

Melrose 27th August 1902
God as Greeting

Dear Sister,

It is high time that I am writing to you again. I received your dear letter and enjoyed it and am pleased that the present has made you happy Use it and don't put it in the corner, when it needs renewing, Paul can buy you one, as by that time I will have to have one for myself. I was going to write on Sunday but I was not well and stayed in bed all day I had a bad cough, now it is better, we have all had it.

As I hear Richard's servant girl is away again and he has now the eldest[Emma, later to be his wife - R. P.] of Zaenkers. The last I heard from Anna was that the children all had the measles but they should be better now as it was quite a time ago. I haven't heard from Lydia since Pentecost. They must all be well or I would have heard from them. Richard will come to see me one Sunday and then I will hear. My Mrs. is mostly in the shop as there is much work. In October they will take another girl into the shop as she won't be able any more to serve the customers, you will be able to imagine why. She will probably go to Laura to her mother. It will be beginning December but you don't have to tell anybody. Gottholds don't know it yet.

Now I tell you something quite new. August Winter is visiting often at Lena Winneke. Gotthold and Emma are very cross about it. I would have thought he would find somebody better, as she is by butcher Close in Laura and he is by Walter's. He got to know her there. I am looking forward to the wedding of G & E. Gotthold & Emma will go to the Adelaide show this year. I am making a grey dress as the pattern. I can't write any more, as I have 4 more letters to write. I finish in the hope that these lines meet you healthy.

Greetings yours - E. Becker

English Translation

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