

Mont Ena Aix - le - Davis

my dear Catherine & Duer.

Your cordy Remembrance came yesterday & was welcomed wth warmth. The photo. enclosed of the fête given by the Duchesse de Vendôme is amusing & we wonder how it came to reach my. & become public! The Duchesse invited us wth her usual thoughtfulness. She sent Ena the most beautiful flowers & a large engraved portrait of herself inscribed most "affectionately".

Often she was here to intimate a dinner - and truly it wd be difficult to find a lady in any walk of life with equal gentleness, dignity, and affability. Well 1920 is here, & if good wishes are to shape it for us - it will be kind - for our friends have ~~long~~ remembered us numerously, however we may be guilty, as Daisy & Joan, on our Savoyard hill.

The Experts to Run South in Auto next month & stay till April. Ena has been very busy preparing her garden & plantations for the charming spring, when all nature rewards us for the patient waiting through the long winter. June alone makes up for months of dull skies. We have had much to interest & keep us here - of late, or we should have taken a villa somewhere on the Riviera - as it is we go as vagrants, moving & not as we find the Hotel of our choice good & bad - at Cannes, Menton or elsewhere. In truth they are all

very defective now a days - The cooking is
often most unwholesome - & the prices are
very high. Here we have all the simple
food of the County - in our place furnishes
fruit, vegetables, dairy produce, & wine -

I find I am generally in good health
here on that account, & feel well on the
Riviera. The French here no doubt has much
to do wth it. On the 20th inst. I am said to
be 79 yrs old or young - but dates don't exactly
tell the tale. I run up & down & out
as ever, and feel quite a boy.

We miss the hundreds of brave W.S. boys
who swarmed up here a year ago -

They did our County everlastingly honour -
& lost their splendid accomplishments is
that & he evaporated they & the mistakes
of others.

Do you ever think of coming
again to old Europe? We hope so.

My love to two boys - & I will
give you Eva's affectionate messages
and my own - & close it as from
affectionate Cousin

Charles Van Warf

P.S. I forgot to say I was free in the "kiddies" of Treaserve,
in my atelier - they were so a more - The sight was pretty
& amusing. Eva brought a load of toys from Lyon, in Auto,
& sweet dolls & dainties etc. The Mayor, Barⁿ Munkand
was here, & others - from neighbours.