



Letter from Svante Arrhenius to Georg Bredig, September 1908

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English Translation

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Dear Friend Bredig,

I received your kind letter the day before yesterday and want to briefly respond. I am returning home through Dresden, Leipzig, and Berlin and plan to meet my friends there. If Abegg gives a sign of life, I will also take a detour through Breslau.

I will be at home for 20 days and then I am supposed to be in England on the 8th of October. There is an electrical convention in the works, where I am representing

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Denmark and Sweden. On the way there, I will visit the Cohens.

It is very pleasant here. There were no official celebrations before I departed. That is the

stupid thing about Sweden. As soon as people come together, terribly expensive parties have to be arranged for them. It's the same in England and I do not know how I can get through the convention. Best of all though, I can socialize with Ostwald every day.

He plans to return to atomism, but is somewhat hesitant. Brownian movement impelled his decision. Curiously, this has been known and widely discussed since 1826.

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However, through the work of Colloidists like Svedberg and Einstein, it became more familiar to Wolf. O. Will. O also plans to write to H.Bd. about his textbook on colloids. At least something positive came out of Colloidal Chemistry.

I also met other interesting people here.

With best regards to your family, I remain

Your very devoted dear friend,
Svante Arrhenius

Farewell from Kiel.