Plösslgasse. 3
Sunday evening
1st April. 1894

My dear Frl. Fickert.

Is it not curious that your letter should have come just this morning as if in answer to a dream I had last night. I saw you as distinctly as if you had really been there in our little hall, and you would not come in till I took hold of both your hands and brought you in. Then you ~~told~~ said that you had come to tell me that it was all a misunderstanding. Now, I read in your letter: — "Die Halle in unserer Petition soeben für das ganz missverstanden, wir treten wieder für das Concubinat u.s.w. ein" — — —

If this really is the case, and that you do not consider concubinage as an indispensable (unentbehrlich) institution, I am lead to wonder why you

refused to add those few words I requested you to. "which we do not admit." Also, if you do not "eintreten" für die Befriedigung des geschlechtlichen Bedürfnisses des Mannes", which Bedürfnissen in the sense of your petition are a mere physical necessity, why do you object to inculcating in young men through their parents' teaching that it would be healthy and good for them both physically and morally to refrain from the Befriedigung of these Bedürfnissen until circumstances permit them to unite themselves with a beloved one -?

I am alas! too much engrossed now in other work to be able to discuss this question any further. But if you will wait so long, perhaps in the summer holidays I could do so from England. I have been ill again and in bed, but yesterday began to mend and must now make up for lost time. We are more

busy than I can tell you with various works which I trust will bear their good result, not for ourselves alone and after my girlies are gone to bed, and I wish to write or work, I find my strength fails me for it.

I will however say this much:— that, on the whole, your letter has somewhat soothed my wounded spirit. Allow me to keep your letter to Dr. Nevins until I get his reply to my last. Then you shall hear whether or not I should like to send it. I could not have sent it as it was allowing him to think that I had all this time been associated with a society approving of illicit unions between the sexes, after his help had all been given as I thought till now mine had, in quite the opposite direction.

And now I must say Goodnight & beg you to excuse any further answer for the present only.

Yours very sincerely
Flora Carnegie.