

August 4th.

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Hotel Drei Könige.

Altstädten.

Dear Friend,

The first news of the calamity which has overtaken us, reached us last night. It is no use to cry over spilled milk, and therefore I shall not discuss my own losses. It is too late also for advice to be of any service, even if you needed any advice of mine. I shall be ready to do all I can towards rebuilding the department of science. next year, if the University can get the money for the purpose.

If you think best, I

will return at any time
on receipt of cablegram
to Munroe & Co. Paris.

7. Rue Scribe. but if
my presence is not greatly
needed. it is best for
me to carry out my
contract with this party and
return Sept. 15th.

Of course, the work must
go on next year, and money
for library and collections
must be had before any
is spent for building.

Recitations could be held
at the houses of the Professors
if necessary, as is still done
in the great Univ. of Leyden,
rather than to attempt to go
on without specimens or books.

Of course, you will keep
me informed as to the future.

If the state gives us money to
restore the losses. I will be
glad to remain and spend it.
but if fire means collapse. I
shall get out as soon as I
can.

Matters inside my little
band run smoothly enough.
I have sent you, as you
may have observed, a large
stock of photographs.

Cordially yours.

David S. Jordan.