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My dear Nelly,

I have to thank you for 3 books and several letters, also 1 postcard which all reached me and gave me much pleasure. Thank you very much for all these tokens of your good will and kind remembrance! I have read "Borisid abiss" for the second time and with much pleasure. It is a very clever humorous sketch of an impossible friend in our well regulated civilized life and it certainly amused me for several afternoons. A more serious interest will certainly belong to the Russian experiences of Beatrice Webb's friend, ~~with~~ which I have at present lent to a very charming Irish girl, who lives for the present 3 months with our relatives at the "Gut", in the character of governess to their only daughter. Now I have a rather pressing question to address to you, dear Nelly: It is now more than a week ago I sent you with a post-card ^{of mine} for publication concerning the "Victoria ~~School~~ ^{School}", the survival of the "Victoria Lyceum" of the past. I wished very much to show you, how brilliantly we have developed into an institution dedicated to the latter achievements of female education. The means for the building of a stable house with all the modern advantages were partly due to the funds of the Victoria-Lyceum, but chiefly to a splendid legacy of the late Franconian Hainemann (whose name you perhaps remember) of I don't at present remember to what amount, but certainly several hundred thousands, dedicated to the above mentioned house of residence for women-students of the Berlin university. It was built by a woman-architect and has since pursued successfully the plans and ends to which it was dedicated. I am on a very friendly terms with the lady-resident (Fr. Ottilie Beer) who sends me regular accounts of their doings, and I should certainly be very sorry if the publication

were altogether lost, though I dare say I could procure a substitute. But at all events
please to let me know about it. The address is for me, as I was not
well able to write at the time, but the address was all right, as far as I remember.
We all of us send you kind greetings and hope you are well.

Believe me always, dear Kelly

Yours very affectionately

Alexander Coote

I forgot to tell you that I get all Galton's novels from a circulating library and I
admire the later ones - I like the first and all the rest very much. He is a poet besides being
a very clever author of fiction. We (I mean the Germans) have none to compare with
him in that department of literature. Our literary ability now is all in the
line of scientific research and technical products.

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