



## Letter from Max Bredig to Georg Bredig, January 3, 1938

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### English Translation

Ann Arbor, Michigan, January 3, 1938

Dear Father,

This is my first letter in the new year, which hopefully will bring us good fortune. Thank you very much for your 50th letter and the book by Gürtler and Leitgeb. I can only write a brief letter today because the Bremen-bound ship will leave tomorrow. I also hope to receive news from you in the mail because the last letter I received from Marianne was dated December 14th. Hopefully you have recovered from your cold. Many thanks as well for the monthly 2 x 10 Mark deposits from you and Marianne, which I received. I won't always confirm them but will only write if they don't arrive. I received an update from Straus about the sale of blocking marks. Now you all will have to send me the second shipment of books. With regards to the journals, I will write again later. Otherwise, I am doing well. I have to start a new project because my results unexpectedly appeared to only have technical value. This contrasts with the aim of my fellowship and the goals of Dr. C. L. Clark, who is competing with a company working in the same field. Thomassen is in touch with them. It isn't too unfortunate because I have given Dr. C. a lot of new ideas. Thomassen recently told me this news and said Dr. C would hopefully remember me. This is important because he has good

ties with the steel industry and is the leader of an American standards commission. On Saturday, New Year's Eve, I visited Fajans with Lore. You can always feel at home there. On Christmas Day, I was invited to celebrate with the Thomassen family and their four children, who are between 2 to 12 years old. I think he likes me. He is unbelievably supportive of my work and wants to introduce me to important people. He recently took me again to Detroit and showed me an impressive new laboratory belonging to the Climax Molybdenum Company (Volume 1). They make electrical resistance wires. Yesterday, I was invited to dinner at the home Professor Alfred Holmes White, the institute's director. The meal was free of eggs (Thomassen must have made that happen!). A younger instructor, his wife, and 2-year-old son were also there. It was very nice. We spoke a lot about Zurich, where he studied under Professor Lunge long before you were there. He is very kind and said that he always followed your work in the past. I enjoy playing my piano but the concerts here are not that great.

I'm in a hurry today but say hello to everyone!

(Max)

H.H.F has recently published two articles in the inconsequential Journal of Inorganic Chemistry. He didn't include my name in one of the articles. I cordially wrote to him to express my disappointment.