

Strathaven,
St. Andrews,
Scotland.

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Dear Professor Barth,

I am sending this letter to an address in Switzerland which I think will find you. It seemed better to wait till we were home again before writing to thank you for your two telephone messages and the greetings you sent us. We were naturally sorry not to be able to see you again but quite understood the reason. It was most delightful to meet you again and to find you so cheerful in spite of all your anxieties. You had been a great deal in my mind during these past years and I wish you to know how fully you have my sympathy and how much your attitude has helped me and many others. I have come back with a fresh enthusiasm for my theological tasks and the renewed

determination to work out a more satisfactory point of view in my own special department of study.

My wife and I had a most enjoyable holiday. We went on from Bonn to Freiburg, and from there explored part of the Schwarzwald before going to Tübingen. In Tübingen I had talks with Herri and Rezer. Herri is, I believe, now in London whither he has gone to study English preparing to a visit to America. I think next year to deliver a course of lectures. On our return journey we sailed down the Rhine from Mainz to Bonn and felt quite at home in paying our second visit to your town. In Tübingen we spent a very pleasant day with Fräulein von Aschoff (now Frau Rezer) whom I knew in Münster. I had long letter recently from her friend Fräulein Schümer who, by the way, asked me to convey her greetings to you. She is now having rather a hard struggle in Berlin in a post as secretary, doing type writing and shorthand for nine or ten hours a day.

So far there is no further word about my move to Edinburgh and I presume that I shall be in Edinburgh for one year more. I should really welcome this delay on my own account - as it will enable me to prepare myself more thoroughly for what is in front of me.

Is there any chance at all that when you visit America you might break your journey in Britain on your way back and revisit Scotland? You would be assured of a very hearty welcome from us either here or in Edinburgh. But that is a while in the future yet. Meanwhile I trust that everything will go well with you and yours. I shall await with the keenest interest the publication of the second volume of your Dogmatics in the Spring.

My wife joins me in sending you our warmest greetings. Please remember me also to your wife.

Yours very sincerely,
Thomas W. Porteous.