

To the Members
of the
American Philosophical Association

Since I am unable adequately to express by means of separate letters, how deeply I am moved by what was said and done for me at the meeting of the Association held at the University of Pennsylvania on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 28 and 29, 1915, I beg my friends to accept this word of thanks, and of greeting for the coming year:

The love of my students and of my guides, helpers, and fellow servants, in the search for truth, is very precious. I shall never forget (while memory remains mine) the thoughtful care which devised and the patient labor which carried into effect the plan followed by the Association in its Philadelphia meeting. That plan was wisely considerate of the philosophical interests of your guest, and was also well adapted to remind me of that union of minds and of hearts which underlies and justifies all our differences of opinion and inspires our common labors in the task of philosophical research.

Affectionately Yours,

Josiah Royce

Cambridge, Massachusetts
January 10, 1916.

I am enclosing a letter which I would be very pleased if you would put in an envelope & send to the following address:

Frau Engeroff

Lessingstrasse 40

~~Ba~~ Bonn am Rhein
Deutschland.

I am not closing up the letter, partly because I don't wish you to think you may be a medium for the transmission of treasonable communications, & partly because I haven't an envelope handy. The fact is that my wife was in Germany just before war was declared, & left a lot of luggage there. Up to the present, she has not enquired after it but thinks she might as well do so, & I thought this method posing the best.

I am (or rather my wife is) extremely Frau E. to write C/o of you, and if you

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Gibraltar

Feb 2nd 1916

My dear Wener, If you ever receive this you will know that I have at least reached Toulon safely, or it will not be posted before then. I am married & on my way out to take a year's lecturing (locum tenens) in modern philosophy at Sydney. I hope to return to Cambridge, England, at the end of the year, if the war is then over.

receive a letter from her will you be good enough to send it to me C/o of The University, Sydney, N.S. Wales, Australia. (That is, if you receive such a letter before November of this year; if after that date, send to me C/o Cairns Coll. Cambridge.)

We leave here for The Mediterranean "stunt" tomorrow morning = chances - about 80 to 1 on getting through safely. The weather so far has been rather nice & today is glorious. I went into the horizontal position for two days, & hope I won't have any more of that. I spend my spare time lecture writing - am at present about half way through Descartes,

so you see that I am fairly near the origin of things, so far as my work is concerned. I am afraid I won't have a large class to lecture to, & it will consist mostly of women - at Cambridge, we have now mostly women & Indians - outshot from lecturer's desks generally my black. I saw Russell just before leaving. He is delivering a course of lectures in London

on Social Reconstruction after the War. He has temporarily vacated Cambridge - too hot for him there among the cut & dried Jingo's who say "my country, right or wrong." We are wondering if Moore will have to leave now that conscription has come. I escaped it - because of health only.

I hope you are well & progressing. I shall be delighted to hear from you. Tell me all the news about your doings
With kindest regards
Yours ever
B. Muscio

Write me at Sydney address

2 Shady Hill Sq.

Cambridge

9. ii. 1916

Dear Dr. Wiener,

Herewith I return your paper, with many thanks for letting me read it. I have done so with great interest & appreciation, and I certainly think your point of view deserves the wider audience which only publication in some periodical can secure.

May I suggest the 'International Journal of Ethics' as most suitable? At least, I doubt whether any periodical ~~not~~ devoted to technical discussions of ethical problems would accept a paper so argumentative. If you thought of sending it, say, to the 'North Atlantic Monthly', or - to take another type - to the 'Hilbert Journal', I should, if I may, advise your recasting it so as to begin with the striking point with which you end, and which seems to me much the most important pt. you make, viz., that the terms of morality are to the individual and mankind, and that the state, as a moral factor demanding of the individual duties inconsistent with his duties as a man to mankind, should be eliminated. You are really appealing to morality as genuinely universal against the partial morality of exclusive patriotism. You are appealing to cosmopolitanism against nationalism; you are subordinating my duties as a citizen to my duties as a man. You reach ^{do} this by a criticism of the concept of the state as

an ethical person, ~~and~~ but it seems to me your argt. would be more striking if you turned to expose the fact that both Pacifists & Militarists base themselves on this concept only after, not before, you have made good your more fundamental pt.

This, however, is merely a question of method of exposition, as regards which you must follow your own judgement.

