



LITHOGRAPHIE SIMPSON LAUSANNE

HÔTEL DE LA DENT BLANCHE & D'ÉVOLÈNE
À ÉVOLÈNE (Altitude: 1380 Mètres)

GRAND HÔTEL & KURHAUS AROLLA (Altitude: 2110 Mètres)
(VALLEE DU RHÔNE)

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10.5 Août 1925

Dear Fritz:

Don't be afraid - I'm not going to preach. I am sorry you flunked out, of course. But I have confidence that you will make good. I think you need to work at a job until you can catch up with yourself a bit. I don't for the moment think of anything in particular, but I shall send you any ideas that occur to me. Don't for anything enlist. You can do much better work than polish a rifle and march in a squad. It is the sort of thing you

can do in a minute, but it is equivalent to a jail sentence of three years.

What you need is a little time, and time can't be hurried. So take a job, make good at it, and learn to find yourself.

As you probably know it is dollars to doughnuts that I shall be in Europe next year. There will be probably more of the family here, if I read the cards right. Now, I've been looking in to this climbing game, and I know you can do it and will enjoy it. I want you along for a trip with me.

Now, here's to your finding a job and having a good time on it
Your brother,
Norbert.

P.S. I'm having a great time with Alexander. He is a fine fellow.

The women wear the peasant costume, one feature of which is the peculiar hat of straw and velvet, resembling in shape that worn by shepherdesses in the rococo paintings of the 18th century. As the Valais is a pastoral region, and as it was probably in the 18th century the Ultima Thule of wildness, I wonder whether the shepherdess costume of the paintings isn't a somewhat fanciful rendering of the Valaisian costume. It would be an interesting bit of historical research, at any rate, to learn the origin of the conventional 18th century pastoral types.



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le 2 Aout 1925

Dear dad:

The Grenoble meeting was a flat fizzle. The papers weren't worth a damn, and only one man of any importance was there. The French do not get together well. Everyone is afraid that everyone else will steal his ideas. They quarrel and squabble much worse than the Germans.

There was a dinner after the meeting. I was sitting next to a Serb named Petronich. He was cursing out

I am here at Arolla now - part way from Sion by auto, and then two and a half hours by foot. The scenery is wonderful, and there are many inviting and not too difficult climbs. Alexander is here with his wife. He is nice to me, but I have a feeling that he doesn't altogether relish my having got that offer at Göttingen. However, I may be doing him an injustice. But there is always a feeling among the American mathematicians that all the opportunities should be reserved for the men with the stamp of the big schools.

Love to the family,

Norbert.

P.S. The language in this valley is a *Fasspatois* with strong leanings towards Italian.

the Bulgarians at a great rate. Called them a mixed Tatar people, as opposed to the pure Serbs. I have seen more chauvinism among the representatives of smaller peoples here than I care to think of. Your dear Czechs are not free from this taint. I have heard a lot about the new state church which they are founding, and about their attitude to the Germans. Masaryk is O. K., but there is a large element which is bent on treating the Germans in exactly the same way as the Germans treated the Czechs - suppressing the language, etc. As far as I can see, Europe after the war differs from Europe before the war only by a change of masters, and not at all by a change of methods.

Fynshavn, Ålbæk, Vänern,
 4. 8. '25.

Lieber Kollege Wiener! Vielen Dank
 für Ihre Briefe u. Manuskripte.
 Ich sende den Brief mit Kübel
 in etwa 8-10 Tagen. Hatte wegen
 so Arbeit hauptsächlich in Göttingen
 es immer verbummelt.
 Nehmen Sie es nicht übel.

Viele herzliche Grüße

Mr. B. Lorenz



Viele herzliche Grüße und
 Dank für Ihren Brief mit dem
 Manuscriptblatt. Ich freue mich
 sehr Sie mal wieder zu sehen
 hoffentlich in Danzig

Mr. Paul [Signature]

STADION WEMBELD
 24. AUGUST 1925
 11 44 PM.



BREVKORT.



Prof. Wiener
Hørslev
Danmark.

Prof. Dr. Norbert Wiener
~~10. Børgen Schipley W.~~
Karhaus.
~~London~~ arolla.
~~129 Pall Mall~~
Swiss



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le 4 août

1925

Dear Bertha:

Yesterday Alexander, Mrs. Alexander & I started for the Jenkins hut on a shoulder of the Pigno d'Arolla. Hiked over a moraine till we reached the glacier then we roped because of crevasses and had an easy pull to the hut. This morning at 5 we started out for the Pigno. We had a bad night - eight in a hut designed for six, and I snored. Looking in huts cold life in general does not differ in any essential respect from life in a White Mt. hut out of season when the master is not there.

physique and endurance. It isn't expensive. Come over with Carroll some time and start the game.

I am in moderate training, but slow as cold molasses on the down-hill stretches. My knees & ankles are not to be trusted. I carry my share of the load. Es kommt schon.

I shall probably have two or three weeks of climbing in all. I don't know then what I shall do. I shall probably go to England and buy a couple of suits of clothes.

So long!

Robert

P.S. I don't think Alpine climbing need be much harder work than the White Mt. variety.

The pull to the Pigno was not bad, except for one ticklish place among crevasses on a steep spot, where we had to belay on our ice-axes. On top of the Pigno (3810 metres) there was a lot of powdery snow, which made the going hard. On the way down we hit a steep spot on the glacier, but the going was good, and with a little care was perfectly safe.

We had to cross over from this glacier to our valley by a little saddle called the pas des chèvres. There was a bit of easy rock-climbing here. From there on it was a simple walk.

Alexander knows his business. He takes no chances. The rope is certainly a great reassurance, as is the ice-axe.

There are lots of women climbing here who haven't one tenth your

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Arolla ~~the~~ August 9 1925

Dear Bertha:

I'm awfully sorry Fritz flunked out. I've written him what I hope is a consoling letter, and have invited him to a mountain-climbing trip over here next summer. I've no suggestion as to the kind of a job for him at present, but shall let you know if any idea occurs.

I have received two letters from my astronomical friend, and find them of a very encouraging nature. I shall see her in London, and we shall return on the same boat. 'Quien sabe?' She is awfully

nic.

He is an only child, and I don't think has had much family life, and so doesn't value family life. He is a trifle spoilt, and would be much more so if he hadn't naturally a very sweet and charming disposition. He is as square as a die. We get along together very well, but only because we don't try to judge each other by our own emotional standards.

Mrs. Alexander is nice, but not highly interesting. She has moved on to Paris.

How is Enoll? How are the lunatics? How is the family.

Your loving brother,
Norbert

Courant has written me that my letter of invitation is due in about a week. Can you imagine me next summer with a Göttingen job - and a status? Some vacation this year!

Alexander & I have been practicing rock climbing. He has been doing some difficult stunts without me, and I have been taking some of the easier walks of the region - up to M. 3200. Today we go out with a rope and scramble over perfectly safe boulders. In a few days we go over the col d'Hérens to Zermatt and thence to Saas-Fee.

