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My dear Nelly

I have not yet thanked you for your Xmas gifts - the book and the album of School-photographs - which were duly appreciated, not by me alone, but also by my sisters and Cuthach Góig, who has a great predilection for English institutions of every kind. The essays are indeed very interesting in this time of social questions tending to a violent issue. As to the views of Roden-School I hope to complete them this summer by autopsy, as I entertain the plan of visiting England for a few weeks in the course of July. Sophie Lusk and my other friend Miss Weiss at Englishfield Green have asked me to come to them and as I presume your holidays do not begin before

August I also look forward to a trip to Brighton during my short stay in England.

Perhaps you could even meet me in London at the Lyceum-club some time; if Miss Bonham-Carter should not ask me to her house I intend staying there for a few nights at my arrival in London.

Please let me know about your summer-plans as soon as they are settled; for I should probably arrange my visits according to the convenience of my friends. At present I have promised to go to Englefield Green first, because Miss Waice is going to break up her quarters before the end of July; perhaps I could go on to Brighton from there and finish up either by Mrs. Lach at Oshott or by Cambridge.

I am glad the accounts of yourself and the rest in your letter are satisfactory; some time before Mrs. Russell Martinian sent me a little photo. of her Brighton house with good wishes, for which I beg you will thank her from me. I should be very glad to see her too at Brighton. You will probably think it preposterous fixing one's summer plans so early in the year, but it is one of the pleasantest pastimes to look forward to summer-expeditions in winter-time — especially in such a very unattractive winter as this one, that has as yet hardly brought any ice and snow, nothing but rain and fogs!

A little while ago I found a card on my writing-table with Elze Bransmecker Rudran-Schau

and suppose his lady to have been one  
of your teachers on her holiday at Bechins; it  
has been very kind of her to call and I doubly  
regret not having been at home (at a lecture  
as usual) as I cannot find the time to return  
her call and hear some news of you *via* our  
but I expect takes ~~up~~ too long for busy  
people like myself to run over there at the  
risk of finding no one at home.

My sister Ellen is still with us, though nearly  
on the wing to take Francis Garry over to her  
home and install her there as a consultant.

She is nearly recovered, but will have to put  
up with a good many inconveniences even in  
the fortunate case that there will be no re-  
currence of the disease.

Did you take notice of the various cuticularis

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ments arranged lately in order to secure an amicable or rather a cordial relation between English and German members? There was quite a grand dinner at the Berlin Lyceum-Cab, over which Frau von Siemens presided and made quite a good speech.

She is indeed a very clever woman, though of questionable character and unsatisfied cravings. By the bye I never heard whether you have actually her daughter at your school and wonder what she is like.

I am reading just now a most engrossing book on Kant by a countryman of yours quite naturalized in Germany though, I fancy: Gustav Schwab Chamberlain. He is quite one of our first-rate authors now in the domain of science and philosophy.

and of divided genius. Do you know whether  
he is any distant relation of the politician?  
Our home life has been very quiet during  
the holidays and even after the reopening  
of the lectures. It is only lately I have  
been to a few parties and once to the  
Opera comique with my sister Gaeby.  
So I have exhausted all my news at  
present and nothing to add but my  
sisters' joyful Greetings.

Believe me always, Dear Nelly

Yours affectionately  
Alice Ann Cotton.