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My dear Kelly,

Your book, and ^{calendar} letter came just in time for a Xmas -
treat and I want to thank you specially
for both, though I have only just glanced
at the book, but it promises to be interesting
and the pictures are lovely.

I am glad you like the Berlin photos
and wonder you did not notice my inscription
which would have left no doubt about
the provenance. Your general news are

good on the whole, for in so large a family some kind of deficit must rather be expected now ~~and~~ then, especially where there is so big an overbalance on the other side, as in your case. I was bright enough to guess the origin of the calculus at once, though of course not its immediate cause. I must have given much shape and pleasure to all those interested in the production.

We are quite at home in our new quarters by this time and like them extremely. Though of course I have no room as big

as my Speckyinnies at the Lyceum, they are all ^{of a} good size and in some ways more comfortable than over there. Besides it is pleasant and amusing to have a big square in front, that gives us a large horizon, a good deal of animated life and variegated effects of light in the evening.

But I have not been at all well ever since October and not under satisfactory treatment till I changed my physician shortly before Xmas, since when I am improving, though not cured. It is not

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a dangerous complaint, but slow to
cure and it pulled me down a good deal
through want of sleep. Partly for this
reason perhaps I have not yet missed my
occupation and office as much as I
apprehended before I gave them up. How-
ever I intend to look about for some other
kind of work as soon as I feel up to it.
At present I enjoy my leisure in reading
a good many books, a variety of which I
had given me at Exeter. My sisters send
their thanks for your kind remembrance of
them and join with me in wishing you a
happy New Year. Yours affec^tly,
Elizabeth Cotha.

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