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My dear Giuliano,

You can have no idea how much I appreciated your letter. I assure you that I felt exactly the same as you about our all too brief exchange of ideas in front of Guercino. It was such a pleasure for me to find that we were in agreement from the start as to the essential nature of the artistic personality in question, with the consequence that there was no need to waste time clearing away preconceptions and ~~mis~~ misunderstandings. Of course, I always hoped that a good deal would become sufficiently clear from a concentration of this kind of Guercino's work. But it is sad how people of a certain experience sometimes find themselves unable on such occasions to make the effort (and exercise the modesty) to allow the artist a free hand to speak to them. (But let me hasten to say that this is not at all the case with my Bolognese colleagues — such as Gaudi, Cavalli, or Emiliani — any more than it is with yourself.) "Schemi" can only be useful if they are the artist's (and our) real servants, not his (and our) masters! Just like photographs!

As to the catalogue of drawings, I am now involved in the Translation. I am going to London with the English loans on the 26-27<sup>th</sup>, but return to Bologna on 10<sup>th</sup> December for a

week or 10 days, to check more of the translation and start correcting some ~~of~~ of the *bozze*. Then I shall come back again in January, to try and finish the work. With good luck the catalogue might be published towards the end of January, but I cannot quite be sure at the moment.

As I suppose one of the principal objects of an article on a *mostra* which is published after it has closed would be to discuss its catalogues more or less as books, I should have thought that it would not be easy to justify publication at any date which involves omission of discussion of the catalogue of drawings.

I will let you know later how the work is progressing. With very, very many thanks again for your letter which gave me so much pleasure,  
*e con tanta amicizia ed affetto*

Suo

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