

My brother leaves two works which we intend to publish : one upon the languages and ancient Indian civilization of the Asiatic archipelago, and the other upon the structure of languages in general, and the influence of that structure upon the intellectual development of nations. This last work has great beauty of style. We shall soon begin the publication of it. My brother's extensive correspondence with all those countries over which his philological studies extended brings upon me just at present, such a multiplicity of occupations and duties that I can only write you these few lines, my dear friend, as a pledge of my constant affection, and, I may also add, my admiration of your eminent works. It is a pleasure to watch the growing renown of those who are dear to us ; and who should merit success more than you, whose elevation of character is proof against the temptations of literary self-love ? I thank you for the little you have told me of your home life. It is not enough to be praised and recognized as a great and profound naturalist ; to this one must add domestic happiness as well. . . .

I am about finishing my long and wearisome work of (illegible) ; a critical examination into the geography of the Middle Ages, of