As regards the merits of your argt., I am with you so far as I agree that my duties as a man are morally more fundamental than my duties as a citizen, and that state-action, and the demands made thereby on me & others as members of the state, must in principle be amenable to, ~~the~~ and not come into conflict with, the more fundamental demands of morality. At the same time, I suspect that you underestimate the positive importance of the state as a moral organisation; I do not think the whole tale is told by merely pointing to the manifold private relations of ~~individuals~~ ^{members} of one state to members of another, and treating the international complications arising out of these (cf. commercial rivalries etc.) as 'given & unchangeable'. With due restrictions & qualifications, the concept of the state as a 'person', and even as an ethical person, can & must be maintained. It is, e.g., the basis of International Law. I won't argue this at length here, but it seems to me that your employment of instances to overthrow Treitschke's false theory, pp. 10-13, is logically faulty. You ^{claim to} show that the theory is false - yes, I agree, when it is stated without safeguards & qualifications as Tr. states it. So far, then, as your argt. is effective, I infer, not that the theory must be abandoned root & branch, but that it must be properly qualified - a relative, not an absolute, truth. - But probably you will agree with all this.

Yours sincerely
R.F. Alfred Hoeruli

University of Pittsburgh

GRANT BOULEVARD

The College

318 Sempfle St.,
March 11, 1916.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Dr. Robert Wiener,
24 Bernack St.,
Orono, Me.

Dear Dr. Wiener:

I received your application and reprints, but they reached me a little late, however, as we had practically decided upon a man, except for the arrangement of the details, before I got your papers. I heard the paper you presented in New York last Christmas and I am not sure that I did not meet you but I don't recall that any serious conversation transpired between us. I recognized your picture which I am returning to you as per your request and I am sending your reprints under separate cover.

Thanking you for your kindness,
I am,

yours very truly,
F. J. Holder.

THE JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY
PSYCHOLOGY AND SCIENTIFIC METHODS

Sub-Station 84,
New York City,
March 13, 1916.

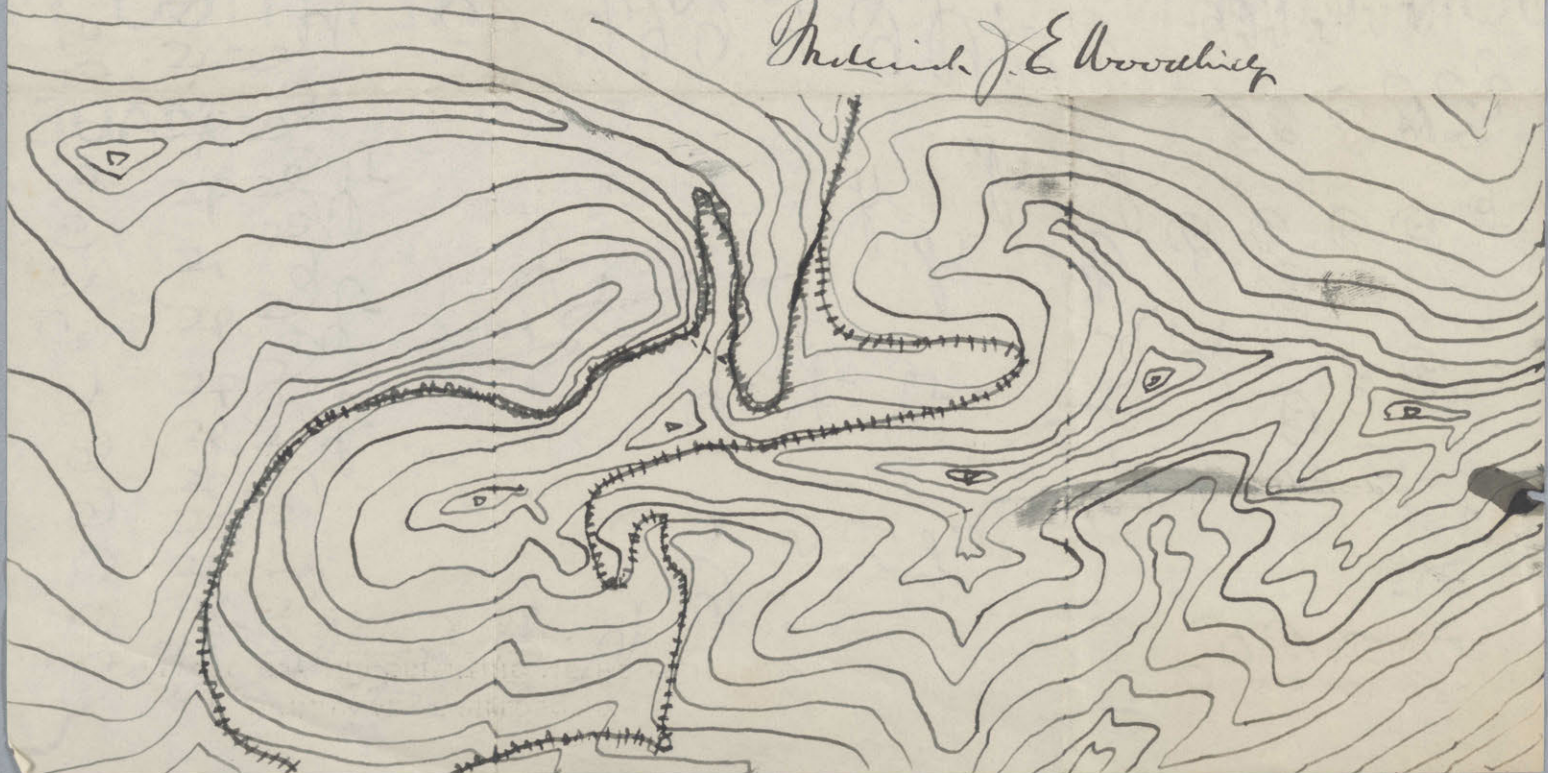
Dr. Norbert Wiener,
29 Sparks Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dr. Wiener:

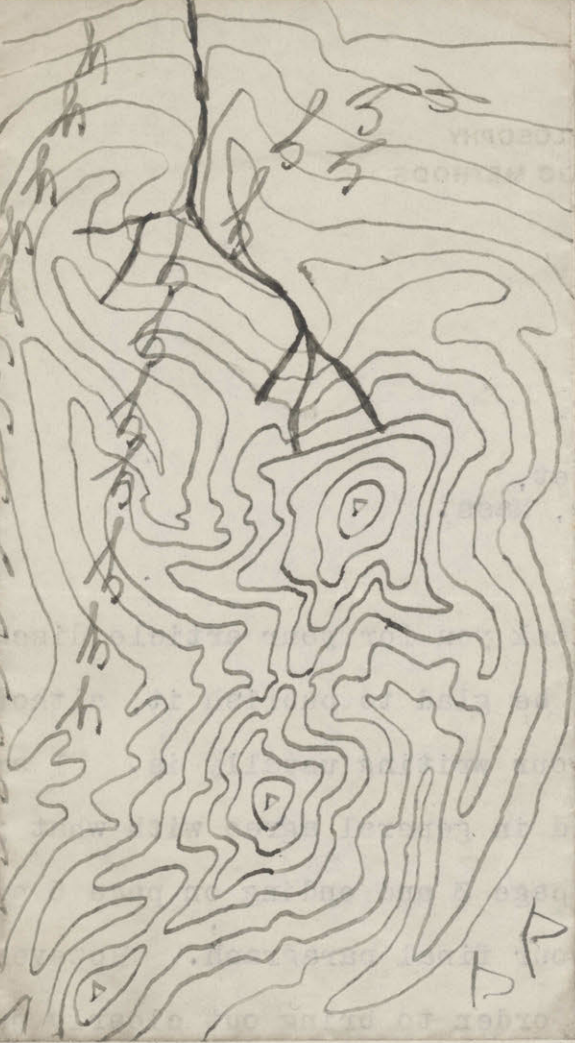
Let me thank you for your article discussing Mr. Lewis's position. I shall be glad to publish it, although I do not think it is as clear as your writing usually is. I am inclined to think that Mr. Lewis would in general agree with what you say in the paragraph beginning on page 3 and ending on page 5 and with the conclusion stated in your final paragraph. However, that can be left for him to state in order to bring out clearly just where the point of controversy lies. I regret that I can not promise publication for several months, since we are so stocked up with material.