Alexander is a very nice fellow - but I think he values just a bit too much the expensive virtues - independence, unconventionality, etc. He doesn't seem to realize that there is not much credit in being independent on an independent income.

Wien, d. 10. 8. 25

liebe Verbet!

Wir reisen morgen ab. -
zunächst nach St. Moritz.

Unser dortige Adress ist:

Villa Belmont

Mitte schreibe mir, wie es Dir
geht und wie es in Grenoble
war. Wen hast Du dort ge-
sehen und gesprochen? Hast
Du in Grenoble selbst einen

Vortrag gehalten? Wie gefallen
Dir die Hefen? —

Wir bleiben in St. Moritz
14 Tage und gehen dann
in die französische Schweiz
— auch, das werden wir
selbst noch wissen.

Schreibe also
Dein

Leon
[Lichtenstein]
Karl Süss von meine Frau



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August 11 1925

Liebes Stanzchen!

glad to hear that you
and the kid are doing well. Wish you
were here with me.

I have done to date: the Pigne
d'Arolla, the Dolin and the Roussette (no
real work), the Grande Dent de Veisivi,
and shall probably do the Mont
Collan soon. I am rather slow in
getting into training, but wait till next
year! I shall scramble around for
about ten days more, and then via France
to England! I have received a most
encouraging letter from Miss Payne,
who is returning on the same boat.

of the turning of the leaves.

I am anticipating a great time next fall and a great year's work.

Love,

Norbert.

I have also heard from Courant & Bohr again. Courant's official invitation will be at hand this week, and Bohr wants me to spend part of next year at Copenhagen. So what do you think of your little brother?

Too bad about Fritz. I wrote him what I intended should be a consoling letter which I think has already come to your attention. I can't think from this side of the ocean of just the sort of job he needs. I shouldn't think it mattered too much, as I think he has suffered to date by having his environment picked out too much to fit him.

News is scarce — just as it would be at North Dandwich. We aren't even on a road — just a mule track from Hauderes, where the auto road goes to Dion. We are about 7000 ft above sea level. The scenery and air are wonderful — but I am already beginning to long for just one whiff of New England air at the time

Lieber Kollege Wiener!

Als Leiter des Mathematischen Institutes möchten wir Ihnen noch einmal herzlich für Ihren so ausserordentlich wertvollen und interessanten Vortrag danken und überhaupt unserer Freude Ausdruck geben, dass Sie in diesem Sommer einige Zeit in Göttingen gewesen sind und mit einer Reihe der dortigen Fachgenossen so wertvolle Anregungen ausgetauscht haben. Die Untersuchungen mit denen Sie beschäftigt sind scheinen uns von sehr grosser Bedeutung; nicht zuletzt für die Anwendungen der Mathematik, wie wir sie gerade in Göttingen zu pflegen und zu fördern hoffen. Wir würden es daher mit ganz besonderer Freude begrüßen, wenn es Ihnen möglich wäre, bald einmal für eine etwas längere Zeit nach Göttingen zu kommen und in engeren Kontakt mit unserem Kreise zu treten. Wenn wir Ihre Andeutungen richtig verstanden haben, so besteht einige Hoffnung, dass Sie ein grösseres amerikanisches Stipendium für einen Aufenthalt in Europa bekommen, und wir möchten Sie hiermit herzlich einladen, in diesem Falle vielleicht während des nächsten Sommersemesters hier in Göttingen eine Reihe von Vorträgen über die Gegenstände Ihrer letzten schönen Arbeiten betr. verallgemeinerte Fouriersche Analyse zu halten. Sie können sicher sein, dass Sie nicht nur Studenten sondern auch viele Dozenten als Zuhörer haben werden.

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Mit freundlichen kollegialen Grüßen

D. Hilbert. R. Courant.

Zermatt
August 18, '25

Dear Bush:

I thank you for your letter & hope on the machine. I did spread the good word about your machine at Göttingen, and old man Runge & Felix Bernstein were much interested. B. was thinking of trying to get one.

I've been having one hell of a good summer. By the way, I'm afraid that electrical relativity of yours is off. I met Einstein on a train the other day, and he told me he had made a clean up on the electrical aspect of relativity — in quite a different direction. He minimizes a single expression in the g 's & Γ 's, and obtains a set of

I have been having a lot of fun in the Alps, even if I'm not exactly a W. Wymper as yet. I intend to learn. By the way, if you ever come over here, we can take it up together.

Next week I shall be visiting friends in England. I shall see all the shows in London — am dated up to take a nice young lady out — so you see my fun isn't over yet.

Pardon the swank, and accept the greetings of
Your colleague
Robert Wiener

equations to which the Clerk-Maxwell & Newtonian gravitational equations are both first approximations. The dope isn't out yet.

I wangled out of Courant an acceptance of my book for his yellow series. If I can wangle a fellowship out of someone in the states, I shall be at Göttingen in '26-'27, for Courant & Hilbert are sending me an invitation to give a course of lectures there, have an official appointment under the Prussian government, and have an assistant. Harald Bohr wants me to come to Copenhagen a while.

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[From M.I.T. Graduate School,
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August 18, Zermatt.
[1925]

How is Fritz? Bertha? the
parents? However, I forget that this
will probably arrive too late for you
to send any answer to

Your loving brother,
Norbert.

P.S. The Föhn is blowing
now.

Lieber Stanzchen!

Climbing is over ^{me for} the summer.
I am going to take it up in earnest
next season, however. I hike well and am
very strong. I do certain types of rock-work
well. I need to practice on my balance, and
am rotten on the downhill.

My year's bag is as follows

Dolin (twice)

Pigne d'Arrollon (snow climb)

Grande dent de Veisivi

La Rosette

Mont Rouge

Mont Collon (snow, with guide)

Col de Bertol & d'Hérens (snow, with guide)

It was all very easy. I have found
a peach of a guide for the future —

couple of very nice letters from Miss Payne. Wer weiss?

Today I am awaiting some baggage which has met misadventure in the mails - It is the least important of ~~three~~ pieces, two of which have arrived safely. As soon as possible it - nach Paris! I attend to a little business there, and then proceed to England, whence I return.

I got a nice note from Comant & Bohr the other day. C. is sending my invitation right along, and B. hopes to meet me in ~~the~~ Copenhagen.

If this isn't a nifty summer (not to say a nobby summer) what is?
How are you and the kid?

a fellow about 55, who is also woodcarver and village schoolmaster. If I come here next year, I shall have several days with him.

I have got to the stage of understanding Alexander, and he has got to the stage of understanding me. At first my moodiness and his taciturnity rather jarred against one another. We get along so well now, however, that we have plans for the future of both a climbing and a non-climbing cooperatish in view.

I am expecting a good deal from my English trip. I have had a

GR. HOTEL & KURHAUS, AROLD

Dear ma:

We did this yesterday.

It wasn't at all hard. One
more full across the
Col d'Herrens to Zermatt,
and my climbing is over
for the summer. Am well
& feeling fine.

