

Braila
 Roumania
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Bravo! my dear Mr. Ficket!

Now, I think, you might even rest on your laurels! You have done enough if you did nothing more. I am indeed proud of your friendship. Though hundreds of my own countrywomen are speaking daily from platforms, few would have the courage to do what you did ^{the other evening}. I only wish I could have seen you. And to think that you never told me one word of it in your letter, and even said you had nothing "Erprentliches" to tell me! I read your speech to my husband and we feel that there is a deep grip in it of unpleasant truths put in a delicate manner, and in a wonderfully concise way. I wish you were near that I could talk with you over that sentence —

— "beginnt für den Mann das Vergnügen." My husband says should you not have modified it by the word "^{tierisch} animal" before Vergnügen. This expression he knows very well you could not have used, and I merely mention the criticism to show what men of his stamp of whom I have no doubt there were many amongst your audience feel concerning such low pleasures. Indeed, as my husband rightly says "pleasure" is not the term to apply to it at all, and I hope that those for whom it was intended, felt the irony of your words.

And now I must thank you for your interesting ^{letter} and see what there is in it to reply to. My little girls will be delighted to see ^{you}, more especially if you were to send a post-card and say you were going to have tea with them, at five o'clock. That is when they miss me most though they tell me in their letters

not to feel that I must hurry home
for that they are happy and busy.
I do not think that I shall get away
before the middle of November, though
I could go at once if it were necessary.
Our kind doctor spends his Sundays
with them and often takes them
out for walks. He is a homely
earnest man that my husband and
I have perfect confidence in and
the children are accustomed to him
from almost baby-hood.

What troubles you have to contend
with! It is good however to be free of
all dissatisfied ones. I wish that you
had one or two ladies with whom
you could meet of an evening privately
to discuss matters comfortably. Frau
Fräulein asked if you and I would
come some evening to her house
with any other lady or ladies interested
to talk over what is to be done in the
Littlichkeitsfrage, but I had to tell her
that I cannot go out in the evenings
very well, & have not time for it either.

If you have any meeting, will you please be sure to send an invitation to Frau Hainisch. Even if she does not accept, I do not want her to say that she has not been invited.

I cannot again understand Mr. Minod's silence. It must be only negligence, for I have also not received my usual Bulletin, nor have I any reply to my last letter.

And now goodbye, dear fellow-worker, though I ^{myself} do not deserve to come under that category, for I seem to do nothing but get others to work for me.

I should like to know how the public took your speech. The papers must be full of it and I must ask Dr. Imelius to send me some.

With kindest regards
Your grateful friend
Lora Carnegie.