

~~Chalet des Courlis~~

Rose Lawn ~~Wimereux sur Mer.~~
Kingsgate
Kent.

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Dear Mr.Cawley,

Many thanks for your letter: and I am glad to hear that you are still a "Richards fan": and hope that the little lad, when he grows older, will follow in his father's footsteps!

Yes, old numbers are now getting very scarce: but there will never be any shortage of Billy Bunter or Tom Merry, so long as their author lasts, -- which he intends to do for quite a long time yet.

About Rookwood, there is the volume published by Spring Books, Ltd, "The Rivals of Rookwood", which I think is still in print, though it is some years since it was published.

And Rookwood figures in a story in "Billy Bunter's Own" annual, which is now on the bookstalls in good time for Xmas.

Thank you for your kind wishes. It has pleased God to grant me quite amazing health for my time of life: and I feel like going on, like the little brook, for ever. In fact I am pondering on a trip to London to see the Bunter pantos at the Palace, if the weather isn't too awfully bad!

With kind regards,

Very sincerely,

Frank Richards

I have pleasure in enclosing photograph duly autographed.