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My dear Friends:

Will it even be appropriate to say  
Happy New Year this late? We haven't  
been behind in our thoughts, but the  
getting of things done this year has  
been a month or two behind schedule.  
Anyway, we speak of you often. Wish  
for you each much joy at this season  
of the year and a Blessed New Year  
in which to serve the master. D. has  
been a long time since we've heard  
from you. We judge that you have  
all been extremely busy as we have.  
We have been too busy. Mother D.  
was very ill for 2 weeks, but is now  
teaching again. We are happy her life  
was spared. She had a very deep cold  
and dysentery. At the time Grandmother  
had a bad cold and Edwin and I were  
in Tokyo when she was at her worst. I  
took cold & had to go to bed in Tokyo so  
when the telegrams came Edwin was in  
between 2 fires. He stayed with me till  
my fever was over then returned home.  
I came back the next week and am try-  
ing to carry on as best I can under some  
limitations of health. Really, I haven't  
felt good this year so things have been  
in a drey all the time. Then too, we have  
had many interruptions to our regular  
work. But many have been blessings.  
How we did enjoy the Dodd's visit &  
we are looking to Mr. & Mrs. Margaret

Mr. and Mrs. Mather's visit in Jan. &  
Mr. Maddry's again in the spring.  
My cook has been working some in  
the yard. The large cana bed, have been  
removed. The red bed now has been  
reduced into a oblong bed in which 50  
tulips bulbs have been planted. The yellow  
cana bed has been made into star shape,  
I plan to plant pansies in it early in the  
year. The canas were moved to the  
lower part of the yard. The other round  
bed has been removed and grass put  
in its place so you see that some changes  
have been made. It looks better. When  
we grow tired of it we will make another  
change I guess. Now the pool has brought  
lots of joy. Everybody enjoys looking at the  
goldfish. The salvia in both yards is  
still pretty. We have our house de-  
corated for Christmas. Last ~~that~~ evening  
the F. F. Guild met here. The little scene you  
left for us to use is being enjoyed along side  
our Christmas tree. Santa has played a  
few things about the tree. I have (oh - yet a  
secret) for Edwin some field glasses. Really  
I think it will be a real surprise to  
him. We are expecting Mr. Sabroth for the  
holidays. And others to come in to visit.  
I will have Turkey on Christmas Day if our  
order is filled. Wish that you could be here  
to enjoy it with us. We have nice celery  
and lettuce in the garden. We wish that  
we could peep in on your Christmas. We  
wonder where you are, what you're doing etc.

We have sent the games to the folk in Palis-  
tine - I'm sorry they have been so delayed. I  
had looked several times but only at this season  
these little tricks were found on the counter at  
Samoye's.

The cook's sister had another baby boy  
today born to her. We trust he will live & grow  
up to be a Christian. Kiyomi's son has English  
every day. He knows quite a few songs now.  
Love from all of us - Wiers + Wendin. Mary Ellen