P.S. Please tell your Father Mrs Gamble
your sister Clara

Stellenbosch
Dec. 8th/1885.

My dear Mrs. Gleeh,

I am now going to try and answer your kind and sympathizing letter of May the 23rd. It is not that I have forgotten you, that I have been so long in writing, so many times I have commenced letters and been just about to finish them. I have not been to Cape Town since April, so have not seen your letters lately, and it is some time since I last heard from Miss Lloyd. You must indeed be enjoying yourselves, and seeing so much, and coming in contact with so much that fresh and new. that for the children I am sure it is better than lessons. For your

sakes I hope the children will be able to stand the winter, and to allow of your remaining in Germany as long as you intended.

We are still going on quietly. Mama & Mrs. Bennett live in the Cottage, and seem comfortable. Mama's health is very good, and Mr. Bennett's family so. Mr. Wright is looking very poorly he has been much worried. Mr Hodgson has removed to Ceres, after he left it was found there was a deficiency in the House duty, of course Mr Wright had to report it – And there has been an investigation, which was only completed today. Now we are anxious to know what the result will be. And if it will effect Mr Wright – Running Mrs. Wright as you do; you can easily imagine how it has upset them – The Children are

all well. Edith has passed her
Opera Family well, she is back at
School. Ella is growing very fast
she is almost as tall as Flory, and
almost as broad as she is long —
All the children have grown, with the
exception of Edith, she is still little
Edith — Stanley is still little as
but speaks of going up Country
in January — her brother is still
in the Post Office at Bloomfontein
Mr. Legg and Margaret have been in
England for the last six months, they
are expected home on Sunday
the Mrs Wells from George has been
doing duty here: he takes him long
Jewels, also Mrs. Wells, and shall
be sorry to lose them
from our sad, and sudden loss
Mr. Jeffreys death, I do feel so
sorry for his children, between
child and hard he has to struggle

he has very much, and indulgent to his children — Poor Hettie is almost heart broken — Edward Syfret is engaged to Amy Jones, and they have to have few friends in Glen — Mr. & Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Collins are now living in Stillwater Mrs. Collins baby is such a dear little thing, and so pretty and good; the boy is a little feeble, and not robust —

Dear Mrs. Gleason I meant for to have this letter, but fear it will not reach you, before Dear Jean — How are you all? I hope Mrs. Hughes is feeling stronger than she did when you last wrote —

Mr. Hughes and the children join me in wishing you a peaceful & happy Xmas, and a prosperous New Year — With much love

Your affectionately Yours
M. L. Hughes.