Odebrany w Paryżu
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Dear Niedźwiecki,

It is not that I have not often thought of you that I have not written, but I have been very busy indeed getting into my new parish. It is not far from where I was before – in fact just in sight of Carmenellis, but a much finer place a town & fashionable watering place with beautiful scenery. I hope also to make the pay better than before. It is likely that I am settled here for life, i.e. unless something very good offered. It is the first "life appointment" I have had, one from which I could not be removed but at my own will.

I am sorry we had not the chance, when in London, of offering you, or young Chodźko hospitality. I shall probably never have a house again in London, but I shall be there occasionally.

I daresay I may be again in Paris some

P.S. I hope in a few days to send you a marvellous jeu d'esprit
of mine just published. You should read it before going
to bed. Most people say they like it better the second
reading. It is too bold as you see for me to put my name to

time or other. I should very much like to visit Poland & to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. But both may be in the remote future, for they are costly. The first perhaps the least so.

I have not yet heard from Malet that my affairs are settled. It has now been dragging on for 9 months. Would you kindly make enquiries in Rue d'Anjou.

I am afraid in England just now, there is a Russian furore thanks to the wedding of Mariya Alexandrovna. Nothing wh: is not highly complimentary to the Czar Alexander will get a hearing just now. Times may change. Seriously I am not sure that if they do not mean to fight the Czar, the English Government is not acting prudently in being civil to him. Perhaps he may learn something of the advantages of our liberty & civilization. The real evil of Russia now seems to me Despotism & Barbarism. Free from both it might prosper.

With kindest regards to the Chodzkos

Yours very faithfull

W. S. Lach Szyrma

obchodzący w Paryżu
50. Maja 1878

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The Vicarage – Newlyn S. Peter
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May 3

My dear Kiedziwiecki,

I cannot let this anniversary pass without writing to you again. I hope it comes on a brighter year for Poland, for who knows what is coming? England at least is arming rapidly & is certainly very powerful. Roumania is turning against Russia. The Turkish peace is very hollow. Russia cannot trust Austria or the Magyars. The spread of Nihilism & Revolution is a danger within. There may be a collapse of the "Empire of the Czar" after all. Here one must not count England's strength by England alone, but India & Canada offer powerful aid, & the English reserves are very large. In a long war Russia

would be first exhausted.

If there is no war I should much like to go to Posen this summer with a friend Mr. Roope, of Wandsworth. We have a invitation in the country. I think you advised me to ask ~~get~~ introductions from Prince Czartoryski.

I should like one way to go through Paris, if I did go to Poland to see the "Exposition." Which is the best way to Berlin & Posen from England?

1. There is a route by the German Steamers from Plymouth (near here) to Hamburgh & the Elbe.

2. There is a route to Berlin by Antwerp or Rotterdam.

Are there any cheap trains or communications to Berlin from Paris.

I do not know if July or August would

would be very hot seasons in Poland. I prefer
Autumn or Spring. I should like to be going
now this week, but I cannot get
away now. One must go when one can.
It is a long journey 1200 miles I think. If you
come across any bills of cheap trains to
Berlin from Paris (for the "Exposition"
time) I should like to see them.

Did you receive my last letter
& the "Short History of Penzance" all
safe. I must send you my
"Lessons in the Old Cornish Language"
They are in our local magazine.
You see the Poles everywhere are spreading
results of literary work. I am getting
quite an authority in Literary topics
in the Far West of England. I am connected
with most of the West of England papers.

Do you know Bronie of Bordeaux?
I heard from him. I wrote to Szulczewski
for to day. I must still "Jeszcze
Polskie nie zginęła" Though the
story of Vera at Petersburg show
the Czars are not safe.

