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Charlton House

Mowbray

at Cape Town

Nov: 25th/78

Dear Ernst,

At last I have a likeness
of Wilhelm's last little one to send
you, & hope it may reach your hands
by Xmas day & be the bearer to you
of our ~~dearest~~ earnest wishes for a good new
year.

The little thing was very shy
(it was her first visit to Cape Town & she
is also little used to strangers) & could not
be got to stand quite still, & so the ~~photograph~~
graph is not quite a clear one - otherwise
we think the likeness good. She is tall
for her age - over three feet - & is a very

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Should it be the same to you,
then the 8th, 9th, or 10th, would
suit us better than the latter
half of the week, in which
it is likely we should not be
all at home.

I write so long beforehand,
to have more chance of finding
you disengaged.

With kindest greetings from
us all

Your aff^{te} Cousin

Jermina C. Bleek

We have been reading with deep interest such accounts regarding your recent visit to Paris ~~as~~ as we have been able to meet with. There are one or two questions I should dearly like to ask you were we within speaking distance.

How are your dear children? We look at their likenesses especially that of little Lieke with ever renewed interest. If you could spare a likeness of their mother & she would kindly give me one I should be so glad.

Please greet her most kindly from me - perhaps one day I may enjoy the pleasure of making her personal acquaintance, for my purpose still holds to take a child home to their fatherland ^{if possible,} when dear Datz shall be a few years older & the voyage can be undertaken with less risk to their health & greater ease in all ways.

All of them are well thank God & we elders fairly so, though continued hard work, & still more, protracted anxiety, have undermined Loui's strength somewhat I fear. There are some things regarding her work which I should like to have told you but must leave that until another time unless she should herself be able to add a line tomorrow morning.

With kindest love & wishes, & Loui's best regards, Ever, dear Ernst,

very sincerely yours

Jemima C. Bleek