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13th Dec. 93

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2nd Jan.

My dear Pippa

A merry Xmas
and a happy new year. (I
hope you had. I have just disco-
vered that you won't get this
till next year so I am rather
late with my greetings. This
is a painful word but I cannot
think of any other except
goodwishes which is worse
so let it pass, which apply
to the whole family who

I hope on seeing this will
all at once sit down and
return the compliment in
3 sheets each.

I went to Calcutta last
week for two days chiefly
to go to the St. Andrew's dinner
which is held there every year
with great solemnity. There
were pipers haggis &c all
complete and we were all
given a sprig of heather for
our buttonholes. I went as
Rutherford's guest. Herbert is

in blooming health, Calcutta
evidently agrees with him - by
the bye he is greatly enraged
with you for not answering
his last 18 letters. I also
saw Lewis Paul who talks of
going home on furlough next
year. Hughie is now living
with me here which is an
improvement on living in soli-
tary grandeur.

My burra sahib is now F.
Wright; the Azamul district has
been divided into two, Wright
taking the Sherria and Topori

lines and Highest the Chord
line pro. tem. I fear they
will bring in an outsider ~~for~~
~~this~~ to be D.E. of this district
because, but dont tell anyone,
there is noone among the senior
engineers who is fit to act for
Robertson;

With many thanks to Frednie
for his excellent photographs
farewell

yr. loving brother

Ralph

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