

Capetown, 9 Oct, 1863

My dear Loui,

Only a few lines are to tell you this time that both Jemmie & Edith are very well. The latter is increasing greatly in size and power. She requires a great amount of constant attention. – The Mail Steamer from England is not yet in, though hourly expected already the last three days. Nellie is in a great state about the news regarding their arrival in England, and the expected respective approval or disapproval of her coming to us. – The Maclears have been here last week (Viz. Miss Maclear & Mrs. Mann with two [illeg] dress/to see baby. Miss Maclear and Miss Augusta & Mrs. Reid had been here about 11 days after baby's birth, but could not then see Jemmie or Edith. – Also the Glovers have been here and seen Jemmie & the little one. The Bishop is just on a visitation tour through the colony. Yesterday Miss Emily Roesch was here, and promised the pattern next week. So we hope to be able to send it by the Eudine [?]. – I believe we forgot to tell you that immediately after the children's arrival here, - both Mrs. Hill and two Misses Roesch came here thinking you had come to us. Since then we have seen nothing of Mrs. Hill, only heard of her through third parties. – Jemmie gets on very nicely with baby, - and it is such a pleasure to see her (I mean this time my wife not my daughter) gaining daily more strength, and health. The weather is delicious, only sometimes too hot. We are daily out with baby in the Botanic Gardens, carrying her alternately, i.e. her Mama, her Auntie, and her Papa. – With much love to you all, your affectionate

Wilhelm

My darlings – It was a real comfort to get your dear letters yesterday (for all of ___ very many thanks) & know that my dear Loui in some ways a little better again tho so sadly teased by zompoo requestith – some news of dear Wilhelm so cheery too – Our little darling has kept me so busy all this week that I've not humbly written to send today, like I had so wished – but I know you will all fully understand this – I'm getting so nicely [?] well – strong again – that the change to sudden & much warmer weather tries all our strength a ___ ___ now – dear baby is so well & grows much in all ways ___ ___. But ___ ___ ___ so goodbye to you all my dear ones with best love ever your most affectionate Jemima