

Koenigsberg June 17, 1913

Dear Misses Kletke and Mister Kletke!

Unfortunately I have been waiting for a letter from you for some time. This time I write to you a very sad letter. Your dear mother passed away on Saturday June 14, before noon. You may have already heard about it earlier.

I heard about it on Monday and immediately went to see about it. On my last visit, 14 days ago, she was not in bed. (ill). I even told her then she should give up caring for her nieces child, (your mothers brothers daughter) you probably understand what I mean, your cousins child (out of wedlock).

My dears, now something about the funeral: your mother had a pretty casket, a hearse with 4 horses and 3 wagons in the funeral procession.

Behind the casket Mister Augustin, your brother Fritz and Fritz Steguweit, whom your brother had brought with him from Berlin, Mister Schulz und the son of Mister Karl Kletke, a real decent, educated man/person, he made a fine impression; then followed the wagons:

The clergyman/minister Nonimmikat^a, Misses Schulz and both your cousins from your mothers side (brothers children) then in the second wagon in which sat Misses Kletke (sister to Gustav) the children of your cousin and the youngest daughter to Misses Schulz and the daughter to Mister Karl Kletke, a real well behaved young girl. I and Misses Dietrich were in the last wagon. It would have been nice to have had you here.

But dear Misses Kletke take comfort and solace and grant your unforgettable mother her eternal rest. Thank God that he tore her from her sadness and took her above. When I write again I will tell you how your father is doing.

The 500 M which I safe kept for the past 2 years, I gave to your father the same hour I heard from the death of your mother.

Your father gave Fritz 100 M but only on my urging; more will not be necessary; he is young and can work. I did for your mother what ever I could; next time I write I will say more. Now you all find solace and to you all heartfelt greetings from your Marie Thiel; my husband and children send their greetings as well.

Remark written vertically:

please send answer soon; has your father written yet?

Remark written up-side down horizontally:

many greetings from your brother Fritz; he will return to Berlin on Thursday.

^a Name may not be correct spelling