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Xmas Day
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My dear Pippa

I got your letter
yesterday telling about the
Survey and at once wrote off
to Robertson about it. I
hope he will agree as that
is just the sort of thing
I should love. I shall
know by next mail as he
is passing through Allahabad

on the 29th Today is Xmas
day and I expect at the
present moment ($\frac{1}{2}$ past 1) you
are just getting up & saying
Merry Christmas to Pernel.

I have already been sent
2 or 3 Christmas presents called
Dollies that is to say baskets
of vegetables and also one
large fish from various de-
pendants. however I have not
been pleased to accept them
as the idea is to get "buck-

sheesh in return - which is
not at all in the Christian
spirit? I am going to have
dinner with the Abbatts to-
night; as helly & always goes
to bed & before dinner, I have
not been asked there. Tomorrow
the As are going to a place
called Shimrajpur where there
is an old fort & I am going
with them - You get to the

place on an elephant, so I expect it will be rather fun.

N.B. It is now Christmas holidays for 3 days.

I am now living in my new house & am very busy in putting up dadoes carpets pictures &c. As you will see I have got a new stock of writing paper. How do you like it? Tell Mags that when I right I will send a picture.

Y^r loving

Ralph 911(d)

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