

VAN EEDEN

BUSSUM
WALDEN

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Dear friend Raemakers

This letter will be sent to you by
Mr A. Roland Holst, the young
poet, whose work is perhaps known
to you and who has made a repu-
tation in Holland. He is the nephew
of Henriette Roland Holst - van der Smissen.

His idea is to go over to London,
in order to be helpful ^{there} ~~here~~ for
the better understanding between
England and Holland. Needless to
say he is a staunch upholder of
the cause of the Allies.

He will explain his purpose
himself, and I want to recommend
him to you.

It is already a long time since
we parted. I hope all are well.
In my home we are all well also.

My heart is often in London,
and I wish communication was
easier. Yet I feel as if I will have
to cross once more. I have very
deep and grand remembrances of
my stay in London. I never found
the town so beautiful and the
people so sympathetic.

I hope you will express your-
self, in your way, about the

Russian wonder, was n't it a
great and astonishing thing?

Will you give my heartiest
greetings to your wife and express
my constant gratitude for her
kind hospitality.

Give my kind regards also
to the Campbell's. Have the
Perry's gone to Switzerland?

Sometimes I envy you that
you are surrounded by a people
that is in the fight, and not by
this mixed, luke-warm, hesi-
tating people here.

With a hearty shake hands
yours

Fredrick van Eeden