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My dear Kelly

It is almost incredible to myself that I could not find time before this to answer and thank you for your charming letter from Yorkshire. It gave me great pleasure at the time and I meant to retaliate soon, but I always found the day too short for all I had to do, at last I was so tired in the evening, that I could not summon sufficient energy to write a letter that was not strictly necessary. However I need hardly apologize to you, for I am sure you know and understand this frame of mind as well as any body. When I look back upon these last weeks I seem to have done very little, besides

attending the lectures and getting the new plan of study ready, the rest was all household drudgery, some of it of the meanest kind, for since Sept 15th till October 2^d

I have actually been without a servant. In spite of all my efforts, I could not get a decent one before this term, so I preferred managing somehow with a little help from our school-portress and of course dining at a restaurant. But I managed all the small meals and washed up most of the drochery, besides opening the door and making at least my own bed. Francis Gossy came to stay with me on the 1st of September and left each Monday only.

She spent most of her time at the Museum though, to copy a picture there; still it

was pleasant to have her in the evening for a chat and not to sleep quite alone in the empty house. She also came to stay with me for about a week on her way to the coast of the Baltic, where she stays with a friend throughout this month.

Since the beginning of this week I feel like a "grande dame" in contrast to what I went through before. Not only have I got a decent servant, but my mother also sent me Fanny to look after the cooking and cleaning and my personal wants so I get my shoes brushed ever since then and never attend the bell, but ring it myself. It is simply delightful, and so relaxing! For I much say I felt rather knocked up, not by the actual work, which of course was but slight, but by

having constantly to attend to so many different things, some of them of great importance and apt to be disturbed by trifles.

We have had our opening ceremony to-day and begin work in earnest to-morrow which means being in activity from 10^a/m till 8¹/₂ p. m. for me. So I must pay my debts in the way of letter-writing to-night, or I shall not find time before the Xmas. holidays. Do please send me a new building plan of your new school — I mean the illustrated one — for I gave mine away to a lady who has been commissioned to organise some such sort of school at Harburg. She intends going over to England in the spring and to visit your school, if you will allow it. I expect the Express

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Friedrich will come to Berlin in November
or in December at the latest. I wish then
to ask for an "Ankündigung" and lay before
her your plans and programme and
whenever reference or accounts of your
school you can put in my hands.

I hope you are well and prospering and
will let me know you are before long.
My mother will, return here in the course
of the week. I am so glad she continued
well all this time and feels quite anxious
now to resume the managing of the house-
hold. But I do not like to think of my
sister Gaby left alone in her solitary
house with her cares and sorrows. They
have been aggravated of late through