Very sincerely yours,

William E. Woodbridge



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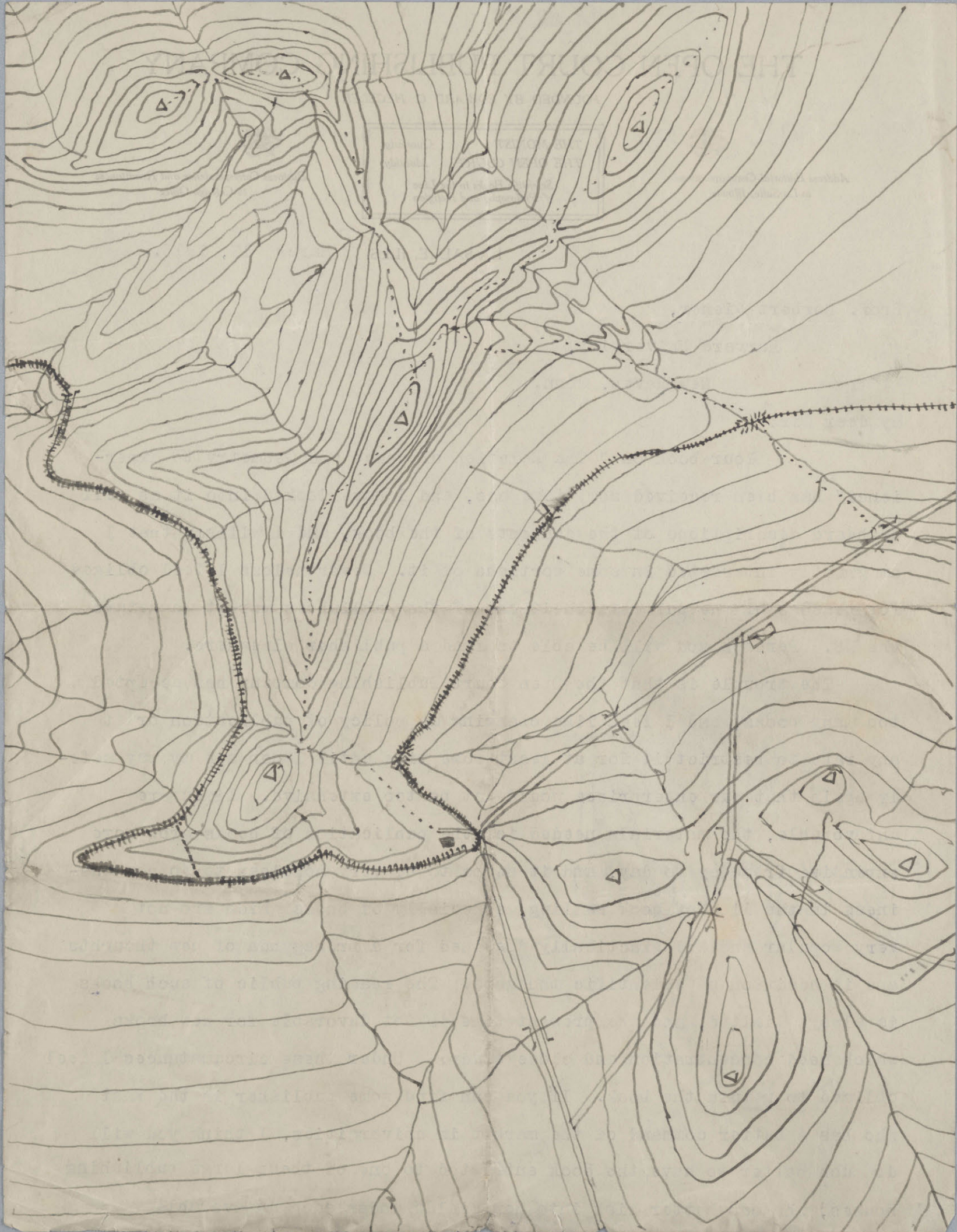
LA SALLE, ILLS. March 17, 1916.

Prof. Norbert Wiener,
Harvard University,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Sir:

Your book on "The Relation of Space and Geometry to Experience" has been received some time ago, and I have looked into it as well as heard descriptions of the contents of the book, and I will say that I am greatly interested in some portions of it. Nevertheless I feel obliged for reasons of the current conditions of the publishers market to return the MS. Perhaps you will be able to find a publisher elsewhere.

The trouble is that the Open Court Publishing Company has accepted too many books, and I feel like changing my policy of publication or at any rate to restrict it for at least some time until I can see my way safely again that our enterprizes would not be too extensive. Times are unfavorable, the materials needed for the publication of books grow more expensive from day to day, and it seems to be very hopeless to do any business in the line of book selling, especially of books which are not very popular and are practically destined for a propaganda of new thoughts and in addition of scientific thoughts. The reading public of such books is always limited, and the present time is not favorable for new books which need concentration and close study. Under these circumstances I feel obliged to return the book. If you can find some publisher in the East who has a better command of the market in universities, I think you will do much better to have the book entrusted to one of these large publishing houses, who can better risk into new fields under such unfavorable



Norbert Wiener-2

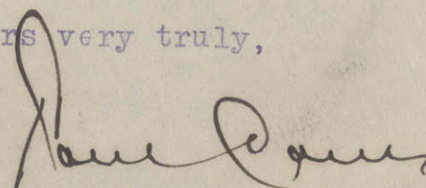
circumstances as now prevail. I have already accepted too much, and it is not advisable for me to venture into further enterprises.

