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Einstein and Ehrenfest

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After Paul Ehrenfest's untimely death, Albert Einstein wrote about their first meeting more than twenty years earlier. "Within a few hours we were true friends as though our dreams and aspirations were meant for each other." In fact, this warm friendship with a fellow theoretical physicist of his own age was unique in Einstein's life. I shall try to characterize it in this talk.