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Dear Friend,

Please forgive me for not writing sooner. I have not been well and I had to go to the country for a while. But it was such a great pleasure to receive your kind letter, and afterward the two copies of "The Prophet" in the Dutch language.

I am really delighted with the publication - more so with the edition de luxe. The paper, the type and the binding are indeed beautiful, and I am grateful to you. Of course I understand well why the illustration did not come out any better. It is very hard to reproduce reproductions. The only other book of my

English work is "The Furrunner",
of which I am sending you copy
together with this. Please
accept it with my kindest
thoughts and my most
sincere good wishes.

And I am indeed happy
that it is in your gracious
desire to call me your friend.
I would rather be a friend,
your friend, than anything else
in the world. To me friendship
is the only sound foundation
of all human relationships.

Believe me always
Your faithful friend
Kahlil Gibran