

Dresden

June 17. 1859.

My dear Papa,

I received your letter of Sunday the day before yesterday from Carola Strasse, and am now beginning this although half expecting one from you to day. You will probably see Dr. Seiler ⁱⁿ the course of a fortnight or so, and he having heard of your saying that with uncle Francis and uncle Willie's German you could make him at home, desired me to say he was particularly anxious to have opportunities of speaking English. He speaks ^{it} nearly as distinctly as he speaks German, but that is not saying much, however he understands it perfectly having been a good deal in England.

Uncle Jeffry asked me into tea to
meet him the evening before last,
and to dinner yesterday. Miss Breusser
was there and we afterwards drove
out to Lockwitz and drank tea
there; on coming home uncle Jeffry
arranged about money with me;
our calculations were that I ~~should~~^{would}
require about £22 in the coming
7 weeks and he accordingly left
200 Thalers (£30) with me.

I shall not take anything in hand
about the Polytechnic at present
at all events, the only things ~~which~~^{I could}
attending would be the Geological
excursions and as I should have
to pay ~~£1.7~~^{£1.7} for the 6 remaining
excursions it would never do.

I am sure that Mr Ensell has

some idea in his head that I am at
Hughes and not learning to speak
german for the want of practice,
I know at least that his memory
is none of the best, so I dare
say he imagines I am there still.

We have had a great change in
the weather here it having suddenly
got cool - almost cold and a
regular gale is now blowing. I
don't believe that they know what
a storm is in Dresden, at least.
I have never seen anything like one
here, and they always grumble at
the least little breeze.

(Comte.)

My French master, is going back
to Switzerland next week and I
must say I am not sorry at his
departure for he is a most unami-
=able being though not a bad master.

He has recommended one of his
countrymen to me, whom I
am going to take, as he is said
to be very good.

My feet I am glad to say have
quite recovered from the effects of
my Teplitz walk; I have also
got back Emmersons shoes, the
soles of which were worn out,
resoled, and shall keep them
for my tour; good, lasting shoes
are not to be had in Dresden
for the simple reason that they
have no good leather in Germany.

I am not writing any more projects
until I hear from you again
which I suppose will be on
Monday morning this being Saturday
evening.

Francis E. Prudergast.

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My dear mamma,

I was very glad to get your note of Sunday, as well as Papas, though both were so short. You will be seeing Dr Seiler soon, who I dare say will rather surprise you. He is fearfully shortsighted and has an odd shy embarrassed manner which I think is the consequence of his not being quite able to see ~~whom~~ he is speaking to. Do not ask him to take any parcel for you to Dresden unless you have something small and important. If you do send anything you might send a couple of shirt collars for I cannot get them here of the kind I want, at least I cant find any.

When I am going away I must
get a strong box for my books
as I look upon the old trunk
as a very inconvenient and unsafe
way of transporting them or even
for leaving them here at rest.

My present Idea of my journey
would be to go down to the Lake
of Constance via Murnberg and
Augsberg, ~~from~~ per rail, from
the Lake of Constance through
the Eastern (German) half of Swit-
zerland down to the province of
Ticino to get a view of the Lago
Maggiore and perhaps Como,
then back through Switzerland and
the Tyrol to Innsbruck, from
thence to Tegern See and Munich,
back to Tegern See and thence

via Salzburg and the Salzkammergut
to Linz, and thence by rail or
steamer to Vienna and back to
Dresden via Prague; where I have
mentioned no means of transit I
propose to go on foot. This tour
I think might be performed in
less than two months though
I don't pretend to say that I
have made any calculations about it.

Saturday 18th I heard from uncle
Frank yesterday; strange to say the
letter had come open and the Russian
Postoffice officials at Werviers had
sealed it up again. Tell him
this. I have not heard anything of
the Censors of any denomination
excepting uncle George, this long time,
what are they all about?

I had intended making a three
sheet letter out of this, but as papa's
letter which I was expecting has
not come I shall stop at two.
I don't think I told you that on
my Teplice trip I saw a rather
large, beautiful green lizard as
well as many small brown ones.
You asked me which of my masters I
liked best, at present I like my
German master Herr Nauwerck
the best, but I think it is probable
that I shall like my new French (Swiss)
master better; he is a young, gentlemanly,
agreeable and very handsome young
fellow of about 24, his name is
Ayer, and young J. is acquainted
with him. I shall probably tell
you more about him another time.

Francis E. Prendergast.