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Dear Kelly

as in the summer of you all for these give my love to
you and your family
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I ought to have written to you long
ago, and so I should have done,
but am coming here first I was too
busy, then ill with a bad cold, and
then busy again with accumulated
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grow into something like an English college. At present it is true that there is little chance for this, as our public is not ambitious of any serious study or university-honour - a few always excepted, who may happen to grow into numbers under favourable circumstances and with the help of time. All I can say for the Lyceum at present is that in Germany it is the best institution of its kind with excellent teachers and admirable lectures, but a rather doubtful stock of students. The only serious among them as a rule are the school-mistresses, and they are

Miss Jelen-Belgauer, who lives at Berlin now, informed me

has poor and too limited with regard to time and previous culture!

I am sorry to say we have not had a great beginning at Berlin from the family point of view. My people do not like the big town and do not take kindly to the life or the society.

But perhaps things will improve with better weather and better health. We all had bad colds to start with and the winter so far has been wretchedly damp and foggy. My sister Ellen helps me with the Lyceum-work, occasionally taking my place there, and fortunately takes an interest in the matter which helps to cheer her a little. She has been

obliged to drop her art-studies for a
time, on account of her health, and
gives some of her time to music
instead, joining a Sing - Akademie.
Both my mother and she send you
kindest love and best wishes for the
New year, in which I join with all
my heart. I should like to send you
a Berlin card but the weather is so
wretched, I dare not go out to get one.
We begin work again on the 5th of
January, and till then I shall be busy
with my accounts and statistics. By
and bye I am going to have a party for
the professors and teachers - to you see
I am busy enough. I hope to hear from
you again before long, and as good news