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My dear Mr Black

I am feeling horribly tired this evening, so fear you will get a stupid letter. I have been to town to get some things for Friday, and got home just before dinner. Mr Southern has finished the painting of the house, and everyone tells me it is well done and with good material. I got him to plant the hall of the Court yard, and White washed the hall, now it all looks in order.

On Saturday his bill came in, it is £49.10

At present I have in hand belonging to you £32.6.8, that is including my rent refr to the £23rd July. I will send Southern a Cheque for the £32, and later on send him the remainder, just at present I can manage it, I don't yet know what the Juvenile Council rates will be. I can't tell you how much I feel your having

so much offence, but nothing has been done that has not absolutely necessary - I have also been obliged to have a drain trough, and part of pipe, and hood to keep it on it on just up, the old one has past repairing I have often had it mended before - Rowe has not sent me the account yet.

You will be sorry to hear my house is very empty. Mr & Mrs Olive have gone to Sea Point, for the winter, their baby is very ill, it is the only one they have, having lost two, and the Dr advised the change - Mr Griffith is moved to Port Elizabeth Mr Douglas gone to Kimberley. Mr Short has been away sup-plies. I hope he will return shortly - Mr & Mrs Dalgleish go on the 1st August, Per Mother has passed away, and an married Sister is coming out to them, as they have taken a house. Mrs Dalgleish says her Sister is too ill, to live in a boarding house. I shall miss them very much, they are friends, as well as boarders, and have been with me eight years this month. I hope soon to hear of some to fill the the places of those who have left.

Our political horizon is anything but pleasant, in fact we are all

wondering how things will go; unless Kruger comes down, and agrees to what Sir Alfred Milner wants, war is inevitable. Ethel is much alarmed, nearly all the ladies have left Mrs Marcus at the Mine. Ethel says they are not afraid of the Boers, but of the Kaffirs in the Compounds, as if war breaks out, they will simply not be under control. Fly says war or no war they will remain in Pretoria, and be neutral. I can't help feeling very anxious. It was so good of your Lolette to write and give me such a clear account of Mary's wedding; I almost feel as if I had seen it. How are you feeling? I hope more rested, now the excitement is over. It was nice for Mary, her sisters being able to unpack, and get everything in order for her.

Mr Scott generally lets the children write to me once a week, they tell me they are very happy & having a good time. I often think of them, dear little Edie with her loving ways & thoughtful serious Dick, I can see he misses

Dear —

I shall write to Miss Lloyd so that she will get my letter on her return. I should if your sisters will see Mrs Wild during their stay in London —

Yesterday Miss Maclean came to see me, she tells me they are nearly settled in their little home — She wants to see Grey Lilac, after it has been thoroughly put in order — So I promised to let her know when it is finished. Mr Jones is making so many improvements.

Now I must say good night. With much love to yourself & the girls

Ever affect. Your

S W Knight