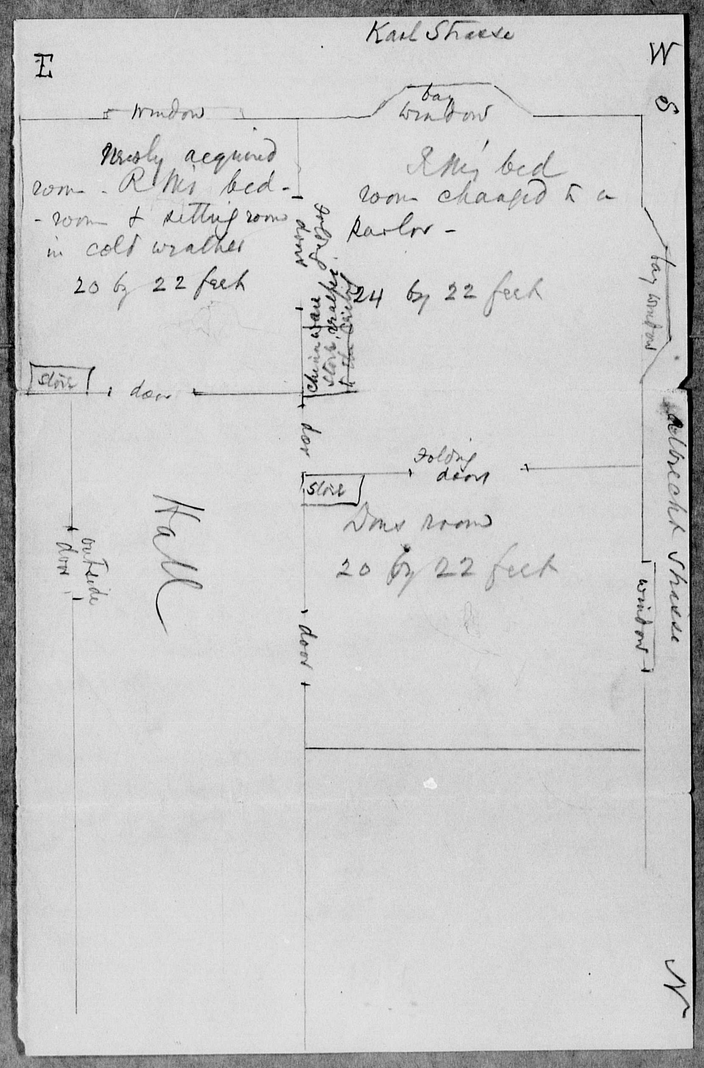
Robert Harvey Letter

which I use for bed room & parlor is large & has two very large bay windows each are 12 feet wide, one of them has a northern & western exposure, so the room is very hard to keep warm. To morrow I get an additional room, much smaller & with only one window which opens to the south, I have wanted this for some time & it is just vacated & I feel sure then I can keep it warm. We can then use this for a parlor & have a very nice suite of rooms, they will all open into each other according to the plan which I give you enclosed. For these three rooms well furnished with stoves & excellent attendance, boot blacking, gas, shoe cleaning &c and for breakfast & supper for both of us, we pay 190 marks a month which is about $45.50 - My room altho it has my small bed in it we have used for a parlor & as the bed is off in one corner & well draped it is scarcely noticeable - So that we have had on several occasions some of our young lady friends in the morning down here to see the soldiers drill as our rooms overlook the barracks & parade ground. I do not think I have written to you since Bessie Donaldson & Mrs Tom Dobbin & her daughters were here - They were in Berlin a week on their way to Dresden fortunately we had unusually good weather for Berlin - It was dark & muggy but no rain or heavy fog & they had a very pleasant time, we took them to see many of the places of interest, had them down here twice & on the Rill, I made them some coffee & served them some cake which they enjoyed very much. I have a very satisfactory "Kafé machine" as they call it here. Mrs Dobbin who is a great lover of good coffee & had suffered very much on board ship & in Germany for want of it was lost in her praises of my coffee - I am very fond of Bessie Donaldson it was a great treat to see her & I also was very much pleased with the Dobbins of whom I had seen very little, particularly Mrs D & her youngest daughter Annie - the last named is a very cool girl, bright & amiable & really charming the more so to me no doubt because she took such a liking to me, she was the only one of the party to whom I sent a Christmas card, she was sick the day Bessie & her sister Jeanette went out shopping with me & I gave Jeanette a Christmas card to give her on Christmas so she not only sent me a card - but wrote me a very nice letter which I received the morning! She said they all missed me very much, but she missed me more that all & wanted me to come to Dresden soon to see them. They left here last Friday - We have had a quick - Christmas, did not even get into church; as I waited for Don to get to the English ch: a few minutes late & found it crowded inside & so that altho' I had two seats there we could not get in - Then we went to the American ch: ch: as I have written you is a compromise between the Presbyterian, Methodist

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