

1 feet long with two wings 93 feet each. It is sixty feet high, including the base. The façade is adorned  
2 with 48 Doric columns, 24 feet high. Statues and other figures stand in niches in the wall of this  
3 magnificent arrangement. We then returned to the city and stopped at the studio of "Schwanthaler,"  
4 the greatest sculptor of the age. He died a short time since and the business is conducted by a cousin of  
5 the same name. Here we found a regular museum of models from which some of the most celebrated  
6 works have been copied – also many beautiful works in marble. Our next stopping place was Weimmers  
7 [?] Gallery of fine arts. Here we saw many perfect gems of pictures, nine large rooms crowded with  
8 them. I was greatly tempted to buy a couple of landscapes but withdrew in time to avoid the  
9 castastrophe, as I have determined to patronize home talent in any want I may think I have in that line  
10 as I believe we have as good painters at home as they have any where. Returned to our hotel at 4  
11 o'clock satisfied.

12 March 6<sup>th</sup>. Footed it to day. Our guide said the distances from place to place that we should visit would  
13 be so short that a carriage would be unnecessary, and so we found it – only that the number of short  
14 distances made a long walk in the aggregate. First visited the new picture gallery, a very large building  
15 arranged with halls and cabinets similar to the one we visited yesterday. The pictures in this gallery are  
16 by modern painters and in my judgement they beat the old masters out of sight. There are a great  
17 number of paintings of extraordinary beauty. Next visited the Bibliotheque (library). The building is of  
18 great extent and very massive and solid in its appearance, the entrance hall and stairs of imposing  
19 dimensions, finished in polished granite & scagliola, ceilings groined & frescoed in the most effective  
20 manner in good taste. The building has 76 rooms containing 800,000 volumes of books and is the largest  
21 library in Europe, excepting that at Paris. We were shown a great number of old books written before  
22 the art of printing was known; also the first book printed by Guttenburg, the inventor of printing; also  
23 autographs, letters of Wm Penn, one by B Franklin, and one by Geo Washington. Leaving this interesting  
24 building we next visited the "Kings Palace," the present residence of a real live royal family. The building  
25 is of vast extent, is not very showy on its exterior. It is in two parts, the old and new palace, the old  
26 erected about 200 years since. The new is of recent construction. We spent nearly two hours examining  
27 the various departments of luxury and extravagance. The grand stairway is the most imposing thing of  
28 the kind we have yet seen. The architects seem to lay out their greatest strength on this part of their  
29 public buildings, and they succeed admirably. We next went to the royal carriage house. Here we found  
30 over 400 carriages for the use of the royal family and their servants – and such a display of insane  
31 extravagance can be seen I believe no where else. I was persuaded by the girls to attend a concert of  
32 music this evening. It was held in the Odeon, a building constructed for concert purposes. The room is  
33 large, very lofty & surrounded by a gallery. Here we found 2,000 persons assembled, some 75  
34 performers on wind & stringed instruments. The music, so far as I could judge, was very good. Three  
35 lady vocalists gave variety to the entertainment. There was one part of the programme that pleased me  
36 very much. It was the short part. We went at 7 and were home at 9 o'clock. Don't like being out nights.  
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38 March 7<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Rained last night and the side walks and streets this morning were glazed with ice,  
39 making pedestrian out door exercise rather hazardous. In the afternoon the sleet gave way, leaving the  
40 side walks damp but not dangerous. Took a short walk. Went into the church of St. Michael, examined  
41 Eugene Beauharnais monument by Thorwaldsen. Was disappointed as it is a very tame affair compared  
42 with hundreds of others I have seen on this trip. The church is a huge affair, being in one tremendous  
43 vault, arched in a semi-circle from side to side. Chapels are indented in the side walls and are