I have been long
behindhand with your letters
but I have been very
busy lately & Mr Pierce
will bring you the
letters by the Post Office
Cape Town 8th 1888.

to answer, and I don't feel up to much
this evening, as I have a nervous headache.
You must please accept
apologies for not answering my
letters, I know how much you have to
do, and think about.
Poor Minnie's death I do feel at times
more especially when it flashes across
me, that all of the old home party
are gone, but my last look of my
dear Mother, was so at rest, and peaceful
that I could not wish her back.
Mrs Jeannett is with me at present, she
has been here for the last three weeks
but Keith Jeannett is going to Stellenbosch
again for a short time, she has
not got a situation yet, and

I am sure requires rest.
You have no idea how dry and
comfortable the house has been this
celestial weather, every one else has been
complaining, it was just at first the
lead leakage, and there not much —
I had the guttering cleaned out —
fortunately I have a good boy, so there
is not much trouble in getting things
done — How delightful it must be
for your children, esp in the mountains
enjoying fresh air, and lovely scenery
I am sure ones heart swells that can
never be forgotten by travelling, and
sight-seeing everything is so impressive
upon the mind — Ethel is looking so
very well at present, with pretty rosy
cheeks, the cold weather suits her, during
summer, she is pale and languid —
Now I must answer letter No. 2.
It was a pleasant surprise as
having heard from you the mail
before I was not expecting a letter

I enclose a letter for Helena from George – He was so pleased to hear from him, and she wrote a short interesting letter – The stamps also delighted him – – – Hang Dreher me to thank Jim for your hard labour for her future – Unless the changes been made (Jim thinks she is a feeble young lady) they are to be married in November, I think the end of the month. Colonel Gippitt leaves us to-morrow he shall all miss him – he has been so very kind to the children, George & Ethel are especial favourites – In fact we all felt we had a protector again –

I saw the Schumachers last week they are all hoping, Schumacher can manage to drive again – Adam is up at the Gold fields, but they expect him home shortly. Schumacher told me he was going to write to Jim shortly –

I thank you so much for your kind offer about obtaining the result of I feel very silly with a Corner, but I do most sincerely hope such a time will never come - Now I have only three boarders, but I trust Sept. will bring more - I shall ad-
-venture again - It is so nice to feel you do not think of me as a stranger, but as one belonging to you - George was so pleased to get the stamps of the letters - All the children are well only Lily still has her cold -

Mr. John Maclean has not been very well lately, the least thing turns him, and brings on pains in the arms - Ben girls have grown so much, Muriel is the tallest -

Mr. Campbell the late magistrate of Cape Town has turned today, he was very ill three days -

Now Mr. Webb please find enclosed draft for £7.6.8, which I have much pleasure in sending.