

Ithaca, N. Y.
Nov[ember] 15^a/97

Dear Professor Vaihinger:

I have just time for a word today to say that I send by post today: (1) a short review of Ladd's book¹; (2) Selbst-Anzeige of thesis by Major²; (3) Summary of article by Miss Calkins³ (Professor at Wellesley College).

I hope that you will find the review of Ladd long enough. It is a very pretentious book, but contains nothing that is new. And his air of profundity and superior wisdom are most irritating. I have tried however not to let my feelings of irritation influence my review. | If you do not put it in Heft IV please send me proofs.^b I was sorry that I did not ask you to send me another proof of my paper on Kant in America. There were several misprints. I have written out the review of Ladd as carefully as possible, and do not think that the printer's^c will find any difficulty in reading it.

The notice of Major's thesis I copied from the preface. As he worked under my direction in preparing the work, it would not be right for me to review it. It would be very agreeable to me if you or some other German scholars would criticise it. I should be glad to get your opinion of the work done here at | Cornell for the Doctor's degree. I am sensible of the faults of Major's work and I hope next year to send you some better samples of our student's work. But it is perhaps up to the average, as theses go, & I should be glad if you thought it worth noticing further in the Kant-Studien. At any rate I hope that it will not fare so badly as Eckhoff's translation did at Windelband's hands.⁴ (That thesis^d represented Columbia College & University). Eckhoff, however, brought that crushing criticism upon himself by his silly attack on Windelband.

I have no doubt that the American agents⁵ you mention are satisfactory in every respect. When I wrote, I never noticed that their names appear on the cover. Do you think that | it would be a good idea to exchange advertisement with one or two American journals? We (The Philos[ophical] Review) will be glad to exchange a page advertisement at any time. The last number^e was very interesting, as indeed all the numbers have been.

I beg you to pardon the appearance of this letter. I am anxious to catch the mail, so that the letter & Manuscripts^f will go on tomorrow's boat.

With Kindest regards, Yours Sincerely,

J. E. Creighton

^a 5] kann u. U. auch 8 heißen

^b If ... proofs.] am linken Rd. mit Blaustiftkringel markiert

^c printer's] so wörtlich

^d thesis] Einfügung über der Zeile

^e number] danach gestrichen: and indeed all the numbers; have been very

^f Manuscripts] M. S.

Anmerkungen

- ¹ short review of Ladd's book] *innerhalb von Creighton: American Current Literature on Kant. In: Kant-Studien 3 (1899), S. 148–159, hier: 148–151.*
- ² Selbst-Anzeige of thesis by Major] *erschienen als: Major, David R. The Principle of Teleology in the Critical Philosophy of Kant. Thesis presented to Cornell University for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Ithaca, Andrus & Church 1897 (pp. VI, 100). In: Kant-Studien 2 (1898), S. 457–458.*
- ³ Summary of article by Miss Calkins] *Mary Whiton Calkins (1863–1930); gemeinter Artikel vermutlich: Kant's Conception of the Leibniz Space and Time Doctrine. In: The Philosophical Review 6 (1897), S. 356–369.*
- ⁴ as Eckoff's translation did at Windelband's hands] *vgl. Wilhelm Windelband (Rezension): Eckoff, William: Kant's Inugural-Dissertation of 1770 transl. into English with an Introduction and Discussion. New York 1895. In: Kant-Studien 1 (1896/1897), S. 264–268.*
- ⁵ the American agents] *vgl. Vaihinger an Creighton vom 15.10.1897. In den USA war seit 1896/1897 die Firma Lemcke & Buechner (formerly B. Westermann & Co.) in New York für den Vertrieb der Zeitschrift Kant-Studien zuständig (siehe die Angaben auf dem Titelblatt).*