

We send in  
advance all  
Christmas  
Greetings

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Dear Rankin,

This being the  
Dominion Thanksgiving and  
a holiday, I by two notes  
I read you — one by  
London the other by  
San Francisco. In the  
first place we are all  
going well and going  
as usual. George  
has returned safe  
and sound from the  
Yukon adventure, and  
I hope his explorations  
will be of much service.  
\* Tell me which is next success

Ms. A. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.  
1870.

He was with us at  
a little family dinner  
a week ago, and we  
very needed you to  
smoke our circle complete  
one more. Mamma  
has had a severe cold  
which caused me some  
anxiety but she is  
indeed nearly well. The  
mending now  
very rough and wintry  
weather we have had  
this month has been  
against her; but we  
shall surely have a  
little Indian Summer  
yet. I had the

Manufacture to get a  
severe fall on one of  
my feet & corners,  
which damaged my  
left shoulder and  
rendered my right  
hand almost useless  
for some days; but  
it is much better now.  
I have reason to be  
thankful that I did  
not smash my head.  
The rest are all  
things. I deliver  
the University lecture  
for the Spring to-day

George with us and  
all the young people  
gathered together in  
health and peace  
for which we should  
be and are profoundly  
thankful, though we  
should have been  
still more rejoiced to  
have you and wife  
among us.

I have no news with  
me. Mrs. Carpenter is well  
& dined with us at annual  
Christmas. Ever your loving father  
J. M. Dawson