

Hôtel Boivard: Montreux -  
Canton Vaud: Oct. 28.

My dear Reichmüller

Are you now home  
again from Puyoa and the  
at work? I gave me  
great pleasure to hear from  
you after all the cautions of  
the year. I am glad  
to find that your heart  
is in the right place  
which I take it is the case  
with most of the younger  
generation - Not with all,  
however. There have been  
two nice young persons staying

here, with whom I have disputed  
daily. They seem to have learned  
nothing from events, and have  
no intention of learning any thing.  
So we they seem left caring  
about the real honor of their  
country, from I am myself.

And I suppose there are plenty <sup>and</sup>  
One of them has been stopping  
in Götting and gave me a very  
amusing account of Madame Lachariae.  
I wish I could screw up  
my courage again to the point  
of setting out towards Germany  
myself for the winter. But  
the winter is the very thing  
I dread with my whole heart.  
In fact I cannot well bear

severe cold - I suppose I have not  
blood enough, or some such thing,  
to withstand it. Otherwise I should  
like to be in Germany; the more  
I think of it, the more it  
seems a natural field for my own  
digging - which latter will probably  
never be very deep - I should  
not be sorry to flap a few  
months every year there.

You seem to have rushed  
to prep rather in a hurry with  
your historical philosophy - I  
hope it has been successful.

I am rather timid about going  
to prep. What is to appear  
as an independent work ought  
to be as good as the author can

make it. Articles in periodicals are different; but we have a right to demand that a book should be as far as the writer is concerned - final. And I never succeed in convincing myself that I have turned my opportunities of knowledge or faculty of representation to the best account -

If it does not trouble you, will you tell Cromfeldt to make me a few more photographs: but that some of the last were very badly printed. He can choose his weather and take his time, and I shall let him know afterwards where to send them.

Do let me have a few lines as soon as you can - It is just possible I may yet go to Germany -  
Yours affectionately  
Richd. Hamilton.

Heidelberg: December 4<sup>th</sup>.

My dear Eichmüller

This is only a note to say  
that I have received - with thanks -  
your note, and that I am going off to  
Berlin in a few days. My address  
there for the mean time will be  
Hôtel de Prusse. I am sorry  
to leave this without having seen  
you: particularly as life and  
plans are so uncertain. I was  
very near running across to Boole

for two days; but there were  
so many good reasons against  
it.

I shall write again from  
Berlin, if I am once there.

I must halt for two days  
at Leipzig.

I was glad to hear all  
you had to tell me about  
your family and your book.

I was not any fonder of  
Göttingen than you were.

My own impression of the  
atmosphere of the university  
was strangely uncomfortable -

immense learning, certainly -

But amongst the younger men  
no ideal! Whether they took this  
from the older men or not is what  
I do not know - But for the future  
it makes no difference - it is equally  
hopeless. And for the present to  
create such an atmosphere is surely  
both unpleasant and unwholesome.  
One's vital powers were snubbed at every  
turn. If youth is not to aspire,

What will old age be like?

(I suppose a tree should grow  
upwards whilst it is young, and  
spread afterwards.

Our old friend Stein is still in  
Strelitz, (I suppose. I heard  
that he was married. I should like  
to let him know I am in Berlin.

And now Good bye

Yours affectionately

Carl Müller.

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December 13<sup>th</sup>

My dear Liechmüller

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Many thanks for your letter of July. It found me here. I spent last winter in Paris, but have been in England since the end of March. I quite intended to go to Germany for the autumn and winter, but matters have been differently ordered. Very soon after my return in spring, my brother here began to feel and look ill. He and his wife went to Paris in May to see the Exhibition, but the journey did him no good. On his return he was obliged to go out of town for rest and fresh air, and I remained here to be with the children and to get things ready for the eldest daughter's marriage which took place in the beginning of July. My



brother was then so ill that he could not come to his daughter's wedding. He was afterwards moved about from one place to another, till at his own request he was brought home in September, after which time he did not leave his bed. He died on Sunday fortnight the 24<sup>th</sup> November.

I shall probably remain here for some time. It is my sister-in-law's wish: she cannot yet be left alone. And now I am quite content to pass the winter here. Perhaps I may go abroad in Spring. You are one of the persons I should most like to see, and I should now have no difficulty in coming to Göttingen. I was glad to hear that A. V. P. was going to be married. And I am glad to hear that you are married, and living happily in your own home, which by your description must be a pleasant one. Only when I hear of such things, they

make me think of what might have been and one feels like an exile from the Eden in which you all live, wandering alone up and down in the world. This has been a dull and a dreary summer to me. I have been in London nearly all the time, but disinclined and unable to work. I feel now more willing to begin again. You seem to have been very active. By the papers I see that your friend Dehll is again in England: he has been writing letters on Italian matters. I never sent him your little parcel not knowing where he was: I shall try to send it now. He is fond of talking and writing on politics, which he is rarely fitted for. He also, like everybody else, talks much about Art, for which he has no real feeling. I should think his true sphere was probably philosophy — to judge by his early poems — which were not poems.

As I said I have been much dis-  
appointed in not seeing Germany this  
year. I fancied I should find many  
materials for a little work. I thought  
of living chiefly in Berlin and Weimar.

By and by we shall not be surprised at the  
outbreak of a real war; but one fancies  
right or wrong that Prussia has lost one  
grand opportunity.

Tell me about some  
of the old friends in the Pittsburgverein.

I ought to send you two dollars, but  
they are so difficult to find. I shall send  
you either them or a five dollar note next time.  
The photographs were very good and useful.

(1) this man (whose name I cannot read) who is  
marrying A. S. the same who used to live in  
their house? Write very soon. My kind  
regards to your wife.

Yours affectionately  
Wm. Hamilton.