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Dear Fraulein,

I thank you very much for the No. of the Volkstimme you sent me and I should like to be a subscriber to it.

I cannot keep my thoughts from the anticipated Monday evening, 15th, and feel anxious as to what it will bring forth. But I think I can trust my dear Fraulein and Frau Furness to do nothing rash. You told me yourself that we must be very wise, and not let one rash, false step ruin or at least retard our cause.

Of course, dear Fraulein, you



are quite right — the moral sense, and the intellectual training are inseparable; I do not think even that one can take the precedence of the other, so intertwined are they as Herr Fleischer well expressed it. Your motto puts "Knowledge" first, but it could just as well have been vice versa with equal significance. Besides, if the object of your society is to promote the happiness of the people, how can they ever rise to the greatest happiness unless they are taught. Their eyes must be opened and courage given them to slay the dragon that impedes their progress.

If ethics were taught in both boys' and girls' schools in place of religion, then Graulin ^{right} ~~public~~ ^{might} with more ~~public~~ say, that no sittliche Hebung is needed.

I hope that the sittliche Keitsfrage will not be brought forward in all its naked hideousness ^{publicly} until our plan of introducing it is well-matured, and then ^{at first} only to a limited audience of women. It is such a vast, difficult subject to deal with, and great care must be taken at first that there is not a mixed audience. Frau Hainisch has been reading Mrs Butler's life and is much stirred up by it, and as desirous

now as you and I are
that the question should be
ventilated. She thinks that a
better person to take the lead
in it, we could not have than
Fran Furner. She is all eager
to begin the battle, but like
myself has made the experi-
-ence of the absolute necessity
of wisdom and prudence
if we do not wish to shatter
our bark at the outset.

By-the-bye. I forgot in my
letter to Fran Furner yesterday
a message from Fr. Hainisch.

It is: — would you kindly
send her a copy of your
statutes. to Markkauerasse. 1.

Hoping soon to hear from
you. I remain
Yours most faithfully
Florence Carnegie.