Stellenbosch

Nov. 24th 1884

My dear Mrs Bleek,

Your very welcome letter reached me on my birthday, and it gave me much pleasure to feel that my friends who were so far away were thinking of me, generally I don't like my birthday remembered, but this time it pleased me. We were all much pleased to hear such good news of yourself and family, and that you seem as comfortably settled in your winter quarters, and that the children

will not suffer much from the Cold. Here we are having a cool Summer, but I don't believe a healthy one, as nearly every afternoon there is a westerly wind blowing.

I have not been to Brooklyn since you left, several times I thought of going, and has prevented my Father I am sorry to say is getting much better, he can't manage to rise from his chair without assistance, of course we much anxiety. Mama continues well, she thought to housekeeping, and deserves very much encouragement at all.

The Children are all well

Ethel is growing very fast, the
oftener speaks of Isabel, and when
she stayed with her at Dunsley
Miss Humphreys I doubt see
much of, the last time I saw
her she was well and cheerful,
and our principal topic of Con-
-versation was our absent friends
Tom is Miss G. Lloyd, I hope
she has quite recovered the use of
her knee.

Emily you will be sorry to
hear, has failed in her Exam
Mr. Knight did seem so dreadfully
disappointed, and so am I, he
had so hoped she would pass well,
and then they could do something to help
her brothers, who I fear is badly
off.

The Wesleyan Society has given Papa the handsome pension of 50 £ a year, with his rent is 42 £ per year, so how they effect him to the I don't know.

Mrs Pennline has enquired several times if I had from Jim, his wife has been very poorly, very change in the weather affects her.

If possible I shall write a few lines to Edith, and enclose with this.

Mrs Pugh and the Children write with me in wishing you all a Merry and happy New Year.

Father sends best love to all yourself especially

Your affectionately Jno

W. Pennline