Love,

Robert

Phototypie Co., Neuchâtel.



Mrs. Leo Wiener
Applecroft Farm
Groton, Mass.
États-Unis

Mont Brulé 3621 m.

Mont Collon 3644 m.

L'Evêque 3738 m.

2977. Arolla. - Le Mont Collon (3644 m.)

Zermatt.
August 18, '25

Dear ma:

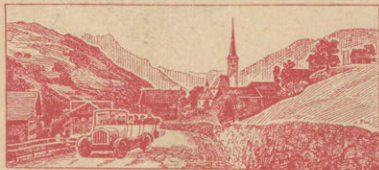
You will probably be relieved to know that my climbing for the season is over with no casualties except for a coat of sunburn. Am waiting here for a piece of baggage delayed in the mails — then via Paris to London, where I am counting on a good time.

Am feeling great.

Hope all is O.K. at home

Love

Worbert



SPIRINGEN, KLAUSENSTRASSE

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Mrs. Leo Wiener

Applecraft Farm
Grafton, Mass.

États - Unis.

By the way, there is another young Bouzard
a boy.

I bought (this ^{statement} is for Phil's benefit) the
new Volterra & Périer book on permutable
functions.

I suppose I share about as much in the
virtues and vices of patriotism as the
next man, but if the whole tribe of wealthy
American débauchés, dowagers, ^{dunagers} and humble
males that infests the streets of this city
in the neighborhood of the Colonne Vendôme
and the Opera were sprinkled with kerosine
and burned up, wiped out, ausgerottet,
I should dance a dance of joy over
their funeral pyre. To see an overdressed,
overjewelled ♀ of some forty-seven summers
with an appliqué complexion which would
eternally disgrace a Parisian courtesan is

Paris, August 22, '25.

~~Dear Dad~~

Dear dad:

I am enclosing the official
Göttingen invitation. Please put it at
once in the safe deposit box. Does it suit
you?

After leaving Zermatt, I stopped off
at Dôle, to get a decent supper and
to have a night's sleep. The next day
I advanced on Paris. A nice English
girl got in the compartment at Dijon.
She turned out to be the daughter of the
late Wilfrid Ward, an Anglo-Catholic
publicist, and to be intimately acquainted
with Chesterton, Belloc, &c. Belloc, she
tells me, has recently been having
a frightful row with Father Something-
or-other in an obscure anglocatholic

I saw H. A. Addehead Bruce
at the bank yesterday, than whose no
more resonant bray ~~resonant~~ divides
the firmament. Of all the platitudinous,
bramitic, self-complacent, self-satisfied,
..... ad inf., he is the worst.

Went to the Louvre yesterday - spent
my time especially among the classical sculptures.
How different the real classic spirit is from the
stiff "classicism" of the age of the enlightenment!

I shall visit the Salon & the exhibition
of decorative arts.

I bought Lévy's two latest works,
in both of which there are copious references
to an American mathematician living at
50 Buckingham St., Cambridge, Mass., whom
modesty forbids me to name more definitely.
I shall look him up if he is in town.

journal - I think it is called the
Christian World - on the Gothic dates,
and supports himself firmly on your
work.

I met here in Paris two English school
mams who had been sitting opposite
us in the hotel at Arrola, and went
to the English theatre with them. Atmos-
phere - Copleyesque. Acting - good.
Play - dramatization of Kipling's
Light that Failed - like all dramatizations
poor. The form of exposition which will
suit a novel is impossible in a play,
and the adapter finds himself torn between
the desire not to do violence to his
original and to make the best of his
dramatic opportunities.

Zermatt, den 24/ VIII 23

Hochw. Herrn Wiener

In Beantwortung Ihrer
Karte vom 20. August teilen
wir Ihnen mit, dass
Ihr Paket aus Arolla
nach Paris, am 19. dieses.
als Liefsendung nachgesandt
worden ist:

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~~Paris~~

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the ADVANCEMENT of
SCIENCE

SOUTHAMPTON MEETING
1925

Reception Room:
KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL,
SOUTHAMPTON

Tel. Nos. 2392 AND 4396

August 27, '25

Dear Cona:

Went to the Kunstgewerbeausstellung
(or whatever they call it in French) at Paris, located my
missing luggage in the mails, travelled by Rouen to
Le Havre, spent a sleepless, berthless night on the boat,
et me voici! Got my tickets validated, got rooms at a
hotel (somewhat) frequented by ships' officers between
voyages, and signed up for the meeting.

Met Miss Payne — awfully nice,
awfully cordial, and now that she is rested,
really nice looking (She has bobbed her hair by
the way) She is very good fun, and very
appreciative of my letters. She is even nicer than
my recollections of her from the beginning of the
summer, and — I intend to go ahead. And the
best of it is, that as far as one can judge
from appearances, I stand every chance. We
find one another very congenial — we have much
the same tastes. I don't promise you not to be

engaged by the time I return home.

Perhaps this doesn't sound rhapsodic enough. Just give me time, however! We are going to take in all the shows worth while in London together. Don't we get fun?

I am having a good time at the meeting. The papers are longer and fewer than at the A.S. Miss Payne did awfully well - has a nice platform manner. I slipped out & had a word on ^{white} light & periodogram analysis with Sir Arthur Schuster. He seemed interested. He is the authority on these subjects, but is very old, and rather broken up by a bad accident.

I met H. Fisher, the statistician of the Rothamsted Experiment Station. He was awfully interested in my new method of periodogram analysis - had worked it out in part - but not published - independently. We lunch together tomorrow. The trouble he found was in the pure mathematics of the game, and that's my meat - excuse me, vegetables.

In general, the British pure mathematicians haven't shown up. The applied mathematicians are long on the computational technique, and except for the big bugs, rather short on everything else.

A second-rate French mathematician tries to imitate Poincaré's elegance, and is superficial, a second-rate German mathematician has all the ponderosity of Hilbert — and nothing else, but the second-raters over here excel in ~~incompetence~~ incompotence and stodge.

Speaking about stodge, you should see the newspaper reports of the meeting! Mostly comments on the fact that the participants are rather more like other people in appearance than could be expected of ^{members of} such a weird profession.

I rather think that in the hierarchy of British respectability the descending order is

- Tradesmen
- Dancing-masters
- Men of science
- Anarchists
- Artists

— at least in the minds of the ~~MC~~ ~~did~~
~~stodge~~ for lower middle classes.

Good luck to you & to

▷ ABID▷Ъ ΦΗΚΙΠΠΟΒΙΩΒ

— or however you write it.

Love
Robert

BRITISH ASSOCIATION *for*
the ADVANCEMENT *of*
SCIENCE

SOUTHAMPTON MEETING
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READING ROOM, NOT OFFICIAL.

Care of MESSRS. BROWN, SHIPLEY & Co.,

123, PALL MALL, LONDON, S.W.1.

September 1. [1925]

Dear Ma:

The Yatskevitch children are going through a siege of tonsillitis. I am staying on, as I think the Y's would feel the reflection on their hospitality which might be implied by my departure more than the extra burden which I throw on them. I help with the dishes, etc, and I really think I don't bother them much.