Concerning your book, I find that you are well acquainted with the Kantian line of thought and with the philosophical views of the basis of mathematics, but I wonder how you acquire the idea of an aura for points. I have seen a book by a Russian thinker who had the same notion but I can not tell you now what terminology he employed. At any rate to him the entirety of the point is not the Euclidean mathematical thing without extension but all in all it took space so as to make the sum of many points more than one, and a line therefore could consist of a series of points. He had not the idea of an aura, but the result was the same. I suppose you have not seen a book of his. I can not say that I favor the idea. It deviates too much from traditional mathematics and seems to me to miss the point of mathematical thought. Have you seen my "Foundation of Mathematics" or the summary which I have written of my whole system, entitled "Philosophy of Science" or in another edition "Philosophy of Form". I have treated there briefly the most important feature of philosophy, which is the philosophical value of mathematics, especially geometry.

I shall send you my pamphlet, and you may expect it in a day or two after the receipt of this letter.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,



PC/N





JAMES N. HART
DEAN OF THE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

ORONO, MAINE

April 25, 1916

Dr. Norbert Wiener

29 Sparks Street

Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Sir:-

We have decided to give you the appointment as Instructor in Mathematics for the college year 1916-1917. In order that there may be no misunderstanding I will restate the conditions in which you are engaged.

The appointment is for one year at \$800.

If we are mutually pleased, it may be continued for a second year at \$900 and again for the third year at \$1000.

The work is the teaching of three sections of freshman and sophomore mathematics,--about 15 hours per week, together with such additional hours of conference with your students as may be necessary, probably not over two hours per week, unless you give more from interest in your classes.

There is, of course, a certain amount of proctoring of entrance and arrearage examinations, but this is not great.

We conduct classes in freshman and sophomore mathematics entirely by the text-book and recitation plan, believing that we get the best results in that way.

We have a Mathematics Club, meeting once in two weeks, but the work done is of very elementary character, consisting largely of papers by students, which are naturally largely in the way of problem solving or review of papers that have already appeared in the journals.

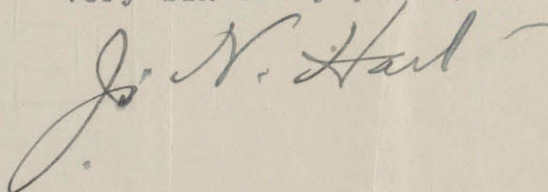
In our College of Arts and Sciences there is the Arts Club, meeting once a month. We shall very likely be glad to make use of you in some of these meetings.

The department^s of Mathematics and Physics give during the Spring Semester a course of lectures of which the Mathematical Department is responsible for about eight. We shall probably want you to deliver one of these.

Your reply stating that you accept the appointment under the conditions stated above, will be regarded as constituting a contract between yourself and the University. This will be ratified at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, after which you will receive formal notice of your appointment from the President of the University.

JNH/JHW

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. N. Hall". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "J. N. Hall".



DEAN'S OFFICE

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
ORONO, MAINE

June 2, 1916

Dr. Norbert Wiener
29 Sparks Street
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dr. Wiener:

Yours of May 14th was duly received, but we have delayed writing, because we have not fully decided upon some of the text-books, as we are planning to make some changes. We are sure of Reitz and Craythorne's Algebra, published by Henry Holt and Co., and Granville's Calculus. We are expecting to assign you one division of Trigonometry and Algebra (these courses come tandem, Trigonometry 10 weeks, Algebra 8), one division of Sophomores in Calculus and a three hour course in solid geometry and a two hour course in the History of Mathematics, provided this last assignment is satisfactory to you. We have thought that perhaps with your knowledge of languages and your interest in philosophy the course in the History of Mathematics might appeal to you. It can be given either by text-book or by lectures. The class will be a small one. When last given, in the Fall of 1914, it was given with Cajectori's History of Mathematics as a text-book.

Yours very sincerely,

JNH/JHW



ROBERT JUDSON ALEY
PRESIDENT

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
ORONO, MAINE

June 13, 1916.

Dear Mr. Wiener:

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees held June 12, 1916, you were appointed Instructor in Mathematics for the year beginning September 1, 1916, at a salary of \$800. It is understood that this appointment may be twice renewed at salaries of \$900 and \$1000 respectively.

You will be expected to report to Professor Hart for duty not later than September 15, 1916. You will also be expected to arrange affairs so that you may remain at the University through the Thursday following Commencement in 1917. I should be pleased to have your formal acceptance of this appointment and to receive the enclosed blank properly filled out.

Very truly yours,

Robert Aley

Enc.

RJA.B



DEAN'S OFFICE

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
ORONO, MAINE

June 16, 1916

Dr. Norbert Wiener
29 Sparks Street
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Wiener:

Yours of June 8th was duly received. Commencement time my correspondence has fallen behind somewhat.

