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Dear Aggie & Julia. - Just by chance I went to the post-office today and got the box addressed to Grace. They are going to have a Christmas tree, so I have hidden it away to be opened on Christmas morning and contents put on the tree.

Thank you ever so much, although I do not know what is in the box. I also got your letter containing \$1.25 from Mr Bartrawd. it almost surprised me, as I was afraid he would put you off. I was so sorry to hear about Eli James. poor fellow. if he is

innocent it is too bad. Amelia
need never expect any favours
from the people on the Reserve
after this, so she is standing in
her own light. Edward is keeping
much the same. poor fellow
he is getting so tired lying in
bed, I have fancied he has not
felt as well these last few
days, but he is looking forward
to a merry Christmas, and a
good dinner of fat-goose that my
sister is going to bring into us
tomorrow. Mr Mc Lachlan of
the Business College sent us
a cheque for ten dollars last
week. so you see our presents
are beginning to come. Grace
is working in a store for the
holidays. so she will have a

little money of her own to spend. I am enclosing this stuff to make you each a rustle for your neck. double the bottom up and pleat it behind the silk edge, and it makes a good full one. My finger is still sore have to keep it bandaged up I went down to the doctor today and asked him if I could not take it out, and he said I must not expose it yet. I am getting so tired working with my left hand. I must close wishing you a Merry Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year in which Edward joins. with love,
Mary.