

Letter from Max Bredig to Marianne and Viktor Homburger, January 19, 1938

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English Translation

Ann Arbor, Michigan January 19, 1938

Dear Anndel and Victor,

Today, I want to thank you very much for your letters from December 14th (A5) and from December 30th. Many thanks as well for the very nice pictures of the boys, which made me very happy. They are very good. It's a pity that I have so little time, otherwise I would have written to my nephews a long time ago. However, right now it's particularly challenging again. First, I have to start a new job. Secondly, I'm supposed to give a lecture soon and thirdly, I'm sending my application letters off. The worst of the three things I mentioned is trying to promote yourself. I enjoyed the sparrow story. Thank you too! I hope you all started the new year well and with as few worries as possible. In any case, you don't have to worry about me. Even if the economic situation in this country is not exactly rosy at the moment, many people whom I have met here, say that I shouldn't worry about the next few years because I will definitely find something. At worse, I can continue my current work in some form. At the moment, I am in touch with DuPont de Nemours for consideration in the long run. I was honored to be elected as a guest member of the Research Club at the university, which not everyone belongs to. Everyone, except F.S. and Professor Thomassen, are very

nice. Recently, I was in touch with some scientists at the hospital. I also received two particularly nice letters from my friend Hans Dannenberg, who is now working at Shell in California. I received Father's package with the latest issue of the structural report. Thank you! Father can return the issue of the Journal of Electrochemistry (Zeitschrift für Elektrochemie). I'll wait another 2 weeks for H.H.F's answer, and then I will send him a telegram directly or contact management. If that doesn't help, I'll apply for a labor court ruling or whatever else might be considered. I hope that won't be necessary. Oddly enough, the Tausz family hasn't yet answered my New Year's letter. What is their exact address? I only know Petrolia, Pennsylvania. I didn't receive my certificate of origin, but I haven't taken care of anything here either. Do I need to do anything about this from here? Now, I must return to the laboratory as soon as possible. Regards to everyone.

Max