Monday
24th Jan 1891

My dear Mrs Gleeh,

It is again time for me to write and enclose the draft for the rent, which I have much pleasure in doing.

Thank you very much for your kind birthday wishes and the lovely little book. Another year gone, it is to delicately carved —

When last I wrote I told you Mrs Gordon (one of my boarders) had a child ill the next day, it passed away. I do feel so sorry for the parents, they have lost three months in the Colony

and lost two children, one a boy four years old, and a baby of 10 months. The Gordons have taken a house at Wyeberry and leave tomorrow. Took rooms for them at Grey Villa, and they boarded with me. I often wish the drawing room was the dining room, so as to have more room.

Mr. Pellington from Wells he sorry to hear is very ill. I don't think she slept half an hour each night. It is much distressing to hear her coughing. I often wonder how the poor dear st. Mr. Peck told me yesterday her breath is very weak, and I think not be surprised if a sudden change takes place.

One can hardly realize that Sept. brings us Dec. how time flies and the years roll round.

I have good news from Edith. She and her Lord are getting on famously, she tells me he is a pretty little fellow. I should like to see him.

Ethel tells me she is doing some drawings to be exhibited next January, I hope she will succeed in passing the Opera in drawing.

George goes up for the C. Service Exam next Tuesday, and Mr. Sherman & Mr. Steer have received him a letter of he passes.

How are all your family?

I see from the papers Influenza is raging on the Continent — We are also having a great deal of illness, the Doctors seem very busy —

I had my little sleep last night, so feel cheerful —

Please remember me kindly to the girls, and wishing you all a Merry and happy Xmas

with much love

Dear Mrs Black

Ever Sincerely Yours

/ E Wakefield.

Mr. Rutherford has put up a corrugated fence between us, I am very glad, as his servants were fond of going out at our front gate.