The course in ^{history of} mathematics is scheduled for one semester, two hours per week. The class will be a small one, mainly, probably wholly, students majoring in mathematics. You can count on their having had sophomore calculus and analytic geometry.

In our library we have Cantor's three volumes, and Gow's History of Greek Mathematics, also the ^{small} volume of Balland of Fink on the History of Mathematics, Heath's Diaphantus of Alexandria, and some minor works on the History of Arithmetic and of Algebra. These, I think will give sufficient material for the two hour one-semester-course. If you get a good class and they become thoroughly interested in the work of the History of Mathematics, we might, perhaps, allow the course to run through the year. It has been scheduled for one semester followed by the History of Astronomy for the second semester. But there is no very strong reason why the History of Astronomy must be given.

Yours very sincerely,

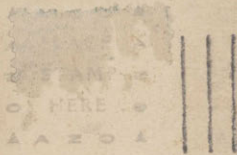
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Dear ma,

I had so my company
 I got the end of it
 the health guards
 I go way down the line
 and out of sight I go
 next Sunday's date for picture
 no picture for picture

Mrs. Leo Werner
 Ma. Dandwich
 New Hampshire

13th July

Dear ma.

Work is easy
& the bathing is good
Gen. Wood gave a
lecture today. My ~~work~~^{best}
mates are an interesting
lot, including a man
who has taught
school in Ceylon. My
address is Co. C, 6th Training
Regiment. Love to all
hardest



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Mrs. L. Wiener,
No. Sandwich,
N. H.

Burlington, VT
11th of July

[ca. 1916]

Dear ma:

I'm well. Have
taken room in hotel at
\$18 washed up. Changed
cars often & got tired.
Fell in with other P. men,
who warn me to
expect ferociously hard
work. Leave for P.
by boat in morning.
Hope all goes well at home.
Robert



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Mrs. Leo Wiener,
North Sandwich,
N. H.

July 21, '16,
Co C, 6th Regiment
Plattsburg, NY

Dear dad:

Many happy returns of
the day, and many more years
of good, hard, productive work!
By the way, there are men your age
here, whose physique is no better
than yours, who show every sign
of being useful officers, so I think
it might not be a bad idea for
you to come here next year
yourself. The work is stiff, but
enjoyable and not overtaxing.
We have covered many a day
in the mountains harder than
anything here. The pack is light

and the gun handy, and target-
shooting is interesting, though
I only made 26 out of a possible
50. I may yet qualify as marksman,
however, as I made 22 out of 25
at gallery practice, though I
started at 9, so I may again
pull up. My mountain training
shows up in the absence of
blisters on my toes
and my absence of the
exhaustion which is so
prevalent among my comrades
from hiking and skirmishing.
I just met Johnny
Sullivan & Walter Munroe,

July 25, '16,
Plattsburg,
6th Training Reg.
Co. C, Squad 11

Dear ma:

I have not completed my target work, as I find that my glasses do not work quite well enough at 600 & 500 yards. We begin marching again tomorrow, however, and then all will be well with me again. I have not known sore feet since I have been here and the pack is easier on me than on some others.

I have not received Demos' & Phoutricks' letters.

There is not much news here. I have just finished the cash I brought along with me, and cashed a check for \$10. This, I think, will cover all my expenses till I come home. I have had to spend about 35 cents a day on extra grub and lots of other extras have come up. I can still cut down if you think I'd better.

Best wishes to all at home from you & dad down, not excepting Isabel. Have plenty good eats for me on the 9th, when I arrive.

I suggest some such menu as
this

String beans

Pilaf

Rye bread

Spinach or chard

Potato salad

Oh, how I miss 'em

Goodbye,
Narbert.

who is a second-year man
and is in the artillery. First
year men are not permitted
lectures.

My corporalship is
in abeyance, but the final
list of N.C.O's is not
yet published. I may get one yet,
but I doubt it.

Goodbye,

With love to all

Harbert.

from the camp about \$4.00 of my
deposit. This will almost pay
my railway fare home, counting
my daily rate of expenditure, all
told, as about 40 cents, including
extra food; I shall have spent \$4.00
before I get home. This leaves me
about \$3.37. Counting the expense
of my uniform as \$5.00 in
addition to my sweater & Harvard
uniform, this will leave about \$1.50
more spent than the \$60 which
you figured my Plattsburgh trip
would cost me. At the worst,
I shall not exceed the \$60
by more than \$3.00, and if I stop
this it will be largely for things
which I need but can bring home.
If this seems excessive, please

I shall come home on the 9th.

