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Sunday
8th Jan 1894

My dear Mrs. Bleek,

I feel quite ashamed that I have not sent you a draft sooner. So to make up for it I send the draft for this month as well. Sales are close Insurance month. The holidays seem to have upset everything, and I am very glad they are over. Hay is still with me, and is much better, the Dr. wishes her to remain here until the season is over, so I think she will return to Pretoria in March. My letters now are getting on nicely. Baby is very sweet. Mr Scott hopes to come and see them the end of this month.

Oppressive, not a breath of air - many persons are ill, and shes all put down to the weather - Mrs G. Macleod is still speechless and helpless, she much be very trying for Miss Macleod, she looks so tired. Dear Mrs Blackie, this year I am afraid the outside of the house must be attended to - it needs a little plastering, and I think the whole should be painted before the winter, and the shutters varnished and oiled - I feel quite sorry to tell you this, as I know it will be a great expense, Grey Villa has drawn, just before last winter, and I think it cost Miss Macleod £66. Mr McLorley did it, and it looks well done -

Today I heard from Ben Inn Trevor.
Such a kind letter of sympathy;
poor Editha was a great favourite of his.
It is three years today since she
was married – but I cannot try not
to think –

Thank you for all your good
wishes for the new year – My wish
is that it may also be a good year
for you –
With much love & kindest remembrance
to your daughter, in which my
girls join –

Believe me
Dear Mrs Blake
Ever sincerely yours
W. Wetmore

George has been for ten days at Kansas, he has grown taller is a little over six feet, is very thin, and looks so well, he seemed so pleased to get home, and sorry to leave. We all missed our loved one.

Ettie thanks you for your kind message. She will be able to help me in many ways, being quiet with her needle. She paints very nicely, but is not good at music, but will have a fairly good voice for singing. Truly should be glad to hear you are quite well again, do take as much rest as you can.

We have had South Easters for the last three mornings, not a drop of rain, so everything is parched. Today the heat has been most