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Dear Martha, Hannes left last night, I think he was satisfied, and he said at the end that the 4 days in a different environment did him good and that he thought the Gedserken *ustausch* with the Schmitt-group was profitable. The Saturday was a cold but clear day. We went out in an old car of a student to Lincoln, where Dr. Blake has built himself a house in old England style, on a hillside, in rolling country. Lincoln is as old and beautiful as Lexington, only smaller, and from his house one sees the steeple of the old church and some of the houses. We found innumerable eggs; then we sat around the fireplace; Mrs. Blake had made coffee and a few eggs, and brownies, with our sandwiches, and Hannes entertained the company with stories. In the afternoon Frank who was along, took us home by way of Concord and Lexington. We had a little chat in his house, and then we went downtown for dinner. The Italian Market was still going strong at 7pm. Everything was being sold out, and Hannes got a great thrill out of the atmosphere, and out of our strolling around in this neighborhood, near Faneuil Street.

On Sunday, your birthday, I invited him for dinner at our French Restaurant, and we celebrated with an excellent duck. Then we went to the Museum, and I discovered an enormous collection of Greek Vases, and Roman sculptures. Some ^{plastic} Greek, too, and a magnificent collection of coins. I wish I knew more about vases. There were some superb pieces of black on red. We looked again at the Franconian exhibit, but these pieces don't stand up against the Classic Europ. etc. In the afternoon we went to Schmitt's, stayed through supper and went home very early, to do some work. I had meanwhile received Munkson's Ph.D. thesis - 100 pages, and I am laboring on that. On Monday, Hannes saw people in the lab. We had dinner with Frank, Dave Waugh and a few others in a rather awful German place, somewhat less refined than Gersvelli's; and then we had a ~~short~~ discussion group, about a dozen people, incl. George Wald. Hannes just mentioned some experiments to get things started, and we talked about principles and ways of bridging the gap between molecular and cellular happenings - until 11 o'clock.

Yesterday a.m. he gave ²my lecture to my class on induction, very good, and in the afternoon his main lecture on cell movements as neurophysiologic ~~mechanisms~~ mechanisms. He made the same mistake as I did: too long, and too much crammed in. But quite apart from this - I always feel that these people, incl. Schmitt, are "wildly" interested in our work, but get excited ~~only~~ only when matters chemical or physical are touched upon. I had the same experience when I gave my talk last Friday. There is really little common language - and this language and work is so overwhelmingly in the foreground that we obtain barely count. I hope to get more resonance next Friday at Brown Univ. - in a real Zoology Dept.

Things are piling up terribly. Today I shall ^{spend} most of the day at Harvard Medical School; in the Anatomy Dept, where I know a young neurologist, Singer, who was once my student in Woods Hole and who works on ^{the role of the} nervous system and Amphibian regeneration; and I'll read up several things in the library there. Tomorrow night, we have another staff meeting, in the matter of the reorganizing of the curriculum, and the Dean has announced that he would be present - so I have to prepare myself. Friday I go to Providence, and shall probably stay until Saturday p.m. And then I have to finish my revision of Bill's thesis. I think I told you that he has accepted a job in Rochester. - No word from Tom. Have you seen or heard of him?

I am very anxious to hear from you about the trip, hope to find a letter in the box this morning, and I hope you have sent the Beltzger papers to me. How did you find St. W.? - My father? - the garden? - No word from Doris either.

It is still cool, and not much spring in sight. The climate does not seem to agree with my throat and sinuses. I have a constant slight irritation of both. Now I have to go to work

Love

Viktor