many splendid apartments, pictures, furniture, crystal chandeliers, mirrors &c but the whole has in spite of its magnificence a dreary cheerless air. The outside is decidedly ugly, the streets with which the docks are covered having become nearly black with time. The churches in this city are mostly very plain on the outside and very ugly within, having more the air of a club or literary hall than a church. I have been once or twice on Sunday to services but they are so dreary and deserted that I am afraid my attendance will not be regular in future. 20 or 30 people form quite a large congregation for even the largest Berlin churches. In all Berlin there is not one Church which will bear a moments comparison with the new Trinity in New York or even with St Louis & St Paul's. I hope you study your German still for I fear a moment's conversation with the new Pastor will wear away what you know - and a great many more. I had intended to leave said something to Ely in that letter but have not had room. His turn & Elyse's must come next. You can send them one up to him. I hope he is studying hard and means to stay well. If you see Mr Littlefield tell him that I do not find his book in the book stores here but that it has been much admired by those to whom I have shown it. Both Mme Arco & Germans. Remember me to the Bells. Would be better if they visitable. The telegraph is I suppose in full operation. Ask Elyse to write me an account of her new home in Rue St Francis. Yours affectionately

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extensive. There are not many flowers however, the garden being like most of those which I have seen here made up of shrubbery and trees. There are here also some fine fountains. One of these is nearly if not quite equal to that in Union Square. The water throws at least as high but the column is not quite so thick. The basin which receives the spray is bordered with white marble which produces a very fine effect. Another fountain is so arranged that the water takes the form of an inverted glass bowl, falling on all sides in one unbroken sheet. Statues and busts are scattered about the garden in great profusion. There is nothing very striking in the appearance of the palace itself. It is a low and not very large building but it contains the rooms where Frederic lived and died, in which he died, with many of his books &c. Behind the palace stands the famous Catholic church of Sans Souci the story of which I need not tell you. Not far from Potsdam there is a Russian village and Church, built during the reign of the last king for the people and wounded Russian soldiers of the campaign of 1848. The houses are quite pretty and are built of logs or at least so as to represent logs. The paints, decorations &c are very pretty & their work. The names & signs are quite written in Russian characters though the language is different from the inhabitants. In the same lower garden there is a small temple containing a most beautiful monumental figure of the late Queen by the sculptor Rauch. There are not less than 4 royal palaces in Potsdam but we did not go through them. Only one or two are to the casual visitor. I have enough for another visit as I should be here so long that I am in no haste. We returned at half past 8 in the evening in the railroad having spent a very pleasant day. I have been all through the Schloss a royal palace in this city which contains

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