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Dear Mr. Salmon,

Your letter with the interesting account of your native town and the economic position of New Zealand was a great joy to me, and I thank you very much for it. I hope, you won't take it amiss that my answer comes so late. During the last months I spent all my time in finishing the dissertation for my doctor examination. Some days ago I finally handed it to my professor, and I am now preparing for the oral examination which will take place in the end of July. — How are you getting on with your work?

In the course of rather a short time the political situation in this country has thoroughly changed, and the questions you put to me in your letter have found a sudden solution. I may add: also a good one. You are perhaps astonished to read that, for — as far as I know — most of the great newspapers of the world tell you just the contrary. The reason for it is that the European nations, above all France and Poland, but England too, fear a

new war, and this fear is in an inexcusable way nourished by all those German people who don't agree with the new spirit and the new methods. The Jewish question is also of great importance. The measures we took against the Jews were not at all cruel or unjustified, as you read in English papers. All we try is only to reduce the enormous influence and power of the Jews in Germany to an extent which corresponds to their small number. More and more their influence had become a destructive force in our national life. What you see nowadays in Germany is not a warlike or an extremely militaristic spirit or a new barbarism (as many foreigners suppose), but the will to build a new nation, in which no longer the unchecked liberalism of the postwar years reigns. We were standing just before a complete break-down and the chaos of Communism, which would have been fatal for the whole world. In this dangerous moment came the revolution of our nationalist party under the great leader Hitler. It marks the beginning of something quite new in Germany. We know that a great many tasks are waiting for us, but seeing them we are no longer desperate as it was the case in the last years. The new Germany has a new hope, a new will, and a new energy, and

with them we shall overcome all problems and difficulties. —

What do you think about the change in Germany, and what do you read in the papers? I should be very glad to hear something about it from you. —

Hoping you are quite well I am with kindest regards, yours Theodor Bot. —