

[Felix Gilbert to Eka, handwritten]

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Dear Eka:

I don't know where you are, and whether or where the sad news of Theodor's death has reached you.

Before ending his life, Theodor wrote a letter to me; he gave no other reasons than those of which all his friends were always aware: "the sense of inadequacy which has possessed me since my youth"—that is what he wrote. He spoke also of complete exhaustion—"mentally, emotionally, physically". I feel that a bad physical state was probably an important contributory factor in making it impossible for him to fight one of his depressions, but we all know that all such after-thoughts and speculations are fruitless in the face of the grim fact.

What Theodor asked me to do was to tell his friends that we owed many happy moments of his life to them, and to thank them. Your name, of course, is one of those whom he mentions, and to whom he asked me to write. Perhaps I may add that, when Theodor visited us three weeks ago here in Bryn Mawr, he spoke frequently and affectionately of you.

I hope I shall hear from you when you are back in Princeton.

Felix.