

1 Aug. 21st. The girls went off this morning for a ramble in the woods to find the Ruins of
2 Neubourg Castle. They failed to find it and would have been bothered to find the hotel, but
3 luckily found an old man who kindly piloted them to the ruin and showed them the path out of
4 the woods. I took a stroll alone through the woods and found the ruin. It must have been built
5 many hundred years since as it was nearly level with the ground and overgrown with trees and
6 brush. On two sides, however, the foundations reaching down into a deep ravine made a very
7 respectable appearance. After dinner we all took a walk through the same wood as Mrs. Van
8 wanted to see all that the rest of us had seen. Revisited the ruin and in trying to return by a
9 new route had a jolly time descending a steep hill to the main road at the foot where the girls
10 say auntie sat down and slid.

11 Aug. 22nd. Left by rail at 9 a.m. on an excursion to the city of Constance some 30 miles east on
12 the Lake of Constance. I had telegraphed for a 2 horse carriage to meet us at the Constance
13 depot. Found it all right. Drove some 7 miles east to the Island of Minau. This island is a short
14 distance from the main land, in the lake, and is connected with the shore by a causeway and
15 well constructed iron bridge. Some nobleman has built a beautiful mansion on the island and
16 made a sort of paradisaical place of the entire grounds. It was very elegant and the views
17 across the lake, of the mountains, towns & villas were equal to any thing we had yet seen, and
18 slightly different. We found our ride a charming one. Returned to Constance to dinner. Visited
19 the church where John Huss was tried & condemned and saw many other places of interest,
20 but had not time to go to the spot where he suffered martyrdom (about a mile out of town).
21 We took a steamboat and returned to Schaufhausen where we found our hotel omnibus, and
22 after a ride of 3 miles, were safely in our rooms.

23 23rd. Sunday. Had English church service in our hotel, about 70 persons present. Made
24 preparations for leaving in the morning and rested the balance of this day.

25 Aug. 24th. Left for Zurich at 9:30 and arr. at this place at 11:30. A pleasant ride of 2 hours.
26 Engaged rooms at Hotel "Baur au Lac." Finely situated on the margin of the lake with a
27 splendid little park between the house & lake for the guests exclusively. Expected letters here,
28 but found none. We begin to think our friends in America forget a fellow very quick. Visited
29 cathedral, old and ugly. Extended our walk. Architecture generally of inferior character, except
30 on one new street where a number of new bildings in Renaissance and improved Italian would
31 do credit to any city. The rail road depot is a fine structure and very imposing. The materials of
32 the new buildings are of greyish green sandstone, a beautiful tint, and very fine grain.

33 Aug. 25th. Went on steamboat for a ride over the length of Lake Zurich. Returned early this
34 afternoon. Had a fine day. Found the country beginning to be decidedly lumpy. The banks of
35 the lake picturesque and, as the school girls say, charming.

36 26th. Left for Lucerne 9:38 a.m. Arrived at 11 o'clock. Fine scenery on the trip. Secured rooms
37 fronting the lake at the Grand National, a very good hotel. Hired carriage. Went to see the
38 famous Lion cut in the side of a sandstone cliff as a monument to the memory of the Swiss