

Pine Creek

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No doubt you have been waiting for a letter from me for a long time. You must excuse me please as there always was something to hinder me from writing and then I wrote to my relatives since we are back from our trip to Mannum. It was a lovely trip, five hours on the water on the steamer, and when at my aunts we crossed the river several times by boat, it was beautiful. We heard from uncle of cousin Johannes' sudden death, it is sad for his people. You probably heard that Lydia's little Albert was kicked by a young horse, before Easter. He is alright again.

Last Sunday morning at 3 am a little boy arrives at Edel's. She has Eda Jaeschke working for her. She was quite well.

Up here it is very dry. The last couple of days in the week we had severe dust storms from the north, much worse than during the Summer. I haven't much in the garden, I have to keep watering so much, or else it would all dry up. Not many seeds are germinating so I have to keep on reseeding. For us few people we don't need much.

We have no working man at present. Alfred let his man go at Easter, he thinks he can manage on his own. Sophie can help him quite a lot around the place. She goes to music lessons twice a week and Eddie rides the little pony to school.

We heard that Winters are supposed to be living in Kapunda. Our Pastor met them in Adelaide and they didn't seem to know where.

How are your children? My sister Anna's youngest died while we were away, it had diarrhea and vomiting. It was very hot at the time. Now we hope you are all well, as we, praise and thanks to God, are.

I remain, with hearty greetings to you all from us, your loving sister.

M. Becker.

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English Translation

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