

enjoyed the holiday very much. The old gentleman has lost his only son in the war, his wife after the war, and his fortune by the inflation as most people of this country, but he hasn't lost courage. By degrees we get adapted to the missing of our dear mother but we never can forget her.

Yes, I can understand that you very much miss the old friend Dr. Goodale. He was a perfect gentleman and of great knowledge and courteousness.

How much he would be delighted to have got great-grandfather. We learned it from a letter of Mrs. Goodale at Christmas. She is delighted, to be great-grandmother. This shows how time flies and life with it, when I remember what young people we all

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Postoffice b. Dresden Jan. 18. 1925.

Dear Mr. Deane,

How long I was anxiously about to write you a letter in reply to your good and welcome letter from Shelburne of August 12., but the time had fled so rapidly during my work and studies that all my corresponding delayed. December brought us some other hindrance, so I could merely send our greetings. I knew you would excuse the delay. Your good Christmas-card and greetings were received with many thanks and gave us sincere pleasure, and when your good letter of December 29. came we were so heartily delighted to learn that you are well. We hope

you have very much enjoyed your stay at Shelburne which must be quite a reservation of pure beauty of nature untouched by the roar and odor of the auto, I hope, that the towns are over-crowded by. I think so as you tell me in your letter, you and Miss Brown have been banding birds. It will be of great interest to hear if they were caught in the South and if they return. In Germany the same experiment is done every year by the scientific station at Helgoland, having stated that our birds travel as far as South Africa. This winter they perhaps could stay here without anxiety, for, we have as yet the warmest winter since 100 years, no snow, no ice. On first

of January we saw a good many daisies, *Bellis perennis*, L., in flower among the grass in our garden. If this mild weather is continuing, the early fruit-trees may bloom in February. This would mean a lost fruit-year if winter comes later. The warm air is neither a sound matter and the Grippe was much about here since beginning of December. We also received a slight blow of it, my wife into her limbs almost hindering her walking, and I got a trouble in my stomach as I never knew it before. However Christmas found us mobile again. An old friend, a graduate of the Veterinary Academy of 1863 was our guest on Christmas day and we

have been at the time when I was
in America. As to myself I don't
feel old, perhaps because I have no
time to reflect on this, or because I
have a still young wife, but a fact
is, that I am still able as always,
to work every day in the week.

I continue this winter in fruits,
healthy and diseased ones, this is a
new study. I hope the newspapers
here have exaggerated in their reports
of an unusually cold winter in America.

It seems however that West and East
from the Atlantic alternate in the
weather. If you have it warm, it is
getting cold here.

My wife and I unite in cordial best
wishes and greetings. May 1925 bring

you always good health and
pleasure.

Very sincerely yours

Rudolph Blaschka



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