Y. is thinking of writing to Stetson, whom he himself has met, to enlist his aid in getting over to the States. He is trying to get a temporary teaching job there, no matter how humble. I think he will be able to come over soon.

Gratian is 5 ft 9 in tall. Mipsy is a

on the 21st.

Love,
Harriet

The Y's send their regards to all.

plump kid, hard & chunky. Bink^{ie} is a darling, & will break many hearts fifteen years from now. The Y's themselves are awfully nice to me, and I turn to Mrs. Y. for advice & counsel in a matter of interest to me at the present moment.

I dine with Miss Payne & her mother Friday — thence to the show. As you know, we are going back on the same boat. A lot can happen on a boat. [See Waite vs. — what is the name of Conroy's niece?]

I wrote to Fritz. He must have the letter by now.

I'm glad all is going so well at home.

I shall send about two more letters to the several members of the family, after that — myself. I expect to arrive home

Poitiers, 28 sept 1925

Mon cher Wiener

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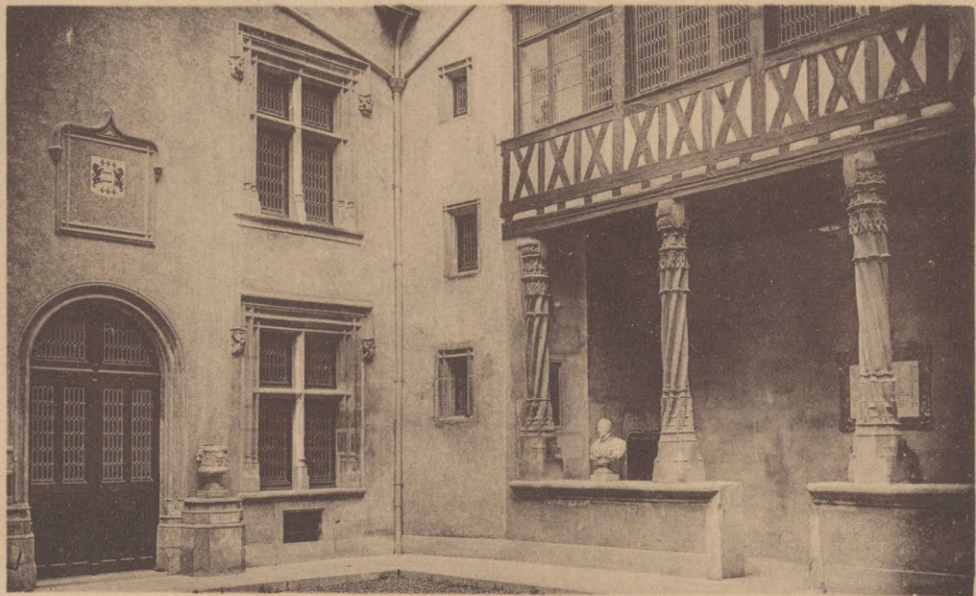
J'ai bien reçu votre lettre du 15 et vous
en remercie vivement. J'appréhends
un peu le NOMBRE LE NUMERO

me plaît que courant vers a initié
à Göttingen, et ainsi en petite
DISSEMENT LE N° DE L'ARRONDISSEMENT

suivie ment. Je viens de l'être moi-
même à Craon par Zarembo;
pour un cours du 15 octobre au 15
décembre environ. J'aurai donc l'occa-
sion de parler de nos travaux aux
Polonais. — Je vis avec plaisir que
vous ne délaissiez pas l'Europe et me
réjouis à la pensée que votre séjour à
Göttingen me fournira l'occasion de
vous revoir. — Bonjour de bon et bien
amicalement à nos Göttingiens

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Lieber Berthachen!

I'm having a nice time at the meeting. Miss Payne is having me to dinner with her family in London, after which we shall commence a tour of exploration of its environment from the standpoint of the theater. We had a reception here last night by the Mayor. I sat with a bright young Hindu physicist (from Bangalore!) and a traveling fellow of the Harvard zoology department, of Alsacian origin, who is one of God's own jackasses. He talks loudly and reverently of the Mechanistic Gospel of the Holy Jacques Loeb, and doesn't seem to have the least idea that mechanism (in the Newtonian sense) is as dead as a doornail in physics. His scorn for vitalists is as withering as his respect for statistics is complete. I myself don't think the present day vitalists have much to offer, but I certainly don't think that the mechanistic explanation of living processes is anything more than a one-sided schematization — and even as that, is only a pious hope at present. What disgusts me is that any one with any pretensions to scientific standing should have such an atrophied imagination as to regard the dogmata of science in the year of our Lord 1925 as endgiltige gospel truths rather than as zweckmässige hypotheses. If only the supporters of the ape weren't fundamentally of the same religious mentality as the partisans of the d city!

By the way, Arnstein of Utrecht gave a paper on dispersion under Quantum Theory — 50% Q.T., 50% Classical Mechanics, emulsifier badly needed. There is much disquiet on the part of the Kelvinian generation, and I don't blame the poor old dears. There is no consistent basis for the physics of the present day. The man is yet to be born, probably, who can put together a decent theory of radiation. When that comes, one A. Einstein will step into the background — as he admits.

Schuster — the perisodogram & white light man — is interested in my junk. I have also got in touch with a statistician who has done a very similar stunt independently, but has not published or used it. I lunch with him today. When in London, I am going to look up a guy at the Air Ministry, who is the perisodogram expert, and see what a practical man's opinion of my generalized perisodogram is. I think it knocks spots off the old method, particularly for meteorological work.

Between you & me & the doorstep, barring the relics of the Kelvin generation, I don't think the gang here has any edge on our crowd at all, at all. Cambridge, Mass. is decidedly on the map, as Miss Payne — who is becoming quite a patristic American — is finding out. In ten years, the scientific center of the world will be somewhere off the Newfoundland banks; in twenty years, it will be — well, say in somebody's back yard at Springfield, Mass.

There is a considerable lack of flexibility in the crowd — Göttingen is a much homier place (English for gemütlich) I haven't seen anyone as nice as Comant — or Harald Bohr, for that matter. And as for Lichtenstein — you know when I was at Leipzig, I went into his class, and he was Dad all over again in his strict but sympathetic handling of the students. It is funny how the stiff German professor type is vanishing. Love Norbert

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Edwin B. Wilson

10-6-25

Boston 17, Massachusetts

Professor Norbert Wiener,
Mass. Inst. of Technology,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear professor Wiener: I am glad you had such a good time in Europe and made such an impression at Göttingen.

I should think that you could apply for one of the Guggenheim Fellowships with a reasonable chance of getting favorable consideration.

