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ROOSEVELT ROAD AND LAKE MICHIGAN

CHICAGO

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Dear Mr. Ames:

You will remember that some time ago I wrote you regarding a possible collecting trip to Paraguay for Dr. Baehni of Geneva, who is here with us for this year. At that time you suggested, and I thought it was a good idea, that Dr. Baehni should talk over the matter with you when he visited Boston, as he has been hoping to do.

As matters are at present, he would prefer not to go to Boston soon, unless it is necessary. He is given leave of absence from the Garden in Geneva, but his expenses he is obliged to pay himself, and I know that his salary is small, and he has difficulty in paying his expenses. He could not do so if it were not for favorable exchange conditions at the present time, and he has been greatly troubled about the possibility of Switzerland's leaving the gold standard, in which case he would have to return home.

In my earlier letter I believe I outlined in some detail his plans for going to Paraguay, but he or I can outline them again in greater detail if you think it advisable.

The object of this letter is to ask whether it is absolutely necessary or highly desirable that he come to Boston this spring or summer--in that case he will, of course, do so. Please write me frankly regarding the matter, so I may know how to advise him. I greatly hope that it may be possible for the Arboretum to provide at least part of the funds that he will need if he goes to South America. I honestly believe it will be money well invested for present and future returns.





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