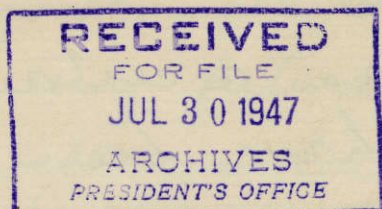


v Burnet, Percy B



Leipzig. Mch. 12. '86

My dear Dr. Jordan:—

Your letter enclosing Dr. v. J.'s, came the first of the week, with one from Prof. Atwater. It was a most welcome one. For I was beginning to feel rather gloomy over the outlook; and over the situation at home—that ought to have been avoided. So even the prospect of such a desirable place at

I. U. was as grateful as a certainty might have been at another time. Dr. von Jagemann's letter shows that you have spoken favorably of me - and that is enough to hope on.

As to what I have been doing here: I came expecting to stay at least two years, as you know, and expecting to have a degree from this University to show for my time. Accordingly wished to take the departments that would

give me a good foundation for all my future study, as well as lead to a degree. Heard three Professors regularly: (1) E. Windisch, on "Comparative Grammar of the Germanic Languages." Windisch has hardly an equal anywhere since Georg Curtius' death. He ranks with Whitney of Yale in Sanscrit, and is authority on Old High German, Gothic and Irish. (2) F. Teichner, on "Introduction to Science of Language" (or, as it stood in the lecture "Verzeichniss: Einleitung in die Sprachwissenschaft: Phonetik, allgemeine und spe-

cielle der deutschen, englischen
und französischen Sprache).
(3). H. Koerting, on "Provenzal-
ische Grammatik".

The last I took for its aid
in and bearing on French.

Have not studied French
since here. From this
on I will put most
stress on German itself
with the immediate purpose
in prospect. I have by no
means neglected it thus far.

The salary is, of course,
for a "Privat Dozent" a
secondary matter; and
"6-800 dollars" will be ample
enough. As I was not well
you will pardon my delay
in answering.

Very sincerely
Percy B. Burnet.