I do not think there would be anything of real importance in applying your method or anyone else's to the analysis of periodicities in public health problems. The reason I feel this way is because adequate data are not available over a sufficiently long period to determine anything with any reasonable amount of accuracy. Take for instance the problem of our water supply here in Boston. There is a tradition among civil engineers that dry and wet years or groups of years follow each other with more or less regularity but we haven't figures for the annual precipitation that run back more than, let us say, 100 years. Now if we suppose that the annual precipitation has a certain mean value to the dispersion about that mean and is in fact from a statistical point of view determined by a frequency function we have to recognize these facts first, that no frequency function is particularly well determined from 100 points. Second, that if the phenomenon is really totally unregulated we shall have occasionally merely by chance a series of years that are dry and a series of years that are wet, and third, that as the period is not supposed to be short and in fact cannot be short on account of the irregular distribution of precipitation around the year we should expect only something like three dry periods of years and three wet ones in the century, and 4th, with such data as this no method of periodic analysis is of much use. The situation with respect to most reportable diseases is worse than with respect to the water in that the reports of the number of cases is not as accurate as the report of the precipitation, and moreover, the period over which there are any reports that are worth anything at all is not very long. I have read a good deal of Brownlee's work which I consider to be not extraordinarily good either as mathematics or as epidemiology. I have read a great deal of work which seems to me to apply much more mathematics than is applicable in consideration of the kind of data available.

It would of course be interesting to try your method out in comparison with Brownlee's or some other method. I haven't any students over here who could do it. My students do not know trigonometry. They don't even know anything about the

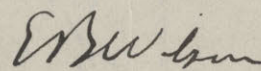
trigonometric functions. Your best chance is at Tech. There are two departments which are more or less concerned with statistical material and with the search for periodicities. One is the department of biology and public health, the other is the department of engineering administration. In one the problem is epidemiological and in the other financial. In both departments the students know considerable mathematics, vastly more than my students or than the students at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. It has always seemed to me that very little was done at the Institute to exploit the various possibilities for the application of mathematics. I may say that there is probably quite as much done at the Institute as there is at the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale, or as there is at Harvard, but I think much more could be done at the Institute than at either of these places, and that the Institute is the best place to go. Why don't you take the matter up with Prescott or some of his subordinates to see whether you can't get a student to write a thesis under you and under Horwitz or Turner and take the matter up with MacKinnon who is interested in statistics and who is familiar with the situation in Course 15, to see whether you might not work out a problem in business.

I don't believe that Luyten would be interested. He suffered a good deal from shock in connection with his accident as almost any one would and his main job at present is to find out what he is going to be able to do with one eye, the other one apparently being probably permanently out of condition for any seeing. He has a number of problems of his own both theoretical and observational on which he is working and I think he has enough to do. However, he is a wide awake fellow and it would not do any harm to hunt him up and talk with him about it.

Sometimes I think that what you most need is a position at some institution where you would have a considerable number of graduate students to help you work out the many ideas you have and then again I recall my own experience which was that I never had so much free time for my own work as when I was doing in the main routine undergraduate teaching. The preparation of graduate courses takes an enormous amount of time and a great deal of the same sort of energy that is needed for research work and is apt except in a lazy individual to hinder rather than to stimulate research work. And finally, I recall that there is this tremendous opportunity at the Institute which comes through having a large body of students interested in a great variety of applications of mathematics and all pretty well trained in mathematics. On the whole I guess you are as well off where you are as anywhere both with respect to your own research and with respect to the possibility of interesting students in your problems, or at any rate in some of them. And one thing I am sure of and that is that you are very greatly appreciated for your ability where you are. I regret to say that I don't find elsewhere as high an appreciation of your accomplishments as I should like to find. It is a great comfort to work where one is appreciated and it may be that next to the Institute the place where you are most appreciated is Göttingen.

Yours very truly,

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Liebe Wiener!

Ich wäre ~~Dir~~ ^{Dir} sehr verbunden, wenn ~~du~~
über ~~deine~~ Arbeit im Annals of Math. 21, 157-165,
1920 für das „Jahrbuch“ kurz berichten ~~würdest~~ ^{willtest}

Deine Sache ist mit den herzlichsten Grüßen
sehr lieb ~~zu Dir~~

Z. Lichtenstein

Meinen Brief wirst du
wohl erhalten haben. Viele Grüße an die Frau
und alle. Dein Hans habe ich Schatten



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There is no need to make the review long. The only other thing is this — please don't use any symbols which our printer will have difficulty over. You see, I am assuming you will be good enough to review the monograph. The Editor says he would like the review ~~not~~ to reach him not later than the last week in January, 1926.

I hope everything goes well with you, & with your parents & sisters. I have myself had a very thin time this year, & have indeed only just got out of bed after being there for about 2 months. I have been away from my work at the University for two-thirds of the present academic year, & ought to have been away

The University of Sydney

Nov 11, 1925

My dear Wiener,

I am sending you separately by this mail a monograph on Mathematical Logic which I should be immensely grateful if you would review for our locally-produced journal. As you will see, it is by a fellow-citizen of yours, & you have already perhaps seen it. I know of no one more competent to review it than you, & on telling our editor so he asked me if I would ask you to do it. So I am sending it along. You can review it at any length you like, though

My wife joins with me in sending
kindest remembrances to Professor & Mrs
Werner, your sisters, & yourself.

Yours sincerely
B. Muscio

The remaining third. I seem to have
had a somewhat complicated
derangement of most of my organs,
& haven't got them into their proper
arrangement ever yet. But I think I
am definitely on the up-grade, &
hope to be quite ready for work again
next March, when the new academic
year begins. Fortunately, my wife
has been & is quite well.

You will realize that I haven't
much news just now. It is a
long time since I have done any
serious thinking - at least it seems so.
As for my reading, well, it has
consisted chiefly of detective games for
weeks!

es est un klein Paris." - Nur,
dass es demnächst ^{doch} keine Avenue
de la grande Armée, bzw. keine
Messe gab. Nächstes Jahr hoffen
wir London zu besuchen, und unterwegs
ein Weilchen in Paris zu bleiben. —

Lieber Norbert, freue mich sehr, dich
und alle Wiener, die kommen, wieder zu-
sehen. Deine Arbeit erscheint in 8 Tagen.

Es ist also anzunehmen, dass Du für
ein halbes Jahr nach Jöttingen kommst?

Ich bin mit tausend Sachen beschäftigt,
seit gestern mit der ^{exakten} 'Thème' der Festalt
der Kometen (genauere Ideen von Roche)

Herschiede grüße Da uns beiden

Dein
Leon

Leipzig, d. 30. 11. 25

Lieber Norbert,

Mein herzlichstes Beileid zu
dem ersten Mißerfolg auf deiner
wissenschaftlichen Laufbahn! Es
wäre zu schön gewesen, können ein-
mal Astronomie und Mathemat-
tik zusammen; — Es hätte nicht
sein sollen! Empfehle jetzt, von
den exakten Wissenschaften abzu-
sehen und sich andere Gebieten zu-
wenden. Übrigens ohne Länge zu
werten. Du glaubst gar nicht wie

schnell man 31, 32.. 36 wird.
Und da ist man plötzlich für
zoo junges Blut zu alt und
~~für~~ ^{für doch} nicht alt genug, um sich
für eine 32-jährige Schönheit zu ent-
schließen (zu renquieren). Leichterlich
heiratet man mit 43 Jahren, wie
Herr Robert König in Münster
(mein Nachbar), ohne zu wissen
wie, eine Wittwe mit zwei Kindern.
Aho, bedenke lieber Norbert, die
Lege ist erst!

