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Box 2641 Johannesburg July 4. 1901?

Dear Amy,

So many thanks to you for our kind
birthday letter and present which Agnes
is taking charge of for me. I am hoping to

start for home in about a month's time
so it will not be so very long before I

receive your collar. It is very good of you

to remember my birthday. I can't think

how you manage it. It is very nice

to think of Edmund having his big

bit of happiness in his life. I try to picture
him and Ellen in their little cottage at
Aldbury. I hope you are fairly satisfied
about Elsie; she must be better but
I am afraid the illness is still there.
Bedales does indeed seem to be
more flourishing than ever. I am
very glad that the girls' side
is beginning to go ahead.

The productiveness of this country is

something wonderful when once the two requisites
of labour and water can be secured - the water
question to a great extent resolves itself into
a labour question because there seems
to be any amount of water if you have labour
to dig for it & apply it to the land. At present
black "boys" working in the house who have
to be taught - everything set at £36 to £48
a year and all found. Philippa's "boy"
who had never been in a house before she
took him had £36 a year. Presumably
he came to her and said "want more
money, missus". She refused to give
him more and he went, saying before
hand that he had got another place

where he was to be paid £6 a month, but to an
great satisfaction this turns out to be an
invention and he has not got a place at all
at present. With love to you all

Ever yours affectionately,

W. G. Dawkins