



Postcard from Svante Arrhenius to Georg Bredig, February 1910

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English Translation

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POSTCARD [stamps]

(WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE)

Professor Dr. Georg Bredig
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Image 2

The Fields for Experiments at the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry, 2
February 1910

Dear Friend,

I am pleased to hear about your appointment in Zurich. I hardly believe Zurich is more

expensive than Heidelberg. The main thing to consider is that you will have more freedom in Zurich and can do a lot more than you did in Heidelberg. In Germany, you were surrounded by the Berlin gentleman, who caused you many inconveniences. I know Zurich very well, of course, and my wife has been there too. I request that you Professor Eugen Bamberger, who has become our close friend since your visit to Stockholm.

The establishment of the new institute will surely take you some time, but you will make up for it later. It is much better than the constant need for improvements in Heidelberg. The colleagues in Zurich are excellent and I hope they are very kind.

I have recently been busy researching the planet Mars. I must now sacrifice some time for competition with my successor at the University. We are currently experiencing a very pleasant winter and I look forward to spring, which is just on the horizon. Thankfully, the days are no longer short. Warm regards from our home to yours.

Yours truly,
Svante Arrhenius

Left Margin:

My son Olof, who was suffering from an ear infection, is fine now. He's attending school again today and my youngest child is also doing well.