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My dear Dorothy

Very many thanks for your second Christmas present. It was such a surprise that tears came into my eyes & I was glad to be alone in my room.

I have put the note with the last one you sent me, & there is no need to worry about me as I live in a very small way & am alright for money.

I have never been with out money since your father died & feel now that I ought to have done more for you three, but I seemed to live on the edge of a precipice, in case of illness or anything happening I would be able to keep our heads above water, but now as things have worked out I wish I had done more for you, but I often think I am happy to know how wonderful

it is that all is so well
with us.

Sorry I have not written be-
fore but I have been troubled
with the irritation which has
now eased up, & have also had
a little of the old trouble
which I hope will be put
right when I go to hospital
again, have also had a cough
but am now taking Kayp
Essence which I hope will
soon remedy that.

Eladip had fixed up for a
shampoo & set for her self &
a perm. for me. So yesterday
I made an effort & with a
rug in the car they took
me to Canterbury & at 11.9c
W. called back for us & they
went shopping & called for
me later. It was very cold
& I went straight to bed.

I hope the weather will improve by the 16th. If the roads are bad, I expect the Sumdens will call at the College 12.45 for the loop & then fast train to London.

Co. gave me your brandy yesterday & I paid him & will give you the change if I come to the wedding.

Please thank Charles for his very nice letter received this morning.

The carnations are still lovely, & the watch is wonderful. I hope Barbara will wear it when I pass on!

My love to you & all
best wishes for the new year.
from your affectionate
mother