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Mr Gwyn

My dear Chattie

Your letter of last week was very acceptable, for home news still comes in a jerky, erratic manner very different to the regularity of the mail in London. Don't address any more letters to Berlin but to the "Allgemeine Krankenhaus" Vienna, indeed, I should have told you before, for I go on there about the end of next month. This ought to reach you about the 10th of December just too late offer "many happy returns of the day" How old we are getting! Even I am nearly a quarter of a century old and not on my own legs yet. See that youth of yours is on his legs - in another sense - by the time I get back it would be a becoming act in a Godson to walk or toddle to the door and greet his Uncle with a "How are you old man" or some other such affectionate phrase. Don't let him cut all his teeth before I come, that I may keep my hand in while at home. Why did not Gerald Gwyn bring out his wife with him? I thought that was his intention. I am glad Annie & her Man get on well together. It will be curious to see Walker as a domestic animal. Thanks for the offer of hair

a walk with him in the Tiergarten, but the rain
drove us in very soon. I made an engagement to go with
him to the Cathedral this evening but at 6 o'clock it was
raining so hard that I decided to have a quiet evening
at home. My old woman has just been in and on
a Sunday night usually gets very communicative, entering
fully into family history &c. Her Mother was the chief theme
this evening and she seemed very proud to be one of fifteen
children, ^{with} which that remarkable woman presented to
her unhappy Fritz - she laid particular stress on this
point - praiseworthy regularity. I was much amused about
that. I hope someone will have sent a good account
It would not surprise me to hear through of their death on the
course

25th Have you heard or seen anything of Mr Johnson lately?
you should pay him a visit & take the lad along. How
are the Fergus folk? What a size the children will be;
numerically however, with the exception of your contribution
the income is small. If any ^{thing} very particular occurs in
the way of local or Dominion news, send a paper. Don't
let your heart be troubled about German Theology. I don't
want it, though some of it may be good enough, even if
a little unorthodox. My hands are full without anything else
outside ordinary medical subject.

Love to all

Yours &c.

R. Hill