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Dear Miss Lichtmann -

I imagine your surprise upon reading a letter from me, when I haven't written for so long a time. But I always thought you would be back in a short time, and might not receive a letter from me if I sent it. But Mrs. Lichtmann told me you would probably be away all summer, so I have no letter fear of having this letter come back to me. I hope you will forgive my taking so long to write to you, but perhaps my reason is self explanatory.

I thank the last word I had
from you was at Christmas
time - thank you so much for
your kind greetings. I had hoped
I would be seeing you soon
after Christmas - I never
dreamed you would stay away
so long.

Did Mrs. Lichtman write to you
that I am taking lessons again,
from her? I am so happy to be
studying again after such a
long interval of rest - I always
felt that I was missing something
when I did not take lessons.
Now that I am feeling so strong
and healthy I have a great zest

for my music, and while I cannot
devote as much time to it as I
should like to, still I am getting
a great deal out of it. Perhaps
in the summer when I have
my vacations I will have a
great deal of time to practice.
I started where I had left off
with you - the Appassionata
Sonata, Chopin Etude (Aeolian
Harp) & Bach Prelude & fugue
and of course dear old Clementi,
the bane of every pianist's
existence. I am also now
practicing a Chopin Mazurka
& taking again the etude in G D
major. My fingers need a lot

of work - but even if I do not
play as Paderewski, still I love
it, just for my own pleasure.

I am teaching in a very lovely
school - quite a new building,
with nice children. My program
is ⁹very nice one - music, drawing,
geography (which I must learn
just as the children do, as it
was always my ~~own~~ worst
study.) But I now know
that India is in Asia &
not in Africa. Yes, I have
learned a great deal about
the world since. I am a
geography teacher.

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The drawing work is also very interesting. So perhaps my good health may be a result of my present agreeable surroundings.

I am still in Brooklyn, but we have moved to a larger apartment, so my husband now has a study for himself, and he can work here without being disturbed by what is going on in the rest of the apartment. It is very pleasant, and I wish you were here to be my

guest for a few hours. Perhaps
when you returns I can steal a
few of your precious hours to
bring you to the "wolds" of
Brooklyn, though we really
are quite near to the subway
station, near the Brooklyn
Museum and Botanical
Gardens. It really is a very
convenient location.

I can scarcely believe that
you have been away so long.
Are you still thrilled with
the East? How I should
love to spend some time there

and see all the places I have⁴
read about.

I hope Madame Roerich is
enjoying better health - I'm
sure she has a good companion
in you. But please tell her that
all your New York friends are
missing you.

Please write to me and let
me hear how you are enjoying
your "vacation" and how
you are. I am looking forward
to a letter, and then perhaps,
shortly after that, to seeing
you.

My husband sends his
kindest regards.

All of my love to you

Bertie

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