

Dresden. Sunday 25. Sept.

12.30 p.m. 1859

My dear Papa,

I arrived here all right - but rather tired - yesterday evening at 3.30 p.m. and found Arthur at the train. On the way from the train I called in at Carola Strasse, but uncle Jeffry was out. The servant told me that a Mr T. and two daughters were here which pleased me greatly as I could not think who they were. I found the T's all well and very glad to see me back again. In the evening I came a letter from uncle J. inviting me to dinner to day and suggesting that I should call this morning on Harris T. Accordingly ~~this~~ at 10.30 this morning I went off to the hotel and found him, and his two daughters. He looks to me terribly broken down and

melancholy. Afterwards I went off
to the Boulevarde Terrasse
where by chance I met Ayer
and arranged that he was to
pay me a visit on Tuesday so that
we may get to work at once.
I shall call on on Hilmer and
Nauwerck (Latin and German)
tomorrow, to settle matters

I shall probably find out an
Italian master through Ayer,
who is a regular Swiss in that
particular, knowing everything
about everybody. I shall ask
Adolf about the geological lectures,
but I very much doubt there being
any adapted to me. Private lessons
can, I think, be had for a mere
trifle. You must not expect me
to make much progress with the
Latin, for it fearful work learning
it through German, and what is

i.e. The German part of the Latin lesson

more the ~~the~~ ^x German takes a great deal of the time which at home the Latin would have instead. I believe that the only thing that a stranger can get much profit from in Germany - I mean one who is not thoroughly acquainted with the language - is in the learning of modern languages.

Monday. I saw uncle Jeffry and aunt Margaret last night and found them both very well. Harris P. and his little daughter Alice were there ~~there~~, but Dora is suffering from a quinsy, and is confined to the house.

I had some talk with uncle J. about masters, and he thinks that the best way of employing my remaining time here is just what we have settled i.e. French, German, Latin and Italian, so I shall get to work as soon as possible

Dresden is looking very well and
the weather is lovely autumn
weather. They tell me that
the hot weather lasted nearly
a month after I left, so it
is well I got off at once.
Adolf says he thinks that
private lessons in Geology would
be best - at all events at first,
and that I might afterwards
attend the Polytechnic lectures.
Aunt Margaret tells me I have
not grown any ^{more} since. I last
saw her and that she thinks
I have grown thinner - walked
off all extra flesh I suppose,
for my legs are as hard as wood.

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