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Dear Sir 26 Aug. 8 P.m.

My dear friend! Your kind letter brought me  
 the news. There are now twenty four years, I do  
 not see your eyes full of benevolence and wisdom  
 and grace. I have seen multitudes of men, of diverse  
 and most distinguished men, but I dare say, I do  
 not find one equal to you. You united dig-  
 nity and wisdom, justice and love, science and  
 feeling, ~~and a heart for the~~  
 being, practical social intentions and a  
 free and open heart to God, to genius and  
 to all what is beautiful and ready to all  
 what is created by the all-encompassing God.

I travelled under your protection, enjoying  
 the privilege of your name.

I thank you for your friendship and for being  
 from the first moment we met: I have had for  
 from your remembrance as a student of yours  
 all my life.

My parents died in 1855 and 1859. I lived  
a short time in Prussia with the Prussian ambassador  
three years. Then I went to Göttingen and became  
what they call „Privatdozent“ of the University. I  
was a wife from the Baltic provinces of Prussia,  
whose father was a good and a rich man. I had two  
Daughters. My beloved wife died. Then I gave my  
daughters to my sister in law in Prussia and travelled  
through France and Spain, Africa, Egypt, Palestine,  
Greece and Italy and four years  
I married the sister of my first wife. I  
became Professor in Göttingen. A book on  
Aristotle was called to the University of Bonn  
I wrote a second book, was called to Göttingen and  
I live now six years. In every year I  
write one or two books. My wife gave me three  
boys and two Daughters. My life passes now

almost entirely in my room for study, the rest for  
family. In summer time I travel through Prussia,  
Norwegen, Holland, England, Scotland. I have  
a revenue of 3000 Rub. from the University, 3000  
from my father in law and something from the inheritance  
of my father. I am happy with my wife and  
seven children; my influence on the students is  
creasing fortunately from year to year and I  
bores to endeavour to give a history of the ideas  
The former views on Plato and Aristoteles I overthrow  
and give a new prospect on their philosophy in con-  
trast with all the now reigning opinions. One best  
thinker, Lotze, <sup>(of Göttingen)</sup> has declared himself for me, but  
there is yet a party, that can not expect to be  
winded. — My own philosophy goes also a new  
way. I divide the former systems in three classes  
and propose a new fourth way of thinking. I re-  
ject completely the positivism of Locke, Leibniz, etc.

When Your letter arrived I was in the re-  
bath of Estonia on the board of the Finlendsky sea  
and ought to return home, our colleges being recon-  
vening. If academical duty did not detain me, I  
would have come to see You and Your Daughters.  
Perhaps You find an interest of seeing St. Peters-  
burg, the grand capital of the Zar of Russia.  
If You will come, I shall be Your guide and  
You may make a little excursion to Dorpat to see  
my family. I can present You a good deal  
of noble academical youth and colleagues, who  
would interest You and my house is large  
enough to receive You and Yours.

I hope You are vigorous and of an  
unalterable youth according to Your soul, that  
can never cease to be productive and loving  
and thinking.

I send You my heart and would be happy  
to serve Your daughters. Always Yours

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