



To Prof. Teichmüller

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Dear Sir,

I have to thank you, though I must apologise for my delay in doing so, for the kind letter which ^{you} wrote ^{to} me in the month of August in acknowledgement of my article on Plato's Phaedo, and for your further kindness in sending me, through your publisher, a copy of your Religionsphilosophie. I am much indebted to you for the criticisms which you suggest - and hope some time soon to find time to consider them fully. When I wrote the article on the Phaedo, I did not think that your "Literarische



"Fehden &c" would be likely to contain anything bearing on the Phaedo. I knew of the book but had not then seen it.

Since I wrote the article, I have been occupied entirely with subjects which have taken me away from Plato and, owing to bad health, have been obliged to limit my studies to

what was most necessary for my work, which is mostly in the department of political philosophy. I trust, however, as I have said, to be able to return to the subject & promise myself pleasure & profit in the reading of your later treatment of the Platonic Questions.

Please excuse my writing to you in my own language and in the somewhat informal style that English sanctions; but my wife, who knows German more correctly than I, is not with me at present and so my German would probably be much more obscure and distasteful to you!

With the expression of my sincere regards & respect

Believe me

Yours faithfully
David G. Ritchie

P.S. The paper on the Phaedo was read before a Society in London, not in Oxford; the reference that it was in Oxford was a natural one, I dare say, as London was not named.