

My dear friend!

I must begin this letter with a deep lamentation! We have lost our excellent friend R. Brown. I got many dears with this unlucky news, which reached me yesterday. With Brown is gone the great teacher and director of the modern systematical school. I feel an orphan, I feel, that also my time shall in brevi be out. I enjoy in the hope, that in a higher developement of substantial existence I shall recover Brown, whom I loved heartily, whom I adored, and who said it to many of my pupils and others, that he considered me as his best friend on the continent. I felt honoured with his friendship. My family considered him like a member. He dwelled 3 times with us, and made some very pleasant excursions through the alps with me or with me, my wife and my eldest daughter. He was always with us in gentle, charming spirits and professed, that the quiet happiness of my house inspired him with a particular sensation of peace and pleasure, Ave, Ave, anima mea!!

My beloved friend! let us give the hand
over the grave of such a man! Let us unite
in candid friendship, in the mutual respect
for virtuous feelings and noble excitement for
the truth. You shall ^{find} myself allways as the
same, as I know You allways the same noble
friend!

My best recollections to Your highly accom-
plished lady. How happy I would feel, if
a good fortune brings You two once more
over the "gran Charco" in my neighborhood.
If possible, You must then come and reside
with me for some weeks in the alpine scenery
of heigh Bavaria.

I work so much as possible, allways for
the Flora, where the redaction and the
plates, which in greatest part I must
have delineated under my eyes, absorb
to much of my leisure. I want a young
assistant. Have You not a young man,
like good Mr. Clark, who could come for
working four years with me on the Flora?

Now the fasc. XXI. (Malpighianae) has
been sent. I beg you to note, that Your
copies have been give to Mr. Ten Brook
Northamer. Consul at Munich, a very li-
terary man, who took the parcel over and
shall direct it to the Smithsonian. It was



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