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My dear friend

A new year has come upon us which I trust may be a pleasant one for us all, although it does not at present promise well.

I was much gratified by your last letter and our friend Hingencan's addition to it. In fact if it had not been that my busy time of year for giving our courses of lectures was soon going to begin, I should have been inclined to come out and pay you all a visit, and get refreshed by a mingling of old - well liked - and of new society.

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Geologically, we are having at present a great many papers and discussions on the West and North of Scotland, about

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You must all be a good deal absorbed by other matters: do write and tell me something hopeful, - such as might be sprung from the right mindedness

on our ponds in the parks every day.



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of the bulk of the Austrian people, and  
I should hope also of most of the Vien-  
loisiers. As for the Magyars, if they  
(as is alleged) sympathize with and  
act in concert with the Italians, I  
shall begin to hate and despise them.  
What could be more miserable, than  
instead of aiming to support improve  
and strengthen the monarchy, - to try  
to work at its disintegration? Let  
us hope that there are many who  
think better, and don't ally themselves  
with fire-brand liars and theorists!  
Give my kindest regards to Krizencan  
and Haedinger: - the sooner you write  
to me the better I shall be pleased, -  
and believe me

Yrs sincerely  
Warrington Smythe