

~~Chalet des Courlis~~  
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Dear Chapman,

Very many thanks for your letter, with the enclosure, which I return herewith. It was quite a blow to learn about poor Mac. I had not seen him since he was here for the filming, and that must be five or six years ago. But he looked then very fit, and he was such a handsome old fellow. He was years younger than I, and I never expected to hear this news.

We two seem to be the last of the Old Guard, so we must make up our minds to stick it out, if only for the sake of the public! Where will they get good stories or good

pictures after our time! So take care of  
yourself, old boy, and don't break records on  
that bike!

I am very glad indeed to hear that  
you are going to illustrate my books. This of  
course will please the readers, multitudes of whom  
have ragged me on the subject. I should very  
much like to see your work in my annuals also to  
a larger extent. I think you told me that you are  
in touch with Mr. Gerrard, Verb. sap.!

It has been one hell of a winter: but as  
the poet remarked, if winter come, can Spring be  
far behind? Queer that that poet really said "If  
winter comes": forgetting his subjunctives! Too  
late to tip Shelley about it!

With kindest regards,  
Very sincerely,

Frank R. [Signature]