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My dear Kelly

Mr. and Mrs. McEwan

called on me with your letter of introduction
about a week ago or more, and I had al-
ready some addresses in store for them, since
your previous letter had informed me of what
they wanted. I am sorry to say that was in
fact all I have been able to do for them,
as they happened to come at a very unfortunate
period. I was away to represent my sister
Ellen at Truch's Goetz' funeral at Cassel,
and Ellen herself at a private "clinique"
here, where she had to undergo an operation
— not however of cancer or any other pe-
nicious nature. I am happy to say. Still
it kept me rather anxious at the time, and
of course I devoted to her whatever spare time
I could find, so that I was not able to show
your friends any hospitality. They have
written to me since to say, that they did

of their own accord, but it vexes me. Good bye, dear Kelly and let me hope
still on recovery
at Paris!

not find any of my addresses quite what they wanted and intended in any case to let their daughter stay at the present place till the autumn, when perhaps I might recommend to them some nice family to board with, which was what they would like best. I will try to find out whether there is any likely to suit them, but there is not much chance, since the really nice families as a rule do not like to take ⁱⁿ boarders.

So much for business. With regard to my private matters, I am glad to say, that Ellen has come back to us by this time and we are doing our best to nurse her up for the removal to Brumhausen, where she hopes and plans to go about the middle of the month, to get her house and garden into order. But we shall not let her go alone, she will go with her and bear her company for some weeks. The death of Sarah's Maecy has been felt as a release by all the family, her sufferings

having been hopeless and almost continuous for about a year. It was partly on her account we felt anxious about Ellen's complaint and thought it best to have it removed speedily, for of late years cancer is considered to be contagious. Fortunately there has not been found the slightest trace of that insidious disease at the operation. I felt lively disappointment at first, when your letter told me, that you would be engaged with your brother Stephen ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ the Easter holidays, but I see that there is still a chance that you might meet me at Paris for a week. Of course if you could not come, I should not go either. I hope you will let me know as soon as you can, whether it will be feasible, and at what time. As to me, I should be at liberty from the

3^d of April till the 24th, and the last week (from 17th to 24th) would suit me best, though I could also arrange it earlier in the month, only I am afraid the Easter holidays would not be very suitable for our purpose and also there would be less chance of springlike weather, though of course that is entirely incalculable.

You mention my appeal for a prospectus of your school in the interest of a daughter of Frau von Hermann's. I had the greatest trouble in getting back the prospectus and my album of photographs (of Raedean) which I sent her and after all she does not seem to have made up her mind, since she did not apply to you. She apparently has Frau von Hansmann done so, for whom I wanted the prospectus and the album back in the interest of her second grand daughter! Well, you are certainly not in want