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Mo Milly heboz forgt to enquire for you, but have hall a thrubh stormy hor-, one feaful gal damagio if the old house duch The clase in abunbar so much close at hand. I am that the Inspector of work writing to wish you has ordered it all to be and all your dear fulled down as dangery family a bright and To lefe! Do we have to duz Ih relderate Wheelan Joyand Xmass! also wa extitule cleared aways your friends hear what changes we do live Del will your dear burn you - We are wearing accept of X has card from to have a letter from Dunbazi maggie john her m bery hand byang 01747

ohe hever forgets to. We can hear nothers note after you also me of you since you los Swipool basinsi ga Portuge; but we do will remember . old his brust you got all sepe home, and found 8 m La hugus, Mon A-deed last mouth I do not think all well and glad m- h. will be long to su their dear. a stroke of paralying banderes! The hore in their midstdam writing your thather many a think Maggier she will be sorry to hear I talk over your bish at- mis lugues. To abery To Dunbur, he will old friend they used hour forgot the Dumhur to play to gether, when 4/93-when Swan Bairles! the Melvilles are writes

Westfield, Dunbar, Dec. 9th, '93.

My dear Cousin:

We are near the end of this year, Christmas close at hand. I am writing to wish you and all your dear family a bright and joyous Christmas, also all your friends near you. We are wearying to have a letter from you. We can hear nothing of you, since you left Portage, but we do trust you got all safe home and found all well and glad to see their dear wanderer once more in their midst. Many a time Maggie and I talk over your visit to Dunbar. We will never forget the summer of '93. When Susan writes she never forgets to ask after you, also our Liverpool cousins. You will remember old Mr. and Mrs. Angus, Mrs. A.died last month. I do not think Mr. A. will be long behind her; he has had a stroke of paralysis. I am writing your Mother. She will be sorry to hear about Mrs. Angus [who] is a very old friend. They used to play together when bairns. The Melvilles all well. Mrs. M. never forgets to enquire for you. We have had a terribly stormy Nov., one fearful gale damaged the roof of the old house down the close in Dunbar so much that the Inspector of Works has ordered it all to be pulled down as dangerous to life, so we have to put our shoulders to wheel and get it all cleared away. What changes we do live to see. Will your dear bairns accept of Xmas card from Dumbar? Maggie joins me in very kind regards, and best wishes for the coming joyous season. Expecting to hear from you soon if not too busy to write.

Your affectionate cousin,

Margaret Hay Lunam