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Dear George

A letter from Gen arrived on the 19th without a corresponding one from you, which disappointed me much. I shall however look for one by the great Western which I believe leaves or rather left N. Y. on the 7th and ought therefore to be in by this time. I have been engaged as usual since I last wrote and am well though in want of exercise and fresh air. The Spring has been very long here and on the whole pleasant though with frequent alternations of heat and cold and showers almost every day. Already we have had a taste of the coming summer and I [illegible] thick underclothes and sported a light vest and rainbow neckhandkerchief. I am looking [illegible] the Tyrol and perhaps Switzerland, so as to be back here in October to settle my affairs finally in Berlin which I shall take leave of with infinite satisfaction. I will make my tour as economically as possible and expect much pleasure from it – to say nothing of profit in the way of health and experience. I wish you were here to make a leg with me. I make pick up some good minerals though [illegible] for better and cheaper to buy them here of the mineral dealer Kranz. Have you seen him? Remember me to him if you should do so. I have nothing of much interest to tell you at this time. Dr Anderson has been spending a week here and has gone to Hamburg to visit the Gorrissen. He was looking remarkably well and I was glad to meet him again. We have had many Americans here within the last few weeks, none of whom I had ever heard of before. Mr Hoffman is here and I have seen him at Mr Fay's and called twice upon him at his hotel. He seems very orthodox and rather discourages any attempt to cultivate an acquaintance with him. I may see more of him hereafter. Mr Donaldson has not yet arrived. I dont lament the loss of Mr Wheaton but trust that Mr Fay will remain. I wrote to Dr Torrey by the last steamer – not a very good letter I believe but better than none. This morning I recd the box of minerals and a small package of books, Silliman's Journal, Schoolcraft's Reports and several pamphlets. These are all acceptable, though I had seen the Journal before. The number you sent is now five months old. The meeting of the geological association does not seem to have been very interesting. Whitney says all the geologists are to be at Lake Superior next summer so that there will probably be but a slim attendance at the New York meeting in September. I observe that Cyrus Mason is on the Committee of arrangement for this last. As usual and of course. Cyrus must have a finger in every pie that is baked on our side of the Atlantic.

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