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My dear Nell.

Thank you for

your Christmas Card.

I had promised to write to you soon but I have been completely disorganized these past few months.

First of all I had wanted to inform you that I had passed the Practical Examination which means I have completed the legal side of my studies. But I thought I should wait until the Afrikaans results were out because that is what is still holding me back, die taal. Once I get that I'll be able to practice.

Veronica and the children have gone to Bronckhorst for a fortnight. Her operation was successful and she appeared to have recovered completely. But there appear to be further complications.

You see, she not only had a hysterectomy she also had

a cystocele and a rectocele which I
am told means, in Layman's
language corrections to the bladder
and the rectum which had
apparently also collapsed. Now
the bladder appears to have
collapsed again. But she is
not bed-ridden. We are hoping
to send her back to hospital
as soon as the first operation
has failed.

How fast things are
moving! Almost a political
boom with envoys and what-have-
you crisscrossing. And there are
the Arabs buying up Europe
with their Petro-dollars; neo-
colonialism, if there was one.

At home, unfortunately
it is the old mixture as
before with now and again
a bit of chutney and similar
artificial flavouring. Charity,
with us, does not, apparently,
begin at home.

We get news of you from
friends and delight to hear
that your spirit and sense of
humour are as glorious as ever.

Wishing you a blessed
and rewarding Christmas and
New Year.

With fond thoughts and
affection,

Robert, Veronica & Family

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