

Appila  
March 19, 1905

Dear Sister-in-Law

I must let you know right away that we received your letter and telegram only yesterday evening, so it was impossible for us to be with you today. It is especially risky to travel at the end of the week, as many can't get through and have to stay in Roseworthy overnight. It so happened to Fitzners when they returned from the wedding. Emma Zanker and Martha Klemm had the same experience lately when going to sewing lessons. If it's a Saturday you have to stay in Roseworthy over Sunday.

Now dear sister – may God in his grace restore you to your health and strength again after helping you through [the confinement] and I wish you His blessing in bringing up your child.

About coming down, you must write, but I suppose you will have had the christening today and Alfred was to have been a sponsor [for Frieda Matilda Zwar born 16<sup>th</sup> March 1905 – K Z] . I hadn't thought of going with him, after this week I want to manage on my own. I am feeling fit and well again and have been able to get ahead with my sewing, also have been able to visit the distant relatives. A fortnight ago we visited uncle Schneider's and in October we went up to Quorn and visited them all. I don't think I owe you a visit dear Bertha, until you visit us.

Today we had a dust-storm from the North. We would like a good rain for water and to settle the dust.

Richard's sale went well, the big buggy that he got from his mother sold cheaply, only £15. Richard had it painted before the sale. Mitchell the hotel keeper in Laura bought it.

Tomorrow, Monday, is Heinrich and Anna's sale, they are going to Port Lincoln, they have a farm there. What doesn't come up to his price at the sale, he will take with him. It will be hard for them traveling over the water, with all the children. Richard and Edel are still living there [at home] . Edel had a couple of cows bought for her at the sale. The separator is hers, too. Now she will be busy getting her trousseau together.

So I will close for this time, and hope that you are all well, as we are the same, thank God.

I remain  
With sincere greetings from us all  
To you all,  
Your loving sister-in-law and brother,

A. and M. Becker.

Please write soon.

News Report of R. Becker horse sale - March 9, at Appila.

