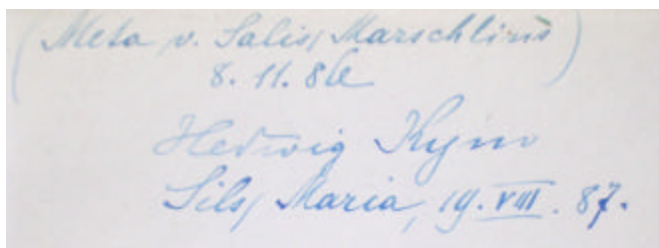


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Hedwig Kym - with whom she visited Sils Maria - was the daughter of Andreas Ludwig Kym, professor of philosophy in Zurich. The inscription is in a single hand but of which lady is uncertain - circumstantial evidence would strongly suggest Kym's - although the opulence of the binding would indicate that the book originally belonged to von Salis. Nietzsche's letters contain many references to von Salis and several to Kym and he is known to have written 14 letters to von Salis.

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