Thursday
5th Feb 1901

My dear Mr Black,

I have been wanting to write to you, the whole evening but could not manage it.

It seems so strange not to send you rent, but as you said I was to keep it for repairing the roof and paying Lemann & Co. today the account for the Municipal Rates came £20-
Tenants rate £14.16. - I have paid me Lemann.

You don't know how expensive living has become, everything has gone up in price. Owing to the Military using the trucks. Food &c &c cannot be sent down Country. We all wish the war would come to an end.

Mr Jobic has found the Mandt

and took him to Germany, so I think that they left merely 160 which I hope will repay in the house. The Summer they always take. The Orange tree in the new part of the Garden has this Jaily dropped. Orange on it. I hope no one pickes them. My old boy has left, and the one I have in his place is very slow and stupid.

Mr McMillan Smith whom Mr Bennett has had been obliged to give up his house. He has lodgd and in a place like Stellenbosch it has a crime, all the dutch boys here remind, so the Govt Gaol has withdrawn. Then had to do a certain number of hrs. to as to get it. Now Mr Bennett is out

of employ - At present she is
with Mr. Ellis -
Ann my dear Mrs. Greenwood
sympathizes Queen being taken
at this time. Ann true Christian
peace should reign, when she left
this people - There is unusual
mourning out here and the Sermon
in the Churches have most been -
- Queen -
My dear George has been sent to
Burghendorf, so his wife came down
to me. At present she is here little
girl are sharing my room - She
expects an addition to her family
about the end of May - George was
not allowed to take her to Burghendorf
Mrs Dawson & Mary Ellis & the children
are still here - Now I must close
it is very late. Good bye to Jane
sisters & the girls - Much love

Rifles, left here for Stutterheim on Wednesday last, and expects to leave for Johannesburg tomorrow morning. Ethel is very anxious about the journey up, as the Boers get the credit of saying, the one train they wish to block is that on which the Queen knew go up. It really seems as if the war has been ending - Lord Kitchener does not let much news through. And the letter he do get is not very favourable. Dr Dawson has just recovered from an attack of Malarial fever. We have so far had a cool wet summer, and the gardens looks green and pretty, there are a good many roses coming. We had a fairly good show of peas but the boy of Mowbray, Duffus