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Dear Dad.

Yesterday I mailed you a Christmas present from Emma and one from me, which I trust will arrive in time - if before. Please get it for Christmas morning - wish it may be of use to you, and we will talk and think about you though we do that all day and night - your letter of the 22nd reached me the 6th and I thank you very much for it - The Refs have worked hard for items about you but especially for your picture which they did not get - as I have no picture of you that I like or would give to public - there is an article in today paper - I will mail you - there is nothing to do about it - but let it lie out - yesterday I met Mrs Brewer she is very fond and happy - John was president of the "Junior Farce" - had as Prop at the Macdonough theatre in which sat his Ma, President Mrs Wheeler, and the Rev and Mrs Brown, the Congregational minister! you let her was pleased and no wonder - for he is a nice boy and good looking the farce was a great success as all the University of California productions are.

she told me about Annies letters and Emma's
think next to John she likes Emma -

Mrs + Mr Brown surprised me by a visit
late yesterday afternoon - she looked very well
and was very pleasant and talkative about
you - she really understands you perfectly - she
knows Arthur's work so intimately - appreciates
you as no one else could or would try to -
for its really quite a selfish world at present.
I often wonder if this youngish generation have
any souls? - they don't care to go to Church, don't
respect their elders - have no use for control or
advice from anyone and the future life has
no terrors and apparently no interest to them.
most of them care for and think of self first, they
are on a breathless rush all day and evening if
there is anything doing! -

Mrs Brown says she is going to ride to you -
Emma and Mark have been out dining all
the best part of the day - a sunny clear winter
day - (no fault to find with the climate) - she is
very nervous but well and contented with her young man.
Pa & Sam have gone to Mr Bartons funeral, he
died suddenly - he has been Oaklands City electrician
for many years - sang in the Congregational Church - I
don't know anyone who had more friends -

I met Mrs See. who was wēdely delighted with letters
from her Brother & wife &c. who were consumed
with regrets that you would not let them see
more of you - so the oftēn you can go see
them, the better pleased they'll be, and it will
not do for you to get busy or stay alone any-
more than you can help - Miss Harbuck must
be lonely - Please don't forget to weave your hair
loose, and grow it in thick on your head - for I
really want to see you with all your hair on
and not baldheaded - I shall think of you alone
all this winter - as I fear you'll be cold and won't
get your meals regularly - Arny works on his music
steadily and is kind to me - so is Sam - I had a
letter from Aunt today - Nina had been to a Party
much to Aunt's delight - I'm puzzled to my wits
ends to know what to send them for Christmas -
I had a kind letter from Paam last week - his
business is picking up - Pa works real hard for him
the Gurnham are well they always enquire for you.
Mrs Anderson sends her love - so do I -
I must now go get the table ready for dinner
so dear give believe me always
your loving
Ma

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