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Did you see the article with the bookshelves in Neuenhaus - college in the Bremen

My dear Kelly I feel guilty in not
having answered your second letter from
the Lakes before this, for want of time
is no valid excuse. I know from experience
that at all one's business moments one
can always make time, for business has
one loves" — but I suppose I have
not been in the mood for letters, writing,
business-correspondence or town-notes
always urging their claims on me,
when I sit down at my writing-table.
However your father's impromptu visit
last Sunday caused all my latent feelings
of interest and attachment to be ^{expressed} ~~pointed~~

boiling-point, so that I must actually
let off the steam. It really was a great
pleasure, especially for my mother, to
see your father and find him so entirely
the old kind friend he used to be. He
lunched with us and spent a chatty
afternoon, giving a good account of
all his family. But I must take up
the threads at your last letter from
your holiday-quarters which you seem
to have enjoyed so much in spite of the
weather. When it reached me, I was
at Berlin again at my lovely summer-
quarters in Schellingstrasse, after a delightful

trip through
the other
day, and
consequently
of growing
infirmary.

I had a very interesting
and warm
visit.

ful trip to the Lohian lakes, ^{with} which you
finished up our stay in the Tannus. How-
ever I went off again at the end of
August for a week's visit to Blankenburg,
where my mother and I stayed on till
November, so that they have come back
quite lately only. Part of the time I had
a visit from my niece, Ellen's youngest
stepdaughter, who took a course of painting
lessons here, and in October Ellen herself
came up to help me with the Lyceum-
business. Since then I have been in
regular business again, spending most
of the day at the Lyceum, where things

are going on much as usual, except that
we must be on the look-out for a new
house, since the Reichstag-quarters have
to be vacated at Easter '93. It is rather
an anxious concern, as our means will
not allow of buying or building within
reach of the town where alone we should
be sure of a public, and of course higher
education does not pay, not even with
the help of the government subsidies
that have been granted for another teachers'
course - which, by the bye, is a 3 years
course, not one year, as you seem to
suppose. Fortunately our new Public

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My mother and she send you their love and I wish you a very happy summer

Trinitas looks with a more friendly eye
on this part of our affairs than the former
one, and I hope we shall succeed in
turning out capable teachers and getting
them into good positions by and by.
I have some very able specimens among
the new entrances, and have extended
the German course through the acquisition
of a new teacher and the addition of an
extra-lecture on psychology, method
and aesthetics. Did I send you a pro-
gramme of our general lectures?
Those on physics by Mr. Ravel Richet
are excellent, with the only drawback
that they are delivered in French, his
native tongue. You know he is the man

who made such splendid experiments
on a large scale in liquifying and solidi-
fying the different gases. The emperor
Frederich, who has just returned to Berlin
is going to attend the few remaining days
of the course, at least that is what she
told me the other day, at one of the
tea-parties to which I am asked from
time to time when she is here.

She has been very busy painting screens
and three of them are being exhibited
just now; she also did some pretty
fans à la Bonheur - velvet is quite
the rage here - and has lately become
a member of the Berlin *Académie*.

Prussia, quite a dignified position, as one
can only get in by means of election.
I wonder whether we get this miserably
damp and foggy weather of the last
month from you - England, I mean.
It is a most dismal exchange for the
bright fresh we expect at this season
and breeds influenza all about the town.
I am in constant uneasiness on account
of my mother, who feels very much
depressed and relaxed by the want of
sunshine and the heavy, foggy atmosphere.
I was will be rather a melancholy time
under the circumstances, with no family
gathering, as Ellen has to stay at Blanken-
burg.

buy for her step-daughters sake.
I hunted several book shops to try and
get something amusing or characteristic
in the way of a German publication for
you — but nothing suitable to be found.
At last I fixed on a selection from
Schaffel's poems (of which I suppose you
know some) with illustrations, which
I am going to send as a Christmas-greeting.
Have you taken notice of the ^{plans} of teaching
history at the German military schools
in what they call *anfängliches Lesebuch*, i.e.
beginning with the present time. They say
it is an idea of our emperor's, who is constantly
keeping us in amazement at his wonderful
speeches, and is certainly not deficient
in initiative. Now good-bye, dear Betty —