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My dear Brother,

I have not written to you since Christmas, so now that I have a little time I will make use of it in writing to you. I will commence by telling what my Christmas gifts were; Mother gave me a very handsome pair of ear rings; Uncle gave me a very pretty finger ring; ^{and} Tommy gave me a prayer book, Tommy got a silver pencil with a gold pen from Mother, and a pair of studs from Uncle, I gave him "Scott's Poems", and I gave Nettie a ^{plain} gold ring. We had miserable weather the whole of Christmas week so I did not get out at all on the particular day. Mr Bullen gave us all a handsome New Year's gift, all books mine is called "Evenings at Donaldson Manor," it is beautifully bound, and is very interesting, Tommy's was "Washington and his Generals", Nettie's "The Snow Flake", they are both very pretty and entertaining. When did you hear from Grandpa? We hear nothing of him except by the newspapers, we learn from them that he is better, the accounts of his