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though I do not know him personally. I hear of nothing new in science. The Ether excitement is blowing over though the Ether itself is I believe extensively used. Do you know that Sir Humphry Davy proposed the use of Nitrous oxide some 40 years ago? This finishes Wells. I find Chemical Apparatus neither so good nor so cheap as in Germany. Most Chemical preparations are also dearer here. But all sorts of Optical apparatus is cheaper and better here. On the whole I am well pleased with Paris but should not like to [illegible] my life. Should I [illegible] to live I should go to Germany, though the want of a free government is a great obstacle to living there. In regard to Communism and Association I do not think that they are making great progress in Germany at least I heard very little about them. The police is too vigilant to allow them to take deep root anywhere and all works on those subjects are strictly forbidden — I am interested now in little exc[illegible] science and neither religious nor political movements possess much to attract me. I sincerely lament the war with Mexico as it has placed us upon the same footing with England France & Russia in regard to the weaker nations whose territories are objects of national covetousness. Only our own consciences however can blame us. With the rest it is only the pot calling the kettle black. — I look with much interest for the appearance of your fathers life and Correspondence. You know that I have never received any answer from Rouge with regard to the copy of your fathers works which I sent him. I wonder if they were intercepted by the police. — You ask when I return. This is not yet quite settled and does not depend wholly on myself. At latest I shall see you in April next but very possibly in October. I go to Switzerland on the 1st July and propose to

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