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My dear Mr Belden.

A very happy Christmas, & a real peaceful year. I wonder what you are doing this Christmas. Have you a family party? So many at home? We I think will be very quiet. Mary & Waldo have 14 days vacation. They have had a very strenuous term with hardly any let up, so they are glad to have a little free time. I am kept very busy with the home to look after - & not too much help. I gave a recital at the London Academy of Music (where I am teaching next term.) Last week & had great success. Mr. Maitland is singing at a Classical Concert on Thursday - a group of Schubert. Since writing you last we have had a General Election, I think everyone was glad to have a change at any price. We are going through very

trying times just now. The Turkish question,
German reparations, & unemployment. The new
Government is certainly doing its best about
the latter & already work has been created.
& some good orders for the shipyards have
arrived which means work for many thousands.
It is going to take a long time before we can
get hatred & suspicion out of the souls of men.
What a blight war is - the terrible things it
leaves behind. We have been having some real
fine dry days, it has been quite a pleasure
to go about. But we have had a few days
last month of dense fog. It is quite curious,
but there is a peculiar fascination about
London fogs, rather difficult to explain.
Doaldo is enjoying his work very much. &
Some days they go to inspect old buildings
- churches etc. which is very interesting, also they
work in different museums, from time to time.
How are you keeping? Well I hope, & not
trying to do too much. Much love to
you dear Dr^d Belden & which we all join
Ever yours affly
Lorrie Pruitland