

THE MAPLES,
EGERTON PARK,
ROCK FERRY.

Jan 2nd 95

My dear George,

Your charming Christmas
present arrived quite safely & is, I
assure you, much appreciated. The
photos. are lovely & so many people
here are interested in the Rocky Mts.
that I will often have a chance of
exhibiting them - It was very kind
of you to send them to me & I only wish
that I had been clever enough to find
something to give you. But altho' I
thought of it on several visits to town
I utterly failed to discover anything

suitable or novel.

Our Christmas here passed off very pleasantly, except as regards the weather which was wet & dismal. There was the usual Yemas tree at Mr. Atkins, which was very pretty but Blanche declared that that the Candles had never been so well arranged as the year that you directed this difficult operation. The children were all in great form & even baby thoroughly enjoyed herself. Afterwards there was a magic lantern display to subdue the children to moderate quietness. ^{Sister's} first remark on the following day was "Come let us hurry & go to that Yemas tree again" & she was considerably disappointed to find that it had gone as mysteriously as

It had come - The ³ has got to the "why" & "what for" stage & is often difficult to convince. She & Baby discuss matters together, Silvia giving some more or less lucid account of the subject & Baby listening attentively & then simply repeating a decided No. to all statements.

We have been dining about at the different houses as is usual at this season. On New Year's day we went to Peters. They are at last through their troubles & all seem well again.

M^{rs} Kyser has returned to America after staying for 18 months with her much loved son-in-law!

I had a note lately from M^{rs} W. Kemp in answer to one which I wrote to Ella. In it he says that Ella has been suffering for a year from nervous weakness & that she cannot

rouse herself & attend to her Correspondence
I wonder what this means? He said
also to thank you for your address
which they had received -

I do not yet know whether you
attempted any festivities on Xmas.
My advice was for you & Papa & Mother
to join Anna & Eric & leave the other
children to amuse themselves - A
dollar spent on crackers & sweets
would have satisfied the younger
ones as well as any family reunion
& I understand that Clara was going
to be with Florence .

With love & best wishes for a
prosperous New Year,

From
Eva .