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31st March 1891

My dear Mrs Bleek,

Thank you so much for letting Mabel write to me, though I was very sorry for the cause of your not being able to write. I do hope long ere this Helena has got rid of her rheumatism, and that you are feeling less tired.

By this mail I enclose you two receipts one from the Bombay Municipality and the the Guardian Assurance, the latter you will notice has been reduced, there are so many offices now that the rates for insurance have been lowered. On the 1st of April I have promised to pay Cook, for repairs to the roof, also attending to pumps and Main Air vessel

vessel, the account will be nearly £4 . 0 . 0 which I dont consider high as it is for more than three years, next June I will have been four years in Charlton House -

From the Phylloxera Commission I recd £5 . 0 . 0 which I have spent in repairing the machinery of the well - Now I must tell you the whole story the pumps would not work, I sent for Cook he promised to come, but did not do so, I sent again, his wife said he had gone out for the day, we had very little water in the tanks, so I sent and asked Mc Sorley if he would put it right for me, he came over at once, found the wood work of the well all loose, the iron pipe rusted through, and the sucker I have kept as a curiosity, there was no help for it, I had to get the greater part new, the whole cost £8 . 0 . 0 £5 . I recd and the other three I have paid myself Mc Sorley tells me there is still another pipe which

will before long have to be renewed –
I am really glad Cook did not come
when I sent for him, he used to be
afraid of going down the well, and is
very fond of pottering – I hope I did right
and that you will approve –
I don't think I shall send a draft in
April, it will be so small an amount
so I will send the two in one in May.
Please thank Mabel for her kind
letter I hope to answer it soon –
Mrs Pilkington has had another attack
of Bronchitis, she has been upstairs
nearly three weeks, but is over the worst
now.
I hear from Edith very often, she
is still at St Marks, strange Mr Harris
that used to live in Mombay, is the
Magestrate there –
Ethel is to go to the Rhenish Institute
next week, I am sure it will be better
for her, and as George is to leave College
in June, I hope to be able to manage it.

I do hope George will pass his Matric
he is working hard, and will I know
be disappointed if he fails —
Lily leaves for Heidelberg in the
Transvaal about the 15th April, she is
going as Governess to a Mrs Royce —
Harry is 21 years of age today — He seems
to like being on the Harbour Board
I have not seen Miss Julia Lloyd for
an age, I think she is often at Mrs Burrows.
Mrs Burrows has been very poorly for some
time —
How much you will miss Miss B.
Lloyd when she leaves you. You seem
to have had a very bitter winter —
It is late so I must close, with kindest
remembrances to your Girls & Miss B. Lloyd
and with love to yourself
Dear Mrs Isbeck
Ever Affecty Yours
H Wright