Rockhey
21st May 1900

My dear Mr. Bleek,

It is with much pleasure I am writing this note, as it is to enclose you a draft for £16.10.0. I have still Divisional Council rates to pay, but have not got the accounts yet. So much for business. At last Mafeking has been relieved, up to the present we have had no festivities. Today there is great re-joicing & thanksgiving. How they must have suffered & endured, without complaining. Really the war seems to be drawing to a close, & hardly there will be still have much more fighting. Report says we lost heavily in relieving Mafeking.

It will be some time before things are settled, or Refugees allowed to return. It will require all the Railway can do, to provide food for the troops. Is it not distressing to hear of so many of our poor fellows, being with entire compositions alone, there are between three & four thousand ill. So many have been brought down to the Cape. Yesterday I saw expecting Mrs B. Lloyd & her little Cousin to lunch & spend the afternoon with me, I know she will enjoy seeing the old house, and the Garden, where she spent so many happy years. I shall add a few lines after I have seen her. How is Mrs Lucy? the last account I had she was ill in bed again, after having been up for several days. I do hope with the warm weather her health will improve.

I have so far good news of Mr. Scott and the children, when last they wrote, they were all well. Mr. Lutzgeche, she has invited Mr. Scott to be her guest for a year. He will take to see some of the sights in England, about the end of July. They will visit Westgeteland. Dick is to go to Harlesburg School, on the 4th Thursday, poor little fellow, he will feel it, he is such an affectionate child. Edie is to be adopted by her aunt Mrs Harrison, they have only child a little girl nearly five and want a companion for her, Edie is to have the same advantages his cousin has. The Harrisons are comfortably off, and from her letters I am sure they will be good to her. But I do feel parting with the dear little mites. Edie is like my own.

I did not like to stand in their light - fat enough of this.

How is Mary and her little daughter, how delighted the Mother will be when the young lady pays them a visit -

Hugo boy is growing splendidly he has his teeth out now his said Princess!

Mr Dohrn Office has been burnt at the Castle Cape Town, which he says to bring it Stellenbosch - They are all anxious to return to the Transvaal to see what is left of their Journey possessions - I am stuffed tight and do nothing but make business

Please give my love to the girls and tell them how I enjoy reading their letters

Ever sincerely yours

W. Kruger

P.S. Miss Bella Lloyd & Sheila have been. It was a delightful pleasure for us to march, and we rattled about for an hr., walked round the gardens, and gathered a beautiful bunch of roses and Chrysanthemums, also some Daphne. Really I did enjoy it. You know I prefer my P.S. to those of today. We remembered tomorrow is your birth day, allow me to wish you very many happy returns, with good health combined. My letter will come rather late in the day - I thought your sister looking very thin, but she seems well, and happy

and that is a great thing.
I am going to give her the two
pillows that belong to her, then
I may certainly ask her to
take care of them - and I
know she would like her to
have them.
It is late so I stop. Good night.
Good night.