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My dear Mr. Goldsborough,

I was with deep sorrow that Mr. Macdonald and I read your letter of the 15th and learned in how bad a state your health was. I saw very plainly when you were here that all does not right and feared that you had for long been much overworking yourself that I did not know that it had gone so far. As it is, it seems to me beyond question that you must drop your administrative duties before it is too late. The world of scholarship cannot afford to have you swallowed up in that way. I realize too, very easily the red augustoe. I am facing them myself all the time. But—have you thought of this? This Encyclopedia work should pay you pretty well.
I can't believe I have yet got you to realize the length of the articles we want. Your principal Muhammad and Muhammadansing article, that is Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 10, should be at least four times as long as the article you contributed to Thaler's Geistige Kultur. Education, Schoolly Philosophy, Saints, and all the articles of the first class are as full as you can make them. So, Knowledge and Superstitions if you take them. Also, I do not see why you should not write them in English and send them to the translator free. I would correct them and I don't believe they would need much more correction than many others. The English of your last letter was rather broken up but when you are well you write a thoroughly sound English style. So if you can get your hands free and put yourself into this job thoroughly we will make a grand piece of work if it together. And more and more I find how few there are on whom I can depend. And there are a plenty of men who know the least! It's philosophy, religion, life, can be counted on one hand. I take up the list of members of the DMC and run down it and they are hardly any. We and three or four others will have to make this house.

So there will be money in it. A scholar, of course, does not write for money but money should not deter him from writing. And now, my dear friend, your letter filled me with both pain and pleasure. Pain that you should be so tried and pleasure that you could so write to me from the heart. We know
each other pretty well, I think, and your friendship is a great comfort and help to me. It is, in truth, a constant surprise to me, this friendship I have made without seeing them. From Hölderlin, for example, I had a full post card and a three-page letter, on my St. Louis address. In Spain, too, I have several who have been most open and kind to the "American" and heretic. But, above all, there is you. Years and years ago in Berlin I remember Sachau telling a fellow student in my presence that the only books to read on these matters—Summa, Hadith, etc.—were yours. That was my happiness with you, and more than once Sachau sent me after that to your books. And so I read, I felt that I could know you and did know you. Be sure, then, that of the thirty years of which you speak there have been many who knew you in the same way but whom you have never known, who would rise up now to do you reverence and bless you. Only it was my good fortune to come into direct touch with you from first by letter and then—still more wonderfully—face to face. My wife and I—come to know one another in these few days—

to any St. Louis paper, I don't think I addled a word.

The editor of the Record broke it up into paragraphs for me and that improved it much. Beyond this had my Hölderlin paper made for some time. It will considerably overrun the 16 pgs. but I will gladly pay the difference. I want to look it


able to read the entire. After it appears I shall write a separate article on it
later.

Thank you very much for Stummé's book on the Walasse dialect, I know the most of his books but not that. I don't suppose there is anything he could do for our dictionary.

And now again, please do not think of dropping our dictionary. You can have more than twice the number mentioned. In fact, you will need time to write the articles we want.

Take your holiday and go out at it afresh. On these articles...