I send you a photograph of some
of our children. The 2 boys in the
Window (my No. 3 & 4) are William G. Krzystyn &
Philip Isidore L.S. The boy under the
banner is Horatio Ignatius my eldest.
You see me rather stouter than I was &
my wife Mrs. L.S. standing at the end. The
rest are the children of two of our Sunday Schools
we are obliged to have 2 for these Celts quarrel
& we have 2 classes in the parish. The big school is
not here. The place is over House & garden.
Kindest regard to Chodzko's. I forgot their
address else I should write today
Yours very faithfully
W S Lach Szyrma

Odebrany w Paryżu
25go Października 1884.
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Vicarage
New Gn & Peter
Penzance
Oct 23

My dear Niedziwiecki,

You have doubtless heard of poor Major Szulczewski's death. I wish I could have been at the funeral yesterday but I cannot get to London until November when I hope to be a few days there.

Who will be appointed to succeed him in his divers offices? It will not be so easy to fill his places although of late he was

not strong. I think he was failing for a year past. I always used to call on him & frequently dine with him in London. I saw him on our return from Paris, when I last saw you.

It seems to me that just now the proper representation of Poland in England is of more importance than most people, even the Poles themselves, think. Englishmen - like Frenchmen - are apt to forget that by sacred treaties the rights of Poland have been guaranteed to both England & France, that both England & France have suffered

from the violation of those treaties
& that in the present day, natural
rights are growing in public estimation!
Hungary is free, Italy is a great
power, even Wallachia (alias Roumania)
& Bulgaria have their rights.
Poland must have her turn soon!
Both Napoleon I. & III suffered from
neglect of duty to Poland. Neither
Leipsic or Sedan could have occurred
had Poland been restored. In England
many public men (especially editors)
think Bismark is using Poland as a
card to menace Russia & Austria with.
Be it as it may, the Polish problem
is unsolved, & on its solution much may
depend. In this case something should

be done to keep the rights of Poland before the English nation. We must not echo Finis Poloniæ. The end is as far off as ever. Szulczewski did his best to keep the protest up. It must not die with him in England. I believe it might be a great deal louder & clearer than it has been for many years past, for Czar Alexander III is not ~~very~~ at all popular in England or anywhere else & is generally counted here as a mixture of a bully & a coward a kind of man highly unpopular among Britons. The Russians & the Czar are not liked in England, especially if they menace India by Afghanistan.

All our circle are well. Horatio enjoyed his Paris trip. He is now at the notary's office. Mrs S S send regards, Yours very faithfully

W. S. Rack-Szyma

Newlyn
Penzance
January 29

Dear Niedzwiecki,

I was so sorry to hear of the Chodźko's loss. It must have tried them very much. I wrote to them on hearing of it.

I send you the photographs of our children. Two I think you will see are very like my father Horatio the eldest boy (who is sitting down) & Rosina the youngest girl. The latter always seems to me from accounts to be like my sister Bozena. Aldona has something of Czeslawa's manner but not perhaps appearance – she is very fair, but with rather dark eyes (so rare in English or Teutons but not uncommon with the Slavs & Celt. Horatio's expression in the photo: is just like my Father's (when he was last taken). Willie is more his figure Very strong & sturdy but more English.

Horatio took the "junior" Latin prize in his school

this Xmas & has been promoted in every subject since the vacation. He has begun Algebra. He is very studious almost too much so. Aldona also took a prize in her school (so did Philip & Isidore the 4th) We have, I pray, Leonard very well & fat.

I often wish I knew a good foreign school near the Coast (not an expensive journey) for them. Dieppe or Cherbourg would be best, so near England. I should wish Posen, but it is so expensive to take children so far. They never can learn French & German in England. I often wish that one or two of my sons should be partly brought up in Poland if it were possible. But it is a costly journey.

Can I trouble you to ask Malet why I have not heard from them. I have written 4 letters & had no answer. I sometimes think the Post Office here may be to blame. (It is I know very badly managed) I have not received any Revenu from November nor since. I should be really grateful to you if you did ask this at Rue D'Anjou.

With Rosina's kindest regards,

Yours very faithfully

R. S. Lach Szyrma