Rockway

28th July 1902

My dear Mr. Bleeker

Ann Marie Glen, it is again time for me to enclose you a draft, which I have much pleasure in doing. We are having a terribly hot Summer, the worst since I have been in Charlton House I am thankful to say, the roof must have been well repaired, as not a drop of water has come through it is such a comfort.

How are you feeling? I do trust much stronger & better in every way after the change. Hope the baths were beneficial to you. It was delightful for you having Edith as an

Companion & Mary to see you safely there. and now proud Don's & Delme would be to manage while you were from home -
I have had some trees cut, as I wanted poles, and the Gums were growing too high, and if left longer it would be difficult to cut them, they were charge so high for them work, that it is almost as cheap to buy wood
Harry has put one up a nice pool house, and a small run for the chickens, seperate from the pool run.
Fresh cow pools are 3/6 each, or from the butcher 4/6, eggs 3/- a dozen - I wonder when prices will come down -
So many are coming to the Cape when they are all to find work is a puzzle - Harry tells me

tells me Johannesburg is full of unemployed, they have doubled the police force.

Sunday Evening - This afternoon I had tea with Mr. Drawn it was her birthday she had seven large candles and them smaller ones, so her age must be 73 - Got so far I knew a Mr Russel a Canon of my husband turned up, he is a solicitor from Australia, had come over for some case that is coming on in the Supreme Court, he spent the evening, poor ch is very late Anna my old servant I have had for so many years has married today I don't know how I shall manage without her, as I feel I am not growing younger, and am not as active as I used to be - Ella keeps my bill, but expects

the 12th any day. I shall be so glad when she is well again. Ted has been very delicate this winter and causes a good deal of anxiety to all of us, just now he is with me for a week to see if the change will do his cough good.

Our news from the transvaal is good. Harry's baby is growing nicely only very strong, they can get no fresh milk.

Hope you have good news of Mary and little Amanda, that the former is picking strength. With much love to Gurney & the girls

Believe me
Dear Mrs Black
Ever sincerely yours
H. B. Brooke