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Dear old friend

Only a few days ago we  
received the invitation to take  
part in the meeting at Vienna.

I thought at the time that I was  
much occupied, but when I recollected  
how many years had passed since  
I had seen you and other friends, and  
how important it is to keep up a  
friendly intercourse, - I was resolved



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not to deny myself the pleasure,  
and intend accordingly, to start to-  
morrow morning by a steamer  
which goes by Rotterdam, so that  
I shall be in the old Kaiserstadt  
I hope on Wednesday morning.

As many things have changed since  
I was there I do not yet know where  
I shall go for a Hotel, nor whether  
my old friend 'zum goldenen Sammer'  
in the Leopoldstadt is still as  
comfortable as it used to be: but

anyhow I hope to greet you and  
meet many old acquaintances  
on Wednesday next.

Very truly yours  
Washington Smyth