

LEYDEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS
DOUGLAS HORTON, MINISTER

(Wernigerode, Germany)
August 27, 1929

Dear Professor Barth,

What a glorious time you gave me last week at Oberrieden! I do not know how many years I am destined to tread this planet, but this I do know, that however many they may be, they will not cause me to forget the fine evening and morning we had on the shore of one of your own Swiss lakes. The memory of that experience will be reckoned not in years, but in aeons!

I am writing Frau Pestalozzi, too, for I am well aware how greatly I am indebted to her and her husband for the gracious hospitality and lovely surroundings of their home. One might imagine that such an environment would inspire one to art and poetry, rather than theology. but who will say that theology is not an art--and sometimes a little, ever so little, poetry?

Herewith I am returning the most interesting review you lent me. I have never met the author, but I know him well by repute. He is a retired fundamentalist professor who conceives himself to be one of the three or four Calvinists of pure blood left in the world today. Perhaps he is right in that regard; but when he comes to expound your thought, surely the kindest thing that can be said about him is that he does not know what he is talking about.

Do keep in mind the possibility of a trip to America. There will come a time some year in the near future when, in the rhythm of life, you will feel the need for temporary freedom from familiar scenes and the routine of the study. Then let us have you!

Meanwhile, here are my best wishes and warmest expressions of gratitude for your kindness. Give me the chance some day to return a part of it!

Ever yours faithfully

