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My dear friend that admirable delay, in writing
for two months we have known you are again in the
old house we have been truly pleased at your account
of your present account & fully comprehend the picture
drawn for us: excepting as to the number of minutes
& of scholars - in this age of statistics, one is longing
to know this also - that we may comprehend
the main question, no details will once arise
as to the facts or the method of conducting their education
I do hope that the difference will soon be appre-
ciated in Athens & that you may soon be able
to consider your new foundation stones as firmly
laid as your old ones - Lady Byron is well
pleased to find her house ^{was} again put to such
good use

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We expected to have seen traces of your idea of German
Spas. Perhaps Eschelle near the Danube or my home
Vienna would suit. I regret to say I am
obliged to be at home on 24 June & am
off to Spa near Liege the old steel spring
mill is in perfect order. I fear it may not suit
me so well as Schwalbach - but I have no
more time - it is only 24 hours off
I confess I feel very much the want of exercise &

the stimulus to circulation being somewhat
weakened & in some degree under a cramping
influence of the joints - no doubt with the
pain being 3 weeks away from Schwalbach
exercise. Selina is quite well & meets me
at Dover - The season is unusually back
ward & no crops yet prices high except for
wheat - Politics I think settling down to
a more even course - The 28th