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Dear Brigantis,

Forgive me for not writing sooner. It was WONDERFUL to see you in situ in Rome. After Rosilyn's descriptions of your palazzo, I dearly wanted to see how you live. The most congenial of environments joins the most congenials of scholars.

Signora Winner was very sympathetic. I must catch up on the Hertziana soon. Peter and I spent over a year of our lives studying at that library, but of course, the administration never talked to students.

Our last crop of five undergraduates during the summer have been dazzling us. We did not know they grew them so bright, so fast. They have been performing brilliantly in their departments. We have had 8 seminars/field trips, and they ask questions and truly amaze us.

How are your jobs/projects/books going? I have my book to do every weekend but have been diverted by doing an article with Gino Corti on Lorenzo de' Medici as a collector of antiquities for Antologia or Waterhouse Festschrift (the latter a secret so far). It is a juicy article, maybe only three pages long but with new documents, gratis Gino.

I sincerely hope you are both well. You must be the original "padroni" and Lorenzo would have been glad to live up to you two.

Lots of love,

Phreo

Laurie