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Dear Sister Emmeline,

Here is an another

year & the first thing I want to
do is to write to you & tell you

how much joy your letter & gift gave
& what a Happy Christmas we
had. We had such fun trying to
decide how to spend the pound
we spent one whole evening over it
& spent it a thousand times
with great enjoyment but at last
decided to send it to the National
Geographic Society for a year's subscription

So with the money left over I bought
the ^{children} ~~each~~ each some handkerchiefs. I don't
know if you take the Geographic
but it has beautiful colored
photographs in it & Cady has
always enjoyed looking at it at
the library - it was a magazine
we ~~thought~~ would appeal to
all. How kind of you to think
of us it made us all so happy
& the children were so excited
it started Christmas ^{so early} for them.

I belong to a woman's club
here - there are about 800 members
they conduct study classes - do

social work etc. The Literature
department recently asked me to
take the Chairmanship - I refused
because I didn't feel capable
of it & just as I was reading
your letter the telephone rang
& I was asked to take the
Secretaryship. (The Secretary &
Chairman make up the programs
for two years.) The reason I
refuse these things is because
I hate to talk on my feet
well with your letter in my
hand I thought "what would
Sister Emmeline think of me being

so afraid so I said for I'd take
it. I can at least try so you
what you are responsible for.

We had a very Happy Christmas.
Dorothy is just like I used to
be. she believes implicitly in Santa
Claus - she wrote him the most
delightful letter of instructions -
she told what she wanted &
then gave a list of what she
thought the rest of us would
like. We gave her a pair
of shoes with skates attached
& she is quite a good skater.
We have a small river about 3

blocks away & this morning
being a holiday the whole
family went skating - Arthur &
Cathy doing most of the skating,
It was great fun - so many of
our friends were there with their
children - it was like Switzerland,
I keep on thinking - these children
don't know how lucky they
are - its one of the things I
like about America - I wish
you could have seen this place
Christmas week - it was just
like Fairyland - we had an
ice storm - there enough snow

to whiten everything - it was the most beautiful sight I ever saw. each individual twig had a coating of ice & you should have seen it sparkling in the sunshine. it was glorious.

We went out to dinner Christmas Day & in the evening went

to another friends to supper the children & grown up

together numbered 39 so you can imagine what a merry

party it was. The baby was adorable she was so good

in spite of being tired out.
I am so glad that Mr Lawrence
retained his seat - we looked
very carefully in all the papers
but got no information, a
mother of a friend of mine went
to England this summer for
a holiday & Oh she made me
so homesick talking about it.
She said that her one wish
is that if she ~~it~~ lives again
she hopes it will be in England.
Your cottage (as you call it) looks
so attractive - how I'd love to see
the inside - if you ever take any
snaps will you please send me

P.S.

The post yesterday brought me
Lawrence's speech - & Arthur read it
aloud last night to some friends.
I felt so proud - it made an
evening so interesting - it was
unanimously acclaimed by all
& I'm so happy to know that
the women still have a champion.
His ^{advocacy of the abolition of} capital punishment - caused
a great deal of discussion &
it makes me ~~think~~ ^{!!!} anything
you either of you champion
I feel must be right & get

during this Saeb & Seapald trial
here I felt the verdict was all
wrong. I suppose its because
people are let out of prison
here on such ^{small} technicalities if
they have any money. & the
crime here is terrific. there dont
seem to be any respect for
law. I'm thinking about it,
as a matter of fact I'm all
upset in my ideas. I've
just been reading the "Contrast"
by Hildaia Bellor & much to
my amazement he says that America

