



Letter from Svante Arrhenius to Georg Bredig, March 1894

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English Translation

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Stockholm, 11 March 1894

Dear Doctor,

Unfortunately, I have not thanked you for kindly sending the corrections and the essay. I have been very busy this past month and have somewhat neglected my correspondence. From your kind letter, I see that I can look forward to welcoming you here to discuss our common interests. For this reason, please forgive my brief letter today.

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I want to let you know that the summer holidays start here on the 1. June and there is no Easter break. Thus, the sooner you could come, the better it would be. In the summer, the holidays are from the 1. June to the 1. September. However, the laboratory is only closed to novices during this time. With this in mind, you can work at your own pace in the laboratory

and will have a few colleagues so that it doesn't get too boring. In previous summers, I have remained here for most of the season, but this year I must make an exception for my honeymoon. I'm leaving on the 15. May and returning after the 15. September.

Therefore, I would like to suggest that you come here as soon as possible. In the 8 weeks that we are together,

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we can create a complete working plan for the summer. You will also have enough time to familiarize yourself with all the equipment in the laboratory and find everything that you would need. □□□The semesters are planned for the 15. September – 15. December and from 15. January – 1. June. Of course, you can work with me all year round.

I would be very grateful for a postcard about your decision. Warm regards.

Yours truly,

Svante Arrhenius

I was very interested in your proposed topics. Hopefully, we will be able to talk more about them.