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My dear Kelly - I do not remember, whether I thanked you before this for the family chronicle you sent me some weeks ago. In any case I will do so now, and assure you that I appreciate it as much as you could wish, for it brings all your family so near, that I seem to participate in their life and fate. What a successful family it has been on the whole! For such a number, not one of ~~them~~ is born but has achieved some kind of active personality while they lived, and now partly continue to live in their offspring. No wonder you feel some pride as an ideal grandmother to the numerous survivors of the original stock. Well, I certainly wish you joy of it and hope you will continue to enjoy it for the rest of your life. That is all I meant to tell you today, and really it will be all I can manage to write, for I feel less able to do so from day to day. Do please however continue to let me hear from you, for it always gives me pleasure. Yours ever

very sincerely and affectionately  
Alex von Cotta