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Dearest Edith, & my precious
Little ones,

It has been so hard to me
not to be able all this time, to re-
ply to your dear letters - which
were a delight to me which I
cannot express. Thanks
heartily to each of you, my
darling, for them. I am to
Friday

Please, dear Edith, read care-
fully (the first spare time
you have from the children)
the enclosed letters, & then
give them to Pax & Lout to
read, asking the latter kindly
to leave them with W. R.
on her way to ~~[illegible]~~ the Library
the following day.

And now, my dearies, I
must say Goodbye, & get a "40
winks" ere sunrise. There
Arthur read before we go this,
can take this letter & P. O. bag.

Ever your loving mother
Jemima C. Bleek

Friday night the Anglian's mail br^t me yr second letter, my Rem, for which more thanks.

It grieves me to feel how much my dear little Keppies must have been missing their old Mammy - even though they are surrounded by the love & care of the dear Zanna & Dudu. But, if you could see, my children, how dear Grandpapa's wife & other children seem to cling to me just now, I seem to find my presence here a real comfort in the hour of their bitter trial. You would all, I know, spare me to them with even greater willingness than you do now. They often speak about you all - Ding Eva & Alfred never seem to tire of hearing about you. Alfred is a dear lad; so brave & loving & generous hearted. Eva is a pleasant, nice girl. She is taller than you my Rem, but looks less strong than you are.

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