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Dear Dudu.

I was delighted to receive yours of the 4th inst yesterday morning and to know that you'd won that "Medaille" - you are a dear girl to let us know so promptly for we all are so interested, that Mrs Bann was around here less than an hour after the letter came, to know if we'd had letters - they had not received any from Arthur - Unfortunately had gone to market - and I am did not know - It was Pa's 60th birthday - he came home early in the afternoon (about 4.15) and when I informed him - he at once put on a complete new suit of clothes (he'd never had on) and started out to The Metropole to see the Arthur Banns and tell them the "news" - Mrs Bann had gone to Berkeley but Mr Bann was really much pleased - we all congratulate you - and hope you will have a Happy Christmas and a Glad New Year and that those Fearnings will invite you to their house for Christmas - they'll be shabby means if they don't - You just do your work and let Mrs Fearnings wait - I am very glad you will get your "Certificate" whatever you don't get.

It is a bright pleasant day. we've had a frosty
clear moonlight week - the mornings are just
like snow on the other side of the streets and
roofs. Pa slipped and fell on the corner of 11th
and Broadway and thought he was hurt but
the jar seems to worry him. He has new shoes
and Calendar which Emma gave him and
a pretty lot of Candy Amy gave him - quite cheered
him up. I met Mrs Barrell the mother of Sam Keeler
I don't know how she spells it. perhaps Sumner -
anyway her sister that you met in Paris is great
ly interested in you and wants to see me to
talk about you - The Keelers are all well -
Mrs Kate is well and all that family -
Agnes Mary wrote me a pleasant letter, she
is very happy - Phil is prosperous and Mary
"just beautiful" - and she was very happy
over the prospect of another just as beautiful
I sent her a good necktie and a very pretty
dress for Mary for Christmas - hope they'll get it -
she wrote she'd sent some Coffee from a
plantation Phil owned stock in - Kona Coffee - it
was real good of her - I don't know but from my
eyesight should infer that Elma Farnham is
engaged to Clifton Kroll do you remember
him - a dark haired (auburn) boy that used always
be at the Farnhams - he's very tall and

good looking and Emma is a very large
and quite good looking young woman. He
is in a Steamship office I guess - Arcey is
still buying Christmas presents - ^{by night} and drawing
book case for Captain Taylor's house - by day.
I hope Emma will like a rest for her vacation
This is all at present from your

Lonnie
Ma

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