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My dear Mr. Blake,

Thanks for very much for your last kind welcome letter which I duly received. It has been good of you to write to me. When I know how busy and how full your life, and yet finds time long letters.

The stay at Mayenling did us all good, but since my re-turn we seem to have had so many changes, and no end of worry with the servants, then Mr. & Mrs. Blake who have been

both now six years have left for a six months trip to England & Professor Holden has been ordered imperatively for six months owing to weak lungs, I do feel so sorry for him —

I have had the roof attended to, since then we have had heavy rain, but it is better proof for which I am thankful, it is free-directed that we are to have a stormy wet winter —

In reference to Dr & Mrs Rolle I see they arrived by the last mail steamer, up to the present they have not called, and I have no idea where they are staying, should Mrs Rolle call on me, I will do all I can to make myself pleasant

and do anything I can for her
or just her in the way of
doing things. Mr Cope Jackson
for Jean sake I will try and
help her. Mrs Cortorphine
(she is a young lady from Munich)
Dear Mitt has nearly a year, they
have just gone into house keeping
taken the house Mr Long used
to live in, so we are near each
other Mrs Cortorphine could speak
very little English when she came
I always feel sorry for a girl
going to a strange place, among
strangers, they are bound to
feel homesick and miserable
sometimes, I know how I
used to feel sometimes in
Basutoland -

It is very late, but I could not let another week pass without an from Eric, to enclose my draft for last months — which I have much pleasure in doing —

Will you be so good as to send the enclosed to the girls —

Believe me
Dear Mrs Blech
Ever sincerely yours
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