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My dear Kelly,

I have just off writing to you till the beginning of the Easter holidays in the hopes that then you would have leisure to read and also to answer a letter. There are no particular news to tell except that Thee is going on a visit to the Luchs at the beginning of June and that I should very much like her to see Pinedan. You would therefore much oblige me if you could have her there for a day or two, i. e. give her a bed for one night at least. I know there is no doubt about your hospitality, especially as she would not expect you to act the part of hostess towards her, only just to let her be and look about her. But the question is, whether you would have a room and bed place at that time. So please let me know a word about it when you see

I hope I thanked you for your Xmas letter and book, which latter

your way. She being a member of the German Lyceum Club she hopes to be able to get a room at the London Club for 2 or 3 days on arriving in London and before going to the Lakes. We have applied by the intercession of an English lady here who is a member of both clubs, and hope she will be able to arrange matters in spite of the rupture that has taken place in the course of last winter between the two clubs. The difficulty is, that the German club does not prosper; it is not well managed and loses members as fast as it gets them, being constantly in debt. We joined it when it was first started, chiefly for the sake of the international connexion, and now it seems, that is going to be broken off.

I meant to make a tour to the Italian lakes in the Easter holidays, but could not find a companion, so that I have resigned myself to staying quietly at home. The weather is too cold and sunless for Brumby, and she will certainly bear me company here till the end of this month. I am very glad she has this invitation to the Lakes — for a fortnight — that will enable her to see something of English home-life and the lovely scenery where they reside. But I should also wish her to gain an impression of life on a larger scale and with wider aims, such as Rowden School would give her. Besides it will do her so much good to resume the connexion with her old friends. Do you know anything about dear old Miss Bonham, Carter? She was very decrepit when I stayed with her last and I should not therefore wish to charge her

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with any hospitality by arranging their
visit, but I would like to see just to call
on her during her stay in London, if you
think that Miss B. C. would be up to it.
Do you know of any suitable lodging, or
rather boarding-house, where she could stay
for 2 or 3 days in London, if she does not
succeed in getting the room at the Lyceum-
club? I have not yet written

I am pestering you with questions I see,
but I still want to add another, viz. about
your own plans this summer. Could we
manage to meet anywhere? My vacations
are from the beginning of August till the
end of that month ~~middle~~ ^{middle} of September and
within that time I could go about travelling
till towards the end of August, anywhere
on the continent. Later on I must set about
printing my prospectus. Goodbye, Dear Nelly,
I wish there were a chance of seeing you
this year, so that I might say "an revoir."
Yours affectionately
A. V. Coltham 1860