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Miss R. C. [unclear]

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not expected before the 12th. proximo. We think it better to make some however to have the nurse in season. A new room has been made in the second story of our house wh. was de- fire impio- ished. E. ca. very well, I think she would say never better in her life. With love to all and
Mey Christ-
mas eve,
1883
Will.

Dear sister:

The last home mail brought me nothing from home, but I trust that you are all well as usual. Yesterday I mailed from here a package containing a few crepe scarfs some shell beads a few picture books and a tiger. There may be a small duty to pay on some of the things; but as all together are worth only a few dollars it can not be much. If anything please

collect - from Edward. The
Scarps I intend for you and
Mat - primarily; but if either
is suitable, please give one
to Vira. The picture books are
for the little ones of the fam-
ily and the beads for bottles.

About four days ago came
the first snow of the season
which remained any length
of time and a little has fal-
len almost every night since,
so that every morning the
mountains and trees to many
of wh the leaves still cling
have given the country the
appearance of fairy land.

This morning is particu-
larly bright, warm and

beautiful and the snow
is going rapidly. Nearly
all the crops of the fall
were secured before the
snow but a few turnips
remain in the fields.

Probably we shall have op-
portunity to finish harvest-
ing them; but if not they
will be uninjured till
spring remaining under
the snow as they do. The
ground is not one parti-
cle frozen - College work
goes on smoothly as ever.
I have more hours on duty
this term than ever before
but do not find it spec-
ially wearisome. The origi-

nal debates of the Senior
class upon Agricultural
subjects are particularly
interesting this year, for the
students of the present class
are very able for the most
part - and they take great
interest. Eight days ago
Mr. Bowen a San Francisco
Merchant who comes here
to purchase timber arrived
He lodges at Dr. Lutters &
takes his meals with us. He
is very jolly; but a man
who evidently scruples at nothing
who apparently affords a chance
for profit. We are to have a profes-
sional nurse from Tokio, an English la-
dy, formerly in a missionary hospital. She
is to reach here about the first of
December; but the new comers is