Oct. 4th Phila 1899

My dear Mr. Bleeker,

Thank you ever so much for the photo of yourself & daughters, which you so kindly sent me, and I much appreciate - Really it is a very nice group You are all altered - Doris and Helen the most, I don't think I would have known them, had they not been in the picture with you all -

It must be a comfort to you the marriage passing off so nicely, one always feels anxious before hand - It was so good of Miss Lucy & Edith to give me the details, I can now picture it all in my mind, and come to the conclusion it was a very pretty

Wedding - If good wishes are worth
anything, they has no end for me.
How I envy Congratulate you upon
having a son - You are sure to
love the home, and have a change
the Ducie would have made for
Marielle - What a talk there just
Marjie has grown - Helen also must
be tall - Guy has not altered much -
Well my little ones are safely off
at Kimberley and I have heard from
them both, they dictated letters & their
Father sends them. Edie tells me
the Trans journey has very much
and she is having a good time
her & her little sisters - Dick says
he is happy, but I cannot help to
him - But both say they seem to
have settled down, and have taken
to Joan to their hips, they are
struck by Dicks goodness and care
of his sister -

Flora & Lut. Dawson get an Emily
Int. Dawson is to go & Scotland to
teaches him for an hour every day -
And is teaching him to do Patch
work. The Scotts to Pretoria is delightful
cold and dry. Ethel says the fish
as if the had been away
they have a Ben Emmeyer for
them Dinner, and he is making
many changes.
The Green are busy painting
the house, and hope to finish
next week, I think they have
worked fearfully, and Bell. The
painter is an old Sailor, and is
very amusing, he speaks of the
house as she. She wanted painting
badly, but the work looks fine,
the French and wanted doing -

Just send Jimmy with it & let
you know how much I am short.
I saw Mrs Schneider the other day
and she enquired for you all.
And asked me to tell you that
Mrs Howell is very ill, the blood does
not circulate properly in her one leg
& foot, and she is never free from
pain - the Dr does not expect her to
recover. Ben Sutter Mrs Martin died
in the hospital nearly three months
ago, from cancer on the foot - And
the poor Cripple from Rheumatism,
her husband has not worked for
nearly two years, they have sold the
place they used to live in, and built
a small Cottage in which they live,
he still has his Carriage, but sold the
horses -
I was in the market & meeting when
Pat Skuggs came in, and how she is
just dreadful thin, so I snuck out -
I will answer Edith's letter tomorrow also