

Professor Pfister here I have found to be both interested in, and acquainted with, a vast field of human knowledge and enquiry. And yet what a great pity it is that he doesn't seem to display any knowledge of economics!

Now, when you had luncheon with the Lord Provost last Monday, you will remember that he was extremely well informed on the history of the intellectual relations between Scotland and Bavaria. However I cannot emulate the Lord Provost in such scholarly matters. As a scientist, my mind runs to less lofty things - to material things. In associating Munich and Edinburgh I think of applied chemistry, of applied microbiology - in short of beer, for which both cities are world-famous. While, in the field of applied arts and crafts, there is, of course, the fame of Bavarian lithography to be linked with Edinburgh's distinction in fine printing.

Of University scientists one naturally thinks of the outstanding Munich names of von Liebig and Röntgen. No one did more than von Liebig towards the foundation of modern chemistry, including chemical analysis; while the discovery of X-rays by Röntgen was one of the essential starting points of the Second Golden Age of Physical Science.

Perhaps I may pause to mention here a great Munich friend of my own, a radio-scientific friend, who, I regret to learn from Professor Pfister died, full of years and honour, only a few weeks ago. I refer here to Geheimrat Professor Dr. J. Zenneck. He was a great pioneer, who put science into practical radio - in the early years of this century - into a subject which previously had been largely the province of the inventor and the empiricist. Now I've mentioned that Zenneck was a Geheimrat and therefore I think I should tell you a story about Professor Zenneck and a small daughter of mine. Zenneck came to stay with us in London.

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Now a moment ago I mentioned the work of Professor Röntgen, work in physics which has had the most profound effect in medical diagnosis. His work is, I would say, the best example anyone can