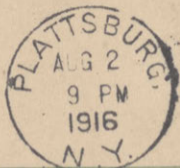
~~If I had time to do it for~~
~~the stage, I might have done it.~~

Love to all

Robert

Aug 2, '16.
Co. C, 6th
Training Regt
Platts., on
Hike

Dear ma: This is the 2nd
day of the hike, & I am
dusty and a bit tired
but happy. Have heard
from Demos. Expect
him on 8th, before I
come. He had made
arrangements for his
With love
Herbert



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Mrs. Leo Wiener,
No. Sandwich,
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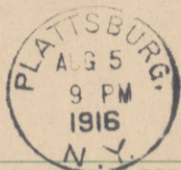
Aug. 5, '16.
In camp near
Cadyville, N.Y.

Dear ma:

I have stood
the hiking well. Was glad
to hear of Con's \$200.
Hope all is well at home.
Will arrive Tuesday, or
more probably, Wednesday.

Love to all. Add

rasberry ice or
something of that sort
to the dinner.
With love
Robert



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs Leo Wiener
North Sandwich

N.H.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE
AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Chicago, Aug 8, '16

Dear Mr. Weiner:

I enclose your MS &
the editorial vote to accept, subject
to revision to meet suggestions by Professor
R. L. Moore, Univ. Penn., Philadelphia,
with whom you may communicate
directly (& take up any points relating
to his suggestions, in case you disagree).

When ready, please send MS to
Dr. R. L. Moore.

~~Tho' there is no~~
As Prof. Huntington is an expert in
this line, I would personally suggest
that you ask him to read your MS
before you send it to Moore.

Very truly yours,
L. E. Dickson

TRANSACTIONS OF THE
AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

720 MILLBURN ST.,

EVANSTON, ILL.

Aug. 5 1916.

Dear Dickson,

We have voted to accept the Wiener MS,
subject to revision ^{under} R. L. Moore's direction.

Please return the paper to the author with Moore's
suggestions, and tell him to send revision to R. L. M.
I am writing directly to the latter, but am not notifying
Wiener, leaving you to do that.

Sept 1.

Dear ma:

I am at Livermore
on route for Mt. Clinton!
The weather has been
fine, but the trails have
been bad. We carry
34 Lbs apiece. We are
very comfortable.

Norbert

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Mrs Leo Wiener
North Sandwich
N. H.

Sept. 15, '16,
University Inn,
Orono, Me.

Dear ma: I am nicely settled now at the
house of the University Librarian - nice
people & \$3.00 per week. I eat at the U. Inn
at \$5.00 per week. ^{good eats.} I have met Professors
Raggio, Willard, & Hart & Pres. Aley.
Dean Hart is very nice. Proctoring begins
today. I have begun work on my lectures.
Prof. Willard (math.) has invited me to go
hunting with him. People are hospitable,
& treat me as an equal. I lost my purse -
with only a key in it. It was my small-change
purse. I am very comfortable. Write soon.
Love to Conna, Bertha, & Fritz. Has Isabel
gone to the movies?
Harriet

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

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MAINE



Mrs. Leo Wiener,
North Sandwich,
R.H.

13 September
Orono, Me.

Dear ma:

Orono is a nice
place & I am there safely.
I shall eat at the University
I'm, but shall not lodge
there. I shall probably
lodge with the librarian.
I shall pay for board &
room \$6 per week. I have
docked up and am about
to call on Hart
with love &
nostalgia

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

ORONO
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MAINE



Mrs. Leo Wiener,
North Sandwich,
N. H.

University Inn,

Orono, Me.,

September 26, 1916

Dear Dad:

I am settled here all right in comfortable rooms, and have begun preparing my lectures and getting material for a new article. I shall not have a Calculus course, but shall have a Logic course if anyone turns up to take it. Please secure for me a copy of Aikins Logic from the Library or the Coop when you go to town. Please also send me the translations of Euclid, Archimedes, Appolonius, Pappus, and Diophantus in the Harvard Library.

It was too bad about poor old Royce, but it was not a surprise. I wonder who will succeed him. In the mean time, pull any string that may be left lying loose at Harvard for my benefit.

There is nobody here who knows a continental about my sort of work, but all seem properly impressed with the amount of paper consumed by my articles, and treat me as an equal. What is the etiquette of calling a young professor by his last name? I don't do it, but I don't know but what I should.

I proctored at a make-up last night, and viler work than those students did I never saw. One man got half an answer right out of a

dozen.

Raggio is very pleasant. Professor Willard invited me to go hunting with ~~me~~^{him} soon. He is a simple farmer sort of a fellow, much like White. I have not met a man on the faculty yet who did not seem to have several pounds of hayseed concealed on his person.

