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Dear George,

Our holidays commenced on Wed. last, that is to say, it was our first holiday. We got our reports for last term on Tuesday last. I was 4<sup>th</sup> in Greek, & 6<sup>th</sup> in Latin, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Geometry & in Algebra. I am studying some Homer, (in these holidays,) which we are going to commence after the holidays.

Anna went to Quebec on Tuesday last, by the ten o'clock train. She is to stay at the Mr. Simonts.

We had a <sup>dr</sup>wedding at our house last night. Sarah Frazer & ~~to~~ Mr. Borret, cabinet-maker of this city. Mr. Gibson married them, the ceremony being "short & sweet" as Rankine expressed it.

The weather is on the whole mild but rather changeable. It generally keeps below the freezing point; & sometimes once it was as low as  $-4^{\circ}$ .

In one of my previous letters, I ~~say~~ said that any particular star sets at the same time all over the world on the same day, disregarding latitude; but if you say crosses the meridian, it would be the exact same time, for any latitude. Of course even here you disregard the motion of the sun, or planet in question, while it travels from one meridian to another.

Papa got a large piece of ~~mistletoe~~ miseltoe from Mr. ~~Mc~~ Mr. Gibbon yesterday. I took one of the seeds out of a berry, & planted it <sup>on</sup> the branches of your accacia but I don't suppose it will grow. Hoping that <sup>(when this letter reaches you)</sup> you will have spent a merry Xmas & a happy new-year,

I remain your affectionate

William.