Monday
22nd Dec. 1891.

My dear Mrs. Gleeb,

Thank you very much for your welcome letter, and the Christmas little Almanac, it will be so useful – I have never seen one so small before. Also for all your good wishes – I have had lots of trouble and worry the last six weeks.

Mrs. Pellington very ill indeed, for the last six weeks, almost twelve days ago we managed to persuade her to have a nurse, second time we thought the end had come, strange to say she seems better again, I almost regret it, for with the increased growth increasing in size I fear she will have great suffering – But there is One who knows best, We cannot err –

The very day we got a nurse for Mrs. Pellington Ella had a fall, which brought on a

premature confinement - A little boy has been on the 12th not quite six months. He is very tiny, and I fear very delicate, such a pretty little fellow, though he is very poorly - Ella barely looks very poorly, and the Dr will not let her walk up yet - So you see I have had my troubles -

Harry is still in the Darlington Board and seems to give satisfaction, he hopes for an increase shortly.

George Lane glad to say has passed his Civil Service Exam fairly well tho he must look out for an appointment - Mr. Lane proposed to do something for him -

Mr. Freeman has to have left for England tomorrow, but Mr Rhodes has thrown him his horse today, and seriously injured, so I doubt how if he will go - Ethel is home for the holidays, I can't say much for her health, but she

drawn very nicely, and deserves quarter hours to Estes painting -
Edith Lenn is growing splendidly, he has baptized on Sabbath last, his name is "Richard Strong". Hay is still at Heidelberg -
At present Phare Miss Conyleare and Miss Olive Schreiner staying here, the former is a great supporter of Women's rights -
Thank you very much for the lovely paper knife, it looks so delicate one hardly likes to use it
Today I saw Mrs J. Lloyd, she is looking very well indeed -
Dear Mrs Klerk I have much pleasure in enclosing the draft for the rent.
With all good wishes to Jimmy and the girls for a happy and prosperous

Dear Jess.

With much love

to Dinah & Willie

Your loving Father

P.S. Tell Willie I received his letter & will write to him in a few days.

Mamma is a good deal better & sends her love to you all.

Mr Thomas Allen has been here for two days & left this morning. He says he will write to you.

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