great work, believe me,  
Always very truly yours

Walter Crane