Well, good luck to your work, and love to all the family. Has Mr. Lee proposed to anyone else yet

With love,

Robert

I don't mean to look
down on the faculty here. Anyway
I can't. They are mostly six-foot
Maine Yankees. They are quite
nice.

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Math 278. 1.22²⁰

~~Math 5079. 1.100~~

Boots

Math 279. 1.62

Boots

Math 280. 2.3

University Inn,
Orono, Maine,
September 22, 1916.

Dear Ma

My house has a good, clean bathroom, and is steam heated. I bathe quite often enough. I get good chow. I was laid up with tonsillitis for a couple of days in bed, and had the doctor twice as a precaution. You see, I was feverish, and I was not sure that it was simply tonsillitis that made me so, and nothing worse. Now I am all hunkydory. My landlady was very kind to me when I was laid up.

I have two sections of freshman Trig., one solid Geometry course, one course in the history of Mathematics, and one in Logic. Professor Segall of the French department tells me that he has shoved off several rats and spots that are looking for snap courses into my History of Math. They will have another thunk coming. There will be a high death-rate among such of my students as are suffering ^{from} ~~with~~ infantile paralysis of the intellect.

I have been studying, either for the sake of my lectures or for my own personal benefit, pretty steadily since I came here. I have not been idle beyond my wont, but my room is rapidly assuming the familiar appearance of industrious disorder it presents at home in one of

of the intervals between the times when you take me by the scruff of the neck and make me arrange things.

Well, love and good wishes to all at home. How did Mr. Lee take the rejection of his very attractive offer? Tell the boys where I hang out, and make them write.

Your loving son,

Robert

P.S. Prexy is a stout, raucous-voiced Western politician. I shall have to be careful or I may get in bad with him.

University Inn,
Orono, Maine,
September 24, 1916.

Dear Conta:

It is quite possible to live at this university, but it is more or less difficult to do much more. There is practically no intellectual life here, and what there is is confined to a very few persons. The men here tell me candidly, without any prompting, that the student body come here merely to increase their earning capacity, without the slightest thought of acquiring any ideas or other intellectual impedimenta in the process. Mr. Kuehny, of the French department, told me that an instructor in English had asked him if it was true that Molière had been influenced by Schopenhauer, and that he had asked him if he didn't mean Nietzsche. The English instructor answered that yes perhaps he did! Kuehny is the only man in this whole institution with whom I can stir up a decent philosophical scrap. I wish we had a man like Demos here. Craig, of the Philosophy department, is a modest, pleasant enough fellow, but he has not impressed me as taking enough pleasure in arguing to make it worth while to scrap with him. His line is animal psychology.

I am pegging away at an article, but have not yet completely

solved the problem I am tackling. The research is of a kind different from any previously made in the Algebra of Logic, and I must invent my own methods ab initio. I have got some results, but I consider the piece of work as one of the most difficult ever done in this branch of Mathematics, which is usually ridiculously easy. Besides my article, I am studying number-theory.

~~dead. How is it at home? Here it is dead. I am not allowed in the regi-~~
How goes it at home? Here it is dead. I am not allowed in the regi-
ment, and there is practically no chance to use the Gymnasium and the
tennis courts. The blasted blights that run this Gehenna have not had
enough ^{and just} back of their faces to dream of the comfort of the faculty in
their petty scheme of things. The faculty are supposed to appear at
lectures to rehearse the wisdom learned in their infancy, and to ~~ye~~
sleep the whole remainder of the day and night in some out of the way
lodging-house. This is obvious, because the salaries are too small to
allow for meals, and there are no opportunities for exercising body or
mind. I think someone ought to suggest to the president that it would
be handier to keep the members of the faculty in neatly numbered
pigeonholes or filing-cases at the college office

I find that we only have one day's holiday at Thanksgiving. I
haven't ever, however, any lectures from Friday noon to 9 on Monday.

Your loving brother,

Rubins.

Thursday.
[ca Sept. 28, 1916]

Dear ma:

I shall call on the Latin professor tonight, as per orders. I can't help thinking I might have got Sheffer's place, had I been on the spot. I have 1 or 2 students in logic, & 3 in Hist. of Math, in which course I scared away those entering college without any math. I go to a reception at

Prexy's tomorrow - glad
rags. Teaching is easy.
I am studying & preparing material
that may be publishable. I can't
get away Thanksgiving. Will a
week-end do? I may join
a business men's training
company in Bangor to keep in military
training.

Love to all. Bertha
must be a charming freshman.
I wish Cona were up here to
keep me from being lonely.
There is not much social life
here, and most of the faculty
are intellectual nonentities.

With love
Norbert.