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My dear Emily - I was so sorry to hear that
Heinrich's Mother was so ill & hope that she
is by this time a good deal better again - It is
such a pity that she should be ill just when
she has you with her. It is horrid of me not to
have written to you long ago & I was so pleased to
have your letter from Zittau. The fact is I have
been feeling rather wretched lately but have re-
covered now with the help of a tonic which the
doctor gave me the other day. I am very sorry
for your sake that we are not going to stay
at Darwin House with the boys while you
are away as I know how much you must
leave them at home without anyone. Still as
neither Mother nor I are free yet I suppose
the time till you return would be so short
that it would hardly be worth while for us to
go to Manchester. Not that I know any-
thing about our plans or even whether
Mother has any. I am to go to her in London
on Friday & I believe go abroad as soon as

Fritz has finished his exams. I do hope the dear
boy is doing well & will get through. We had a
most exciting time here when the mathematical
lists came out last week & almost went wild
with delight. Miss Fawcett was of course expected
to do very well but it was a grand surprise
that she should have done so very brilliantly. Nearly
the whole of Newham marched down to the Senate
House where the lists are read out. The whole House
was crammed with ladies in the gallery & even
down below. All the men's names are read
first - then after an exciting pause the
examiner announced 'ladies'. There were shouts
of 'ladies' & 'hats off' & all the men took off their
hats except the examiner who refused to do
more than raise it. When there was silence
again & he announced 'Above the Senior Wrangler',
the whole House broke out into deafening cheers
& not another name was heard from the
examiner. Miss F.'s grandfather immediately
presented her with a diamond ring & as she came
down the men formed two rows down the
Senate House & made her pass through them,
the dear old Principal taking her arm &
Miss Gladstone supporting her on the other side.

When she returned here we received her with cheers
& all the bells & gongs that could be found
& she was carried in triumph into the hall.
With her characteristic calmness she immediately
marked herself "in" on the board. To do
honour to the great occasion we all dined
together in our hall & had speeches, & after
dancing till it was dark had a splendid
bonfire & fireworks. We danced round the
bonfire & carried Miss F. round singing
"For she's a jolly good fellow" & we put
up her initials in fairy lamps over the door.
There were undergraduates in the lanes all
round the enclosure & they joined in all
the cheers so you can imagine there was a
good deal of noise & spirit about the thing.
One set of Selwyn men could not withstand
the attractions of the place & gradually got
over the hedge & advanced step by step right
up to the house. The gardeners tried to send
them away but they promised to be very
good if only they might stay. Well it was
a grand day which we shan't forget in a
hurry.
I will be sure to write to you all about

Kind when I see him - Berena wrote the
other day that he stayed at Thorn Grove last
Saturday to Monday & was very nice when.

At tea this afternoon I spilt a whole
cup of tea all down the front of my best
frocks & Grace & I had a dreadful
time of it washing & ironing it - Now I am
wearing it again & feel very proud of the
result of our united efforts - How is Henry
after his travels? & how do the little girls
like being abroad? Give them each a
kiss from me. Farewell sister dear.

Kind love

Helene.