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Dear Rankine,

We all remember
you this new year's
morning, and send
you warm greetings
and good wishes.

For myself the
only thing I feel
disposed to write
is the old blessing
of Jesus the man

spelled like this
Laurin R.

of Jud. — (Chap. VI. 24)

"The Lord bless thee and
keep thee
The Lord make his face
shine on thee
and be gracious
to thee.

The Lord lift up
his countenance
upon thee and
give thee peace."

There can be no
greater or more cur²

prehearing blessing - may
it rest on all of us
on the year on which
we are entering.

Your letter to Anna
from Coleraba reached
her on Christmas eve
so that she was
able to give us all
good news of yours
on Christmas day,
on which we had

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 one more
among us.

I have no news worth
saying. Mrs Carpenter is well
& dined with us on annual
christmas. Ever your loving father
J M Dawson