Herrlichste Gratulationen
für die liebe Bertha von uns

beiden! Ich habe gleich gemerkt, -
das ist ein ~~resolutes~~, energisches
Wesen. Viel Glück also! Und ^{noch} ein-
mal viele Grüße an Alle (Little
Franklin nicht zu vergessen).
Hören sie mal, alle Wiener
miteinander. Wir waren mit Mrs.
Lichtenstein 5 Wochen in Paris.
Besaubet, epris, Paris, enchan-
té's! Ein Wunder von einer Stadt.
Die Kapitale der Welt. - Ich
bin ganz stolz darauf, Professor
in Leipzig zu sein, wo doch Goethe
schrieb: Mein Leipzig lob ich mir,

d. 30. 11. 25

Lieber Norbert, noch ein Wort.
Grüße doch sehr schön die beiden
Groustern's und frage ihn, wie
weit er mit seinen Referaten ist.
Ich wollte doch eine Besprechung
des Buches von Eisenhart von ihm
bekommen! Dank Ozgord, bitte,
grüße sehr schön. - Wie steht es
jetzt mit Tischhoff?

Viele Grüße
von seinem

L. L.
[Lichtenstein]

Weitere Summationsverfahren sowie die Theorie
der Parseval'schen Formel hatte ich mir vor-
genommen, nicht zu behandeln. Da Sie
dieses letztere Problem in so glänzender
Weise erledigt haben, werde ich wohl keinen
Anlass haben, darauf zurückzukommen.

Nehmen Sie nochmals meine herzlichsten
Glückwünsche zu Ihnen beifolgend sowie
den Ausdruck meiner aufrichtigsten
Wertschätzung

Wie sehr ich

Sehr Hochachtung

Wien 13. XII 1925.

Hochgeehrte Herr Kollege!

Vorgestern erhielt ich vom Verlage das neueste
Heft der Mathematischen Zeitschrift zuge-
sendet, das Ihre Arbeit „On the repre-
sentation of functions by trigono-
metrical integrals“ enthält. Ich bin
aufs freudigste überrascht über die
schönen und zeittragenden Resultate,
zu denen Sie gelangt sind und be-
glückwünsche Sie dazu aufs herzlichste.
Da Sie freundlich die kurze Notiz
über meinen Sommersemester Vortrag
zitieren, so sehe ich, dass es Ihnen
bekannt ist, dass auch ich mich
mit diesem Gedankenkreise befasst
habe. Meine aufrichtige Freude über
Ihre Ergebnisse wird deutlich in keiner

Weise beeindruckt, denn unser Streben
ist die Förderung der Wissenschaft, und
nicht die Befriedigung persönlicher Eitelkeit.
Ich vermute, dass es Sie interessieren wird,
wie es nun meine eigenen Arbeiten in
diesem Gebiete sieht, und erlaube mir daher
Ihnen mitzuteilen, dass zwei Abhandlung-
en sich im Druck befinden. Die eine
ist fertig gestellt seit meinem Innsbrucker
Vortrag (September 1924); ich habe sie mit
ganz geringfügigen Änderungen im Septem-
ber 1925 an Prof. Nörlund geschickt als
Beitrag für die Mitag-Letter-Festschrift der
Acta Mathematica. Sie handelt, so wie
mein Innsbrucker Vortrag, von dem
Falle, dass das Integral $\int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha} dx$ mit $\alpha < 0$
ein gewöhnliches Stieltjes-Integral ist und
behandelt ausschließlich die Frage, unter welchen
Umständen dieses Integral den Funktions-
wert fix darstellt. Enge Beziehungen zu Ihrer
Arbeit sind sicher vorhanden und gewiss
viele meiner Resultate von Spezialfälle

der Ihren. Eine Abänderung meiner Arbeit
ist natürlich nicht mehr möglich, ich werde
nicht begründen müssen, inwiefern bei
den Korrekturen kein zu frühiges Festschreiben
auf Ihre Abhandlung hinzuwirken.

Eine zweite Abhandlung habe ich in letzter
Zeit fertig gestellt, Ihren Inhalt am 27. XI in
der Wiener Mathematiker-Gesellschaft vorge-
tragen, die Arbeit selbst am 3. XII der Wiener
Akademie der Wissenschaften vorgelegt. Über
den Inhalt dieser Arbeit dürfte Sie befrä-
gen, bevor Ihr Inhaltangabe genügend orien-
tieren. Auch hier habe ich mich auf den
Fall der Konvergenz gegen den Funktions-
wert fix beschränkt. Die Mittel, mit denen
ich arbeite, scheinen mir etwas anders,
als die Ihren, und soweit ich in der
Neuen Zeit, seit ich Ihre Arbeit erhalten
habe, sehen kann, sind auch meine Resultate
nicht explizit in Ihre Arbeit ent-
halten, wenn auch gewiss in sehr weiten
Beziehung dazu. Ich werde mir gestatten,
sobald die Korrekturen vorliegen habe,
sie Ihnen zu senden.

Dans le cas des points irréguliers, on a nécessairement $\lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sigma}{4\pi\rho^2} = 1$

J'introduis alors la notion de capacité, en évitant de faire appel à des notions qui peuvent ne pas être familières à tous sur l'intégration. Cette notion est acquise dans tous les cas où l'on peut appliquer la méthode de Fredholm. Elle s'étend à tous les cas si l'on remarque qu'une dilatation du système des conducteurs envisagé en accroît la capacité. Ici encore, on opère un prolongement fonctionnel.

Je démontre alors ce théorème :

Pour qu'un ensemble soit impropre, il faut et il suffit qu'il soit de capacité nulle.

Soit E un ensemble frontière.

La notion de capacité permet aussi d'établir un théorème de 1^{ère} espèce, relatif aux propriétés limites de $F(P)$, en liaison avec $f(Q)$. Voici ce théorème

Soit le domaine Ω , de frontière E ; soit $f(Q)$ donnée ^{et continue} sur E . Il existe une fonction harmonique et bornée $F(P)$ et une seule telle que, ε positif étant arbitrairement choisi, l'ensemble des points de E où une valeur limite de $F(P)$ ne serait pas intérieure sortirait de l'intervalle $[f(Q) - \varepsilon, f(Q) + \varepsilon]$ soit de capacité nulle.

Je ne démontre pas que l'ensemble des points irréguliers (qui n'est pas fermé) soit de capacité nulle. Pour les ensembles non fermés, je remarque qu'on peut définir une capacité intérieure et une capacité extérieure, alors la capacité intérieure de l'ensemble de points irréguliers est nulle.

