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My dear Kelly

This is a correspondence - Sunday -
you are no 6, all of them private and
confidential for a wonder - and I am
quite in the vein for dashing off what
news I have to give. Your Easter holidays
evidently begin even so much later than
ours, for when you wrote and dated, just
at the close of the term, I was in harness
again, and so I suppose you are still
enjoying this delightful warm weather
as part of your Easter - holidays in
Paris. I hope you had a very pleasant
time and that Sylvia will be speedily
benefited by the change of air and scene.
Your mention of Ben. Ammeyer as a

possible item of your summer plans
put it into my head for Elze and myself,
and if everything falls out as I have
planned, I expect to go there with her
in the beginning of August. I am afraid
there is not much chance of meeting you
there just then, but I cannot very well
change the time, as I have taken lodgings
in the Janus for my mother and myself
from the middle of June till the ~~end~~^{beginning}
of July. About the middle of August
I have to be back at Berlin at my lonely
quarters, and if you carry out your
plans with regard to this German trip,
I hope you will manage to return

via Berlin and stay with me for some
time. I could show you Potsdam here
and several other things, for which there
was no time at ~~Home~~ ~~last~~ year.
Of course I could like you in as well
as a sister or two, though you would
have to rough it a little in a disorganised
household, and lead what George Eliot
calls an "unrespectable existence" but we
could occasionally dine at a restaurant
and see what sights there are, for instance
the famous "Marian" which would certainly
interest you, besides Potsdam.
You are exceedingly kind to propose a
visit to England, viz. Brighton, either
for myself or Elze, but you see there is

a decided tendency towards the south in
this year's summer-plans, so that you
had far better come here. As regards
lodgings, I have long had it on my mind
to ask you, whether there has not been some
unfortunate mistake about your lodgings
in Schellingstrasse 5 with Mr. von Sanders.
I think I told you ^{distinctly} at the time, that I had
arranged everything with her, and of course
I paid her the sum we had agreed upon
as soon as you were gone. Since then
somebody told me, she was not a
worthy person, not even in money. ^{indeed}
^{they} and I remembered with a kind of shock
that you had said something about
"paying here" when you left. At the

be able to arrange a meeting with me without Her-
mann's presence I thought you referred to a dinner
for some the servant, or some sort of
extra, as I had expressly told you that
the arrangements about the room rested
with me, but now I am in a state of
doubt, whether she might not have
charged the price to you, if you asked
for it. Of course I could in no case extract
it from her again, but still I should
like to know the truth about the matter.
I have just despatched what you would
call the examination-papers of the
Lehrerinnen. These to the government-
official who has been appointed as
Königlicher Commissar in the matter.
They were almost all of them very
good work. In history the paper set

was: Das Wesen des Staates bei Montesquieu und bei Rousseau, ein Vergleich³ in the German course. There were ~~several~~ papers etc, one on the question:

Wann bezieht Spitzers Bemerkung auf dem Gebiete der deutschen Dichtung, and the other the grammatical and historical analysis of a passage from the Bibelungenheit. The work of all the students represented distinctly which we term, eine wissenschaftliche Abhandlung as specifically different from an essay or composition, and of course that is the best praise that can be given. The winter term has been a most interesting one as far as these courses were concerned. In the German

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lectures the interpretation of Goethe's Lyric formed a delightful subject on Thursdays, and in history nothing could be more interesting to me than the investigation of the sources and the origin of the French revolution, with which they deal, part of the time. But the number of the students is painfully small, as I think I told you before, and under the circumstances I do not very well see how it is to increase. Since Easter my sister Goitz has been away, owing to the sudden death of one of her stepdaughters (the one married at Harnover) and so we have accordingly made use of her vacant rooms to ask a visitor friend, Miss L. Thiele from Freiburg, to stay with us. Before the

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ask
a
visitor
friend
Miss
L.
Thiele
from
Freiburg
to
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come we had a frequent visitor in the
person of a Miss Weisse from Eton,
a most interesting and gifted person,
who stayed at Berlin for a time on account
of a kind of adopted child, a young musical
genius, whom she takes to Larchin from
time to time. We had a great many dis-
cussions on the curious ways of modern
English thought — and German too,
for the matter of that — and I was very
glad of this intellectual feast, besides
enjoying the opportunity of rubbing down
my rusty English a little.

At present my sister Gaby is staying at
Buzhensen till the end of the month, and in
July she will take a house at Blankenburg
in the Jura, where she joins her till the next
me, and later on my mother likewise.
Good-bye dear Nelly — I hope you will