

received at the station by the Counts Albrecht and Herrmann Salm-Hoegstracten, who has a house in Bonn. We stayed next day in this city, with which I was very much pleased.

In the afternoon we received a visit from the eldest son of my husband's brother, Leopold, the hereditary Prince of the house of Salm-Salm, whom I saw here for the first time, as he did not live in Schloss Anholt, but in Godesberg, where he was under hydropathic treatment. This very important personage did not say much, but stared all the afternoon in my face.

We returned to Anholt rather sad and discouraged, for our future looked dark. Without having arranged with his clamouring creditors my husband could not think of entering the army. This arrangement became more difficult every day, for as soon as the creditors were aware of the desire to settle, and that the reigning Prince was willing to assist, their exactions became extravagant beyond all reasonable bounds. Under such circumstances it was impossible for us to remain in Germany, and we seriously reflected on leaving it again, but where to go we did not know.

Though my brother-in-law and his family did all they could to make us feel at home, we could not shake off our sad thoughts. We were groping in the dark, and for a long time we could not come to any resolution.