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My dear Mr. Black,

You will hardly believe that expecting letters we have been passing through some last days. My last mail I sent you a paper, as I felt sure you would be interested, now everything is settling down, and I hope there will be peace. I was doubly anxious as George around at Krugers dorp. The evening of January 2nd for two days we heard nothing of him, then I saw he was secretary to the hospital for the wounded

Lewis threw his handsome few sweetmeats second times as having done good service — You will be much surprised to hear George is married (foolish boy) to a Miss Repass, I know he was engaged to her, but they new to have waited some years — from all I hear she is a nice girl — I have still to make her acquaint-ance —

Please give my love to Edith and thank her for her most interesting letter, which I hope to answer one day — This month I shall not send you a draft, but will do so except for the I Council when £7.1.8. I am sorry to say the Municipality have received

the value of "Charlotte Temple" from £1600 to £2200, which will make a great difference in the rates. I know nothing about it, or would have protested. Even it is too late. Many that did protest, got no satisfaction.

Very many thanks for the pretty photographs you sent me of the "Castle Bridge" from I should like to travel, and see the beautiful in the world. The children admire the pictures only, but I have put them away, until they are a little older, and can appreciate them more. Little Edie loves pictures, and she has a good ear for music and sings several times. Echo now Edie is to be a soldier, and have a gun & sword. and a pretty horse.

Harry & George do not collect stamps
from a days, but if you get any
that you dont require. I should be
glad to have them as Mr Knapp
collects for his little son -
Mary is still with me, she hopes
her affairs will be settled this Feb-
if so she will have to go to Pretoria,
there may be changes owing to the
disturbance -

I think you are wise not to return
to the Cape - Europe is wise for your
girls in every way, as they can choose
the climate. No one would be more
delighted to see you than I should
and when you do come, you must
be my guest

Miss Levy told me they hoped to
join you in Berlin in May, it
will be much wise for you all.
I am afraid Miss Levy's health is
not good - I know she has a bad
heart.

It is delightful to think you had such a long holiday and thoroughly enjoyed, and derived benefit from it. I truly hope you will continue well. It is splendid your girls taking charge of the house. Thank you for remembering of me on my birthday. I often wish I could forget it. But the children must forget it. Shaw seems sweet the garden looks as lovely as it did this year everyone that called admired it. It is a dear old garden.

When baby is older I will be able to show her how to cut out and dress the pictures, Mrs Lounsbury (her husband is the Cape Entomologist, they are Americans) she is staying here told me she has my book

cutting out and dressing the dollies when she was a girl. I have a Dr Courtorpline, who is in charge of the Geological survey of the Colony, also a professor of the S. Africa College, & a Dr Gilchrist, who is some thing of a geologist (to look after the fishes I can't remember the rest) staying here. In fact I have all nice people, though sometimes I get my share of the life. I have always been able to pay my way but not saved more than £30. This year Ettie is not taking any lessons, so I will not have that expense. After all this scribbling I must close, wishing you all a happy & prosperous New Year. Kindest remembrances to the girls

and will find her to possess
her every grace
W. Keough

I called on Mrs. Burrows last
Friday, they are both looking
very well, and seem deeply
interested in the news from the
Transatlantic