Je pense que ce court aperçu vous montrera la suite des idées et vous fera déjà présenter les démonstrations.

En souhaitant que la future année nous donne encore l'occasion de nous voir et de causer mathématiques, je vous prie d'accepter mon très amical souvenir.

G. Bouligand

Poitiers, le 26 décembre 1925

Mon cher ami

Je suis rentré de Braconrie depuis une dizaine de jours.

Toute ma petite famille s'unit à moi pour vous offrir les meilleurs souhaits en 1926, pour vous et pour les vôtres.

Mon séjour en Pologne près de M. Zaremka a été particulièrement agréable.

J'ai eu grand plaisir et aussi grand profit à donner à des jeunes gens possédant déjà une bonne formation mathématique un enseignement sur les fonctions harmoniques et sur le problème de Dirichlet.

À l'heure actuelle, le fascicule du Memorial Mathématique que je préparais sur ces questions est ^{remis} à l'impression et M. Villat m'a écrit qu'il passerait à la composition, l'un des tous premiers. D'autre part, les Annales de la Société Mathématique Polonaise ont recueilli la partie de mon enseignement qui se rapporte au principe de Dirichlet.

Je vais vous en résumer dès maintenant les grandes lignes, en attendant que j'aie le plaisir de vous adresser un exemplaire de ce travail.

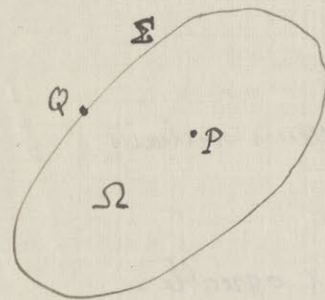
Le problème de Dirichlet est une question d'analyse fonctionnelle, la solution dépendant à la fois

- 1° de l'ensemble frontière E du domaine Ω
- 2° de la fonction continue $f(Q)$ donnée sur E .

La méthode employée sera une méthode de prolongement fonctionnel, qui se développe à l'aide des étapes suivantes

- 1° Le problème est régulièrement soluble pour les domaines polycubiques (pour lesquels il se présente comme limite d'un pré-problème de Dirichlet, relatif à une fonction potentielle de réseau).

2° Tout domaine Ω est limite d'une suite $\{\Omega_k\}$ de domaines non décroissants pour lesquels il y a résolubilité régulière (p. ex. de domaines polycubiques). Dans le cas où $f(Q)$ est l'ensemble des valeurs ^{prises} sur Σ par un polynôme $F(P)$, le théorème fondamental de Wiener sur l'existence de la sol. du prob. de Dir. généralisé se démontre immédiatement en remarquant que $F(P) =$ différence de 2 polynômes à laplacien positif [l'indépendance de cette solution vis à vis du choix d'une $F(P)$ continue dans $\Omega + \Sigma$, réduite à $f(Q)$ sur Σ , et du choix des $\{\Omega_k\}$, résulte immédiatement de l'examen de l'hypothèse $f(Q) = 0$].



3° Toute fonction $f(Q)$ continue sur Σ est la limite d'une suite de fonctions de la catégorie précédente, et d'ailleurs uniformément atteinte. Le théorème de Wiener est donc général.

4° Toute fonction inférieure $\Phi(P)$ [au sens d'O. Perron] relative à $f(Q)$ est $\leq F(P)$ (solution du p. D. gen.)*. Donc $\Phi - F$ est une fonction inférieure relative à $f(Q) = 0$. Donc F est la borne supérieure des fonctions inférieures. Contre-partie. - D'où le théorème de Perron-Wiener.

Le théorème d'existence de Wiener et le théorème de Perron-Wiener sont des théorèmes de 1^{re} espèce, c'est-à-dire vérifiés pour tous les ensembles frontières Σ de domaines ouverts Ω . Nous employons cette terminologie pour les distinguer de théorèmes (dits de 2^e espèce) qui exigent qu'on ait préalablement débarrassé la frontière d'ensembles appelés provisoirement ensembles impropres.

Soit un domaine Ω , de frontière Σ . Soit $G(A, P)$ sa font. de Green pour quelque point A intérieur. Appelons Ω_λ le domaine partiel de Ω défini par $G(A, P) > \lambda$. Ce domaine est un domaine ouvert. Soit σ_λ l'ensemble des points de Σ qui lui appartiennent, et soit σ la limite des σ_λ lorsque λ tend vers zéro. On remplacera le problème de Dirichlet pour (Ω, Σ) par le même problème pour $(\Omega + \sigma, \Sigma - \sigma)$. On peut dire que σ est la partie improprie de Σ (on

* Pour le démontrer, former la suite de Wiener pour $\Phi(P)$ et pour $F(P)$, avec les $\{\Omega_k\}$

montre que cette notion n'est nullement relative), que $\Sigma - \sigma$ est la frontière réduite.

Les théorèmes de seconde copie sont relatifs aux propriétés limites de la solution $F(P)$, en relation avec les valeurs $f(Q)$. Ils sont vrais dans le cas d'une frontière réduite.

1° La fonction de Green $G(A, P)$ a sa plus petite limite $= 0$ en chaque point de Σ . Invers' une fonction $G(A, P)$ telle que $G - \frac{1}{AP}$ ait harm. et telle que $\lim_{P \rightarrow Q} G = 0$ se réduit à la fonction de Green.

2° Si $F(P)$ est surharmonique, la p. g. lim. de $F(P)$ en chaque point Q de $\Sigma' = f(Q)$. Inv. une $F(P)$ harm. dans Ω dont la p. g. lim. en chaque point Q vérifie cette condition se réduit à $F(P)$.

3° Soit une suite de points $\{P_k\}$ tendant vers Q , telle que $\lim G(A, P_k) = 0$. Il en est encore ainsi quand on remplace A par tout autre point intérieur. - In outre, pour une telle suite $\{P_k\}$, on a toujours $\lim F(P_k) = f(Q)$.

Pour établir ces théorèmes, j'ai souvent utilisé la relation

$$F(P) = F(P) + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\Sigma} F(M) G(M, P) d\omega_M$$

qui s'applique toujours quand $F(P)$ est un polynôme: les propriétés limites établies dans ce cas s'étendent alors facilement au cas général.

L'énoncé 3° fournit immédiatement ma condition de régularité', nec. et suff^{le}: annulation de la fonction de Green, citée dans ma Note aux C. R. du 23 mars 1924 et dont j'avais d'abord donné une démonstration plus compliquée. J'ai repris en le simplifiant, le mince du raisonnement, qui conduit à un critère voisin de celui de Lebesgue, mais plus général:

Pour qu'un point Q_0 de Σ soit régulier, il faut et il suffit qu'on puisse trouver, dans la portion Ω_p de Ω intérieure à une sphère de centre Q_0 et de rayon p , une fonction harmonique $H(P)$ qui soit > 0 dans $\Omega_p + \Sigma_p$ et qui tende vers zéro en Q_0 .

ou encore:

il faut et il suffit que la font. harm. attachée à la valeur 0 sur Σ_p et à la valeur 1 sur la portion sphérique de la frontière de Ω_p tende vers 0 quand $P \rightarrow Q_0$.

