

Georg von Bunsen.

will do himself the honour
of calling upon Professor Marsh
on Saturday 27th inst. about
W. Maienstrasse 1.

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noon, in company with his
Daughter. He can unfortunately
devote that day only to his long
wished for visit to New Haven.

Washington D.C.
1621 H Street
Judge Davis'

22^d Oct^r

[1893]

29 Dec^r 1893.

Dear Professor Marsh,

Your affectionate greeting through good old Jagor has brought vividly again before my mind's eye the image of yourself & your great Work of Life & your house & all good things we received at your hands while at Newhaven. I had refreshed those memories through the medium of the splendid volume you presented me with on Odontornithes. For a Night Fachmann like myself, it was

Simply impossible, to follow your
descriptions or understand the
bearings of each observation. Yet
I gathered ^{that} satisfaction from ~~personal~~
acquaintance with the hesperornis
& the ichthyornis as well as with our
~~archaeopteryx~~ which people have from
the friendship of the Great & Good.
Also, I began to guess the deeper
reasons why you & Virchow & others
refuse to accept the theory of Evolution.
Finally, from the structure of your
lucid explanation, I saw again, how

all Science is one and her Methods
give power & command in all realms
of human knowledge.

I can not think why this, and
so infinitely more that has passed
through my head when thinking of you
& Hae, was never written to you. It
is unpardonable, & the Sea which
has to carry one's letters all that
way, would be but a poor excuse.
So I through myself upon your good
heart and beg that you will come
to Berlin & bring my pardon in your

packet. May is a good month here,
better mostly than in your Eastern
States (says Longfellow) and we
hope to be here that month & most of
the summer until, ^{or near} the end of August.
Do come and let me enjoy a little
of your company. We have a room
always ready for your reception, &
a very warm welcome. A postcard
before, just to secure our presence.

You will find the outward signs
of prosperity, i.e. the love of spending
& of aesthetic surroundings, greatly
increased since you visited Europe
last. And that in spite of inter-

threatening each country, and
Society in general, so to say at every
turn. Great activity also prevails every-
where in scientific & in historical
research. It would be difficult to
discover traces of actual decadence
anywhere. Yet an observation often
forces itself upon the ~~observer~~, viz. that
that joyousness is wanting which, perhaps,
belongs more to such epochs of mankind
as are allowed the luxury of drawing
conclusions ~~conclusions~~ ^{rather than} the labour
of specializing. Or is it, perhaps, that
lack of joyousness, perceptible everywhere,
simply an outflow from the consciousness
that Society at large & in all countries
is attacked by, & nearly helpless in face of,

howling masses as destructive as they are incapable, & that this threat reaches even the adyta of Science?

In these countries the strange phenomenon can be noted that everything that succeeds (I do not speak of surface successes, as f.i. the best rifle, or additions to the army &c) turns out to the advantage of Socialism. Look at the 'Living Wage' in England, or the Progressive Income Tax in Prussia. In socialismum ruere omnes, Tacitus would exclaim

Helmholtz, as you know, has quite recovered. Perhaps his utterance is slower than before. But he gives his Lectures (mathematical, a terror even to think of!) & enjoys Music & the Drama & his friends. They are very full of American glories.
your's sincerely
G. P. Bunson