



## Letter from Paul Walden to Georg Bredig, March 1901

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### English Translation

#### Image 1

[Cyrillic script]

Riga, 21 March 1901

Dear Colleague,

Please let me know how you are doing, although I am now just responding to your most recent correspondence, which was rich in substance, but lacking in personal news. The omniscient telegraph will inform you about the preposterous, albeit actual academic events of the last few months that have equally impacted all universities in Russia and completely poisoned academic life.

With regards to your thesis, "Inorganic Fermentation", I would like to express my praise.

#### Image 2

Although this is certainly unnecessary. You are already aware of my respect for your

achievements and my feelings towards you as a colleague. You also know that I have asked you vehemently for a long time why you have not pursued a habilitation. When I read your thesis, you can thus imagine my sincere joy and exclamation: At last!

I shake your hand warmly and offer you my sincere congratulations on your thesis and habilitation!

I would be very pleased if you could find the time to briefly update me.

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How did the academic situation turn out? Ostwald told me about many changes in his career and at his laboratory. They did not seem entirely logical, coherent, or appropriate. Has this already happened and how did the generals in Alexander the Great's Western Empire split up?

Warm regards and good luck!

Sincerely,  
P. Walden