Conséquences: la propriété de régularité est purement locale. Régularité et irrégularité a fortiori.



CARTE POST

Cher monsieur

Merci de vos souhaits et
meilleurs vœux de Nouvel
an de votre dévoué

C de la Vallée Poussin



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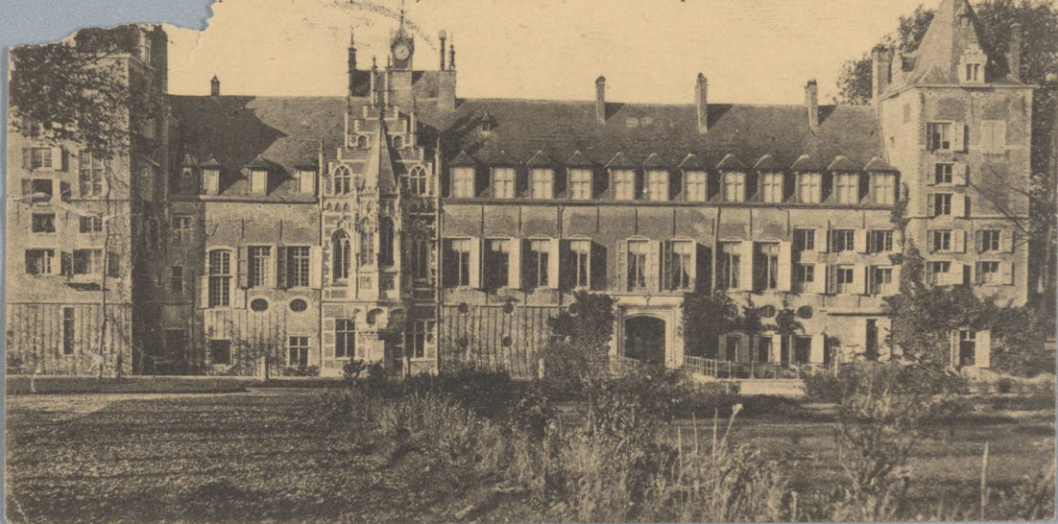
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4. LOUVAIN — Château d'Heverlé

Construit au commencement du XVI^e siècle par les ordres de Guillaume de Soria, Duc de Soria, Seigneur de Chièvres (qui fut le précepteur de Charles-Quint) ce bâtiment se compose d'une immense façade irrégulièrement percée par des hautes fenêtres, deux tours carrées avec loits aigus terminés en poivrières. Le parc est traversé par la Dyle.

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Lieber Kollege Wiener!

Als Leiter des Mathematischen Institutes möchten wir Ihnen noch einmal herzlich für Ihren so ausserordentlich wertvollen und interessanten Vortrag danken und überhaupt unserer Freude Ausdruck geben, dass Sie in diesem Sommer einige Zeit in Göttingen gewesen sind und mit einer Reihe der dortigen Fachgenossen so wertvolle Anregungen ausgetauscht haben. Die Untersuchungen mit denen Sie beschäftigt sind scheinen uns von sehr grosser Bedeutung; nicht zuletzt für die Anwendungen der Mathematik, wie wir sie gerade in Göttingen zu pflegen und zu fördern hoffen. Wir würden es daher mit ganz besonderer Freude begrüssen, wenn es Ihnen möglich wäre, bald einmal für eine etwas längere Zeit nach Göttingen zu kommen und in engeren Kontakt mit unserem Kreise zu treten. Wenn wir Ihre Andeutungen richtig verstanden haben, so besteht einige Hoffnung, dass Sie ein grösseres amerikanisches Stipendium für einen Aufenthalt in Europa bekommen, und wir möchten Sie hiermit herzlich einladen, in diesem Falle vielleicht während des nächsten Sommersemesters hier in Göttingen eine Reihe von Vorträgen über die Gegenstände Ihrer letzten schönen Arbeiten betr. verallgemeinerte Fouriersche Analyse zu halten. Sie können sicher sein, dass Sie nicht nur Studenten sondern auch viele Dozenten als Zuhörer haben werden.

Wenn wir durch irgendwelche Gutachten zur Erleichterung der Erlangung dieses Stipendiums beitragen können, so bitten wir Sie, uns das wissen zu lassen, bzw. die betreffenden Instanzen auf diese Möglichkeit hinzuweisen.

Mit freundlichen kollegialen Grüssen

D. Hilbert. R. Courant

Mathematisches Institut
der Universität

Göttingen, den 11. November 1925.
Weender Landstr. 2

Herrn

Prof. Dr. Norbert Wiener,

Massachusetts Institute
of Technology.

Cambridge. Mass.

Lieber Wiener!

Herzlichen Dank für Ihren Brief vom 28. Okt. Wir freuen uns ausserordentlich über Ihre endgültige Zusage, und ich besonders verspreche mir von Ihrem Aufenthalt hier sehr viel. Hoffentlich werden Sie nicht nur im Sommersemester sondern auch noch einen Teil des Wintersemesters hier sein können.

Ich bitte Sie um Erlaubnis, Ihre Vorlesungen hier ganz offiziell in dem offiziellen Vorlesungsverzeichnis ^{als} ~~für~~ Gastvorlesungen mit aufnehmen zu dürfen und schlage Ihnen den Titel vor: Ueber harmonische Analyse periodischer und nichtperiodischer Vorgänge. Sollten Sie nicht einverstanden sein, dann senden Sie bitte ein Telegramm. Das Vorlesungsverzeichnis muss ungefähr Weihnachten zusammengestellt werden.

Ich habe noch eine Bitte bzw. eine Frage: Können Sie mir eine kleine Remington-Reiseschreibmaschine ^F mitbringen? Vielleicht äussern Sie sich noch einmal zu diesem Punkt.

Ihre Mitteilungen über Ihre Arbeiten haben mich sehr interessiert. Ich hoffe, im nächsten Semester viel von Ihnen zu lernen.

Viele herzliche Grüsse

Ihr

R. Courant.

^F...dort ziemlich billig besorgen und dann hierher...

Mass. Inst. Tech.,
November 29, 1925.

Dear Fritz:

I am glad to hear you are going back to college. You are having much more interesting hikes than I can get around here. If you stay out there any length of time, why not join the Sierra Club?

If you ever run across Bateman of the Physics Department of the California Institute of Technology, remember me to him. I met him at Southampton last summer.

Professor Max Born is here now from Goettingen. He is lecturing on quantum theory. He has asked me to collaborate with him. He is very nice to me.

Did you see anything of the shower of meteorites a few weeks ago? It attracted quite a deal of attention in this neighborhood.

Pasadena is quite a scientific center. Millikan of Chicago is out there now. If you run into any items of scientific news from the neighborhood, let me have them.

The family is very well. The baby is gaining rapidly. Bertha seems to be having a very nice time.

More power to you!

Your brother,

Robert