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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. Madsen &

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 change
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