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My dear Kelly
Your long and interesting
and affectionate letter would have deserved
a speedy answer, but this was my busy time,
and besides you had announced a parcel,
whose arrival I wanted to wait for. It came
to hand this morning and we are all touched
and pleased by your kind and pretty gifts.
The paper matches with the quaint little
devil to hold them up as torches are just
the thing for my mother's cigarette. The
Larchin is exceedingly pretty and the book
quite the handsomest personification of
Six Royas de Courceloy's grand style. It is
itself an ornament for my table, but
I shall also read and appreciate it as soon

Good-bye, dear Kelly. I send you a Munich-blomworth by this same post,

as this business pressure is over, my
 mother has already begun it to-day, she
 is delighted with the good paper and print.
 But the chief blessing are your pens, just
 come in right season to help me over a
 lot of writing I have to do. Besides clearing
 up the Lyceum-accounts I have to pen
 the history of the Victoria Lyceum in form
 of a pamphlet for the Educational de-
 partment of the Chicago-exhibition,
 and to serve likewise as a commemorative
 of our 25th year, which will be celebrated
 next autumn, when the new house is ready.
 Then I have ever so long ago promised
 Gardner an article on the aspect of the

The only little I remember me to you
 and behind
 we always
 Jones
 my
 affairs
 John
 my John

current questions in Germany for the
 Journal of the U. A. which I must get
 off my mind within this short space of
 holidays - we begin again on the 5th of Jan.
 I was rather disappointed not to hear from
 you this summer, as you had promised
 to let me know of your holiday-plans
 with a view to our meeting somewhere.
 But my own plans were cut out for me
 by ill-health. I was so much brooded-up
 by June, with an obstinate cough to boot,
 that my old doctor pronounced for the
 sea-side. So I went off to Werderny with
 a very dear and charming young friend
 of mine, who also spent the latter part of
 the summer with me, while my own people

any German word that you would care to send
 me to read?

were away in the East. My mother and I
only came back to Berlin in the beginning
of November, very much refreshed by their
long stay in the country. I had been to them
for about a fortnight in August, after coming
back from Nordmeyer which had quite set
me up again. In September my busy time
began; there were all the arrangements to make
for adding new teachers' courses to the pro-
gramme, first getting the government ready
to sanction and subsidy them, then to find
out suitable teachers, discuss the plan and
convoas for it in the papers. After all the
number of the new students is so small
that it really seems much ado about nothing
but the principle is the important thing, the

has just engaged a pleasant young gentleman, German gentleman of his consent to undertake

Lyceum being the only place in Germany where women can at this present moment get anything like a university education. It is just the amount of work and the advanced character of it that deter them from the undertaking, but with the first dash venture and perseverance I hope to effect good results. The old courses in History and German flourish, especially the latter, for which I have a new and excellent teacher and which is very well attended. The new ones are on the lines of the Modern Language Tripos, i. e. advanced study of French and English, Language and Literature, &c. In English the pronunciation is the chief ~~course~~ and one of our best students is anxious

to spend her summer vacations in England
for that ^{purpose}. As she is likewise
recommended the sea side for her health
she thinks of going to Brighton and
I hope and beg you will be kind enough
to befriend her, if you happen to be there
at the time. She is a charming character
very ladylike and thoroughly cultivated
as she attended the History course before
If it was possible for her to board cheaply
at your school in return for German
lessons or some such equivalent, it
would be a great help. Of course the
whole plan is too far off yet to make
any arrangement, but I shall venture
to it later on and ask your kind advice

overwhelmed her, when she will be very well
I shall be very glad to hear of her
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for help. I am so glad you are satisfied with
the new German teacher and altogether
prosperous! The University Examinations
and the excellent results of Daisy's pupils
are fine feathers in your cap. I wonder
whether with so much success behind and
in store you will actually keep to your
plan of retiring into private life when
you have made a sufficient capital, or
whether you will not be rather tempted
further from year to year to keep on
growing in consideration.

I have been musing the plan of paying
another visit to England next spring or
summer ever since last spring, when I
had a kind invitation from Miss Kennedy

but whether I can carry it out is very questionable.
Besides its being, as you say, rather an expensive
matter, my time is now so much taken up
by his Lyceum business and the building
going on, that I doubt the possibility of my
getting off. On the other hand I feel as
strong with, very almost a want, to revive
my connexion with England and brush up
my English. — My mother sends you her
very best love and thanks; she has kept well
heretofore, but the winter has hardly begun
with us. The two boys to thank you very much;
she has painted and drawn and generally
manufactured some very pretty things, most
of them sold at the Artists' Fair at Xmas;
in the New Year she will go twice a week to
paint at a studio. My sister Gilly is well and