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Dear Hope,

Just a line, to
wish you all Xmas
happiness & blessings. & to carry
kindest-greetings from our
dears to you & yours - We
only wish we could have you
here to spend the X. mas with
us, but - perhaps some other
X. mas you may, & meantime
you will doubtless wish
to make the most of the
festival, in your dear
loved home - even as we
wish to have the happiest
time possible, while Eva is
still one of us - If all is
well, only Rankine will be
away from us - & a dull time

was is kept very busy, letters this evening
wth everyone wanting her to write, & I cannot
too well then - as her time with us is now
limited, also there has been a good deal to
see to, in the matter of students coming, &
other needless entertainments - one N. ^{now}
is over, we look for a little more quiet,
We do not always ourselves to think of the
parting, I will try & make as much as
possible, a portion of the preparation.
but - it will be like a very steady & close
day, I assure you rather the no longer left
that old home - as for you, I don't suppose
you need to be surprised with a new &
her value, but - I do know that few of
years hence, you will realize why we
never exhaust a happy man you do than
you can do at present -
We are all well as you left us

I fear he will have, for his affectionate heart - clings to all home ways & remembrances.

I wonder if George has written to you yet? if not, I must stir him up to express to you in writing the kindly feeling, & cordial good wishes, which he has already spoken to us. It was the greatest pity that he did not come before you left.

I hope you will receive with indulgence the N. mas Cards & notes from my youngsters, they had great schemes of sending you presents of quite impassible nature, & I persuaded them to be content with cards, which they have bought with their own "cents", & chosen with much effort of selection, they were much puzzled too, as to how they were to address you. Clare I see has rushed into a remarkable sentence, & Edith cannot decide what she ought to begin with.

holds a little latter, perhaps - I consider Wang
a kind - more intense - while Eric shall &
stickies? the little girls talk about, I must
for, M. was born morning the night -

Daphne continues his needs - making tools, &
near Mrs Carpenter quite comfortable & as
all because we do not - go to see her after
enough - & I have made these without
medicines in your presence, to create & in
giving pleasure the family - has not
of course your will feel truly grateful -
Ever's justice is a great necessity.

I saw it - before it - was entirely finished,
but - thought it charming thing - we do not
blame to have a good look at it - it is
are all arranged at - M. was - it will be a
great comfort - to mother
Howard joins - M. - opportunity, passing the
Anna