

Darling,

I am not sure whether you will get this letter before I see you on the 28th. I do hope so though, for it will give me time to discuss so many of your unfinished business. Need I tell you that I am having a headache with some of the attorneys here.

1. We have had Sahdhan's report, which reads as follows:- "He is making a very steady progress in class. Sahdhan must work harder". With such lousy English no wonder he makes no progress, or progress at all. He has spent a week at Vassies - planting mielies. He is back home and reading very hard. He works at his sums in fits and starts. I have not been able to give him much time, but will do so soon.
2. Sharadh wont stay away from me. But thanks to Deva, who just returned from Grahamstown he went to Verulam for the weekend. In fact I may have to bring him up to Johannesburg when I come up next weekend. He has a set of building bricks from Aunt Magaret, this gives him 12 hours of engrossed pleasure. His chest has settled down nicely, I do hope it continues this way for all of us.
3. Our daughter, I could write to you for hours. She is priceless. She talks Telegu... So says Desmond. Nobody understands her. She is just bursting to talk. She swears and gets quite violent... you run for cover when she is on the warpath. Her vocabulary is limited to Mama (Rosa) Mummy (me) Daddy (looks for him on the wall) hullo and Hows it! The last word she enjoys ~~at~~ She walks in with a loud Hows it! and demands a loud appreciative audience. She gets it too. Opens ~~in~~ her mouth at its widest and laughs heartily.. Look at me! sort of thing. She is beautiful even if I say so. How we managed her is beyond me. If she has a mind as beautiful as she looks I shall be truly pleased. Sahdhan is devoted to her. But he insists on carrying her. This she objects to unless she catches it from me. She phones to find out how she fares " Is she missing me Ma " Shes his life. This does not stop him from giving her the works when she deserves it. You know Daddy asked me to look after her! What can I say?
4. Mother and Dade are well. Dade has a lot of work to do. But he thrives on it. His roses are beginning to flower. They are absolute beauties I am informed.
5. Deva has just returned from Grahamstown. He found it most stimulating despite the very cold weather.
6. Reg has started her course at Pmb. Krish is holding fort for her. He is doing it very well too. Thank goodness they have at last got a good maid. The children are fine.
7. Vas and Jay are well. There seems to be nothing cooking there. AJ has suggested that they borrow Reg's fertility bed. Catage seems to be a problem.
8. Ron has recently been to Capetown. Had a glorious time. He tells you this when Sheila's not around. Well Capetown's hospitality is notorious and Ron dare not refuse. Both are well. Rons paunch has gone down a little but nothing to talk about. What with Sheila's excellent cooking and his voracious appetite he hasnt a chance.
9. AJ and Ben are going to teach next term. Ben's story is rather a long one. More later. AJ is almost married to Sea Cottage. She has not let him down. But frankly I dont think she is worth much. We would ^{do} much better if he stuck to his original plan... marry a rich widow!
10. Sinthee is very well. She has sent Mother and Ron birthday cards. I am surprised that she remembered. Tells mother she is very happy. Lucky girl!
11. Tim is fine so Ron tells me. The cold weather does not add to her comfort. Her landlady too is a so and so.
12. MJ is fine. He has been trying to do what he can about your fees. But you the position there. Rubby is such a scatter brain. How he keeps a practice is beyond me.
13. George is fine. He is treating his leg now. But due to the fact he has no help at the shop, he is on his feet the whole day. This does not help his foot any.
14. I have not heard from Suri for nearly two months. Even after your going or to acknowledge our present to her. I do know that she has heard. Maybe she has her reasons. I am sure I will hear soon.
15. Dan and family are fine. Kriben is going to be a father soon. I dont ^{know} how Dan is going to face the fact that he will be a grandfather soon.
16. Rosa and family are fine and send you their love. Cecil is my love. He has been at Verulam and seems to have enjoyed the holiday. I wish I could send you the good wishes of our friends it will fill a book. It is the only thing that keeps me going. No job yet. I live in hopes. I have let our front room, but this Aunt of Baboo is driving me crazy. You know me.