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Dear Professor Wiehert.

Do you remember making the acquaintance of two English people in the train on the journey to Freiburg last October? We have not forgotten you and it would give us much pleasure to meet you again. Is there any likelihood of your coming to Freiburg this Spring? We shall be here till the end of April when we intend going to England.

Much has happened since we saw you, & the world is still unsettled & unhappy; we have given up our home on Lake Como & left Italy with many mixed feelings of sorrow & of anxiety. With kind remembrances from us both,

Sincerely yours

Helen Burdon

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4-4-36

Dear Professor Wickert.

Many thanks for your most kind
reply to my letter, which contained more
than I could have expected.

I cannot remember exactly what I
wrote, but you were quick to understand
that we have gone through a big strain.
This time it is not on account of my
husband's health, but because we have
just broken up our home in Italy, & left
much that we had created ourselves,
& parted with our servants who have
been years with us, & between whom
& us there is a deep attachment.

I am so glad that you remembered
our meeting last year, & have responded
to our desire to meet again, when I wrote
it was with the hope you might be coming
again to Freiburg to visit your son. We
expect to go to London early in May &
would be delighted to make your wife's

acquaintance. I am so glad you are
able to have a holiday together for the
fact of your feeling obliged to have two
homes deeply impressed me when I
heard it.

With best wishes & kindest remembrances
in which my husband joins.

Yours sincerely

Helen Burdon

The Halcyon Club -

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7-9-36

Dear Professor Wicket.

I am very sorry that we have not had an opportunity of meeting you again, nor of making the acquaintance of your wife. We only stayed one week in London after our return to England, & in that time my husband was not very well. We shall be in town on the 15th, & hope to call on Madame Wicket then. I am now writing to ask your help and advice & hope I am not trespassing too much on your kindness.

My son, John Alford, who you may remember is Professor of the Fine Arts in Toronto University, is returning to Canada this week, but his wife & 2 daughters are going to Munich for the purposes of education. The girls are 16 & 18, and the

Elder is training to be an Art Teacher.
My son has got a little information at the
Courtland Institute, where he was a lecturer,
& also has a short description of the
Munich Academy in a Board of Education
publication, which states it to be largely
attended by foreigners. He says it sounds
expensive, though no fees are stated,
and may be too advanced for the girls
to enter. The publication adds that there
are apparently several private schools
which prepare students for the Academy.
The younger girl is quite a beginner, and
the elder, who was educated at the
well-known Dartington Hall School,
spent last year working at the Chelsea
Technical School & is therefore almost
a beginner too. They are both very intelligent
& mature for their ages. Their mother is
an Italian (with an English mother), & belongs
to an artistic & intellectual, as well as a

refined social circle. (The sculptor & painter
Hildebrand, ^{who lived much in Florence} & his family have long been
great friends of the Taldis, my daughter
in law's family.)

We would all be very grateful if you
would give us some information regarding
centres of art teaching in Munich, and
if possible some introductions. Mr. Alford
rather dreads the loneliness of a new
place!

I wish you could have met my son,
it would be so much easier for you
to help in this matter.

I do not know whether you are in England
or in Germany. But in case you
are in London I am sending this
to your wife's address.

My husband & I expect to be in London
from the 15th to 22nd September & then to
return to Freiburg.

With kind remembrances, in which

my husband joins -

Yours Sincerely

Helen Burdon

Pension Fünfsechzig
Freiburg im Breisgau

2-10-36

Dear Professor Wicheat.

As you will see from the accompanying letter, I wrote to you a little more than 3 weeks ago asking for your kind advice and help for my daughter in law, Mrs Alford, who is going to Munich with her two daughters, but owing to a faulty address my letter was returned to me yesterday by the London Dead Letter Office. I now send it to you as it contains an account of the actual facts, & at the same time expresses my feelings in troubling you about such a matter.

When my husband & I were in London the week before last, we tried to get in communication with Madame Wicheat but there was no reply to the telephone so we came to the conclusion that she had not returned to town. I am glad to say that my husband

is ever so much better for our visit
to England, where we kept away from the
rush of London streets, and enjoyed
staying in the country with relations and
friends.

He joins with me in kind remembrances
to you.

Yours sincerely

Helen Burdon