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My dear Kelly,

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I write to-day
chiefly in the interest of Frau von
Hermann (nee Passini) who would
like to send her daughter to Rowden
at Easter and seek to me for a
prospectus, which I have not got,
so please send me some new ones.

I hope you will have room for this
young girl at Easter; her parents
belong to the very best society at
Berlin and she is said to be a very

nice, well-educated young girl,
though no genius. Her mother's father
was considered a very first rate artist
in water-colours, whom some of your
artistic people will perhaps know
by name.

I hope to hear from you personally
in your Xmas holidays and may
as well tell you in behalf of my
self that I am well and have both
my sisters here at present. The very
pleasant memories of our joint ex,

peditions at Sibouplana have lately
been revised by an English novel
'Chamonix' by the same man who
wrote the 'Broken Road', a book
you are sure to know, otherwise
I should much recommend it for
the readings with your girls, the
scene being laid in India and the
events very stirring, with a very
true and quite unobjectionable
love-story in the background.
It's rather ridiculous however -
isn't it? - my recommending English

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books to your notice.

I am going to send you a German novel of Lucas with the faint hope that you will deign to read it, as it is not only considered very good but also giving a — rather idealized — picture of peasant life in the mountainous districts.

Good bye for the present and many good wishes for pleasant holidays to you, in which my sisters join. Please remember me kindly to Miss Pringle, if when you see her. With love Yours
Alia von Cotta