

48 Euston Square

August 13<sup>th</sup>.

My dear Eichmüller

Thanky for your kind letter! I believe I owed you one; I do not think I had answered your last of April; therefore I thank you the more. I wish you joy upon your appointment. It was news to me; I seldom see the German papers. When you are in Basle I shall hope to see you sometimes. I have been in Switzerland so often and so much that I feel quite at home there. I like Basle, but its situation is inconvenient for the rest of Switzerland. As long as you remained in Föttingen it was difficult to see you, for I certainly did not desire to go there, and it might have been difficult to

give each other a rendezvous any  
where else. Besides I have never again  
been in North Germany since I left it seven  
years ago, and I am not sure that I  
shall ever find my way back. On the  
other hand when you leave Göttingen, the  
last link is broken that connected me  
with my year of life there and the many  
recollections that it left behind; and that  
calls forth a quiet sigh.

You will yourself feel the reawakening  
of many pensive memories in quitting your  
home of so many years. I wonder  
whether you will strike east in Switzer-  
land, and spend your life there!

I am as you see in London. With  
the exception of one week I have not  
been out of town since last year.  
We have had the hottest summer known

in England for forty years. I am much  
in want of a change. And I had arranged  
to go this very week to Ireland for  
two months, but the serious illness of  
one of the friends whom I was going to  
visit is keeping me back. I have never  
been in Ireland, and intended to travel  
there a little, make one or two short visits  
and then a long visit of about a month  
at this friend's country-house. As he is  
alarmingly ill, I may give up the journey  
altogether, in which case it is not im-  
possible I may turn my steps again  
towards Switzerland. Perhaps I may  
come in the winter for a while to Basle!

I do not seem to have been very  
productive. I have been writing a good  
deal, but with one slight exception I have  
made nothing fit for printing all this year.

On the other hand I may now be able to put the finishing stroke on one or two articles of various kinds.

Poor Fran Beckwith! And poor Mangoldt! Change and death - I dare say there are others dead whom you may not have mentioned. That Klinkerfues was giving symptoms of vitality I saw in some scientific journal: I forget what he had discovered. Is Ubbelohde married to Miss Linger?

Let me hear from you as soon as convenient.

I desire to convey my kind regards to your wife.

Ever yours affectionately  
A. Hamilton.