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Letter from Margaret Whitney Pratt, New York,  
New York, to Anne Whitney, Boston,  
Massachusetts, 1897 December 31

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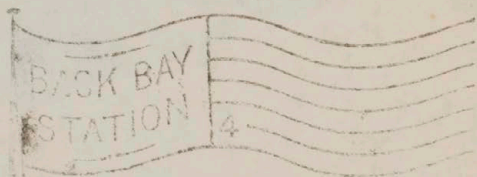
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NEW YORK  
DEC 21  
10 PM



Miss Anne Whitney  
"The Charlesgate"  
Boston  
Mass.



for their action which we <sup>all</sup> feel  
sure carried out Uncle Edward's  
intention toward us.

I had a nice holiday letter  
from Mary Home and at  
her writing Aunt Carrie was  
still away. How fortunate  
she is to have such a family  
interest - and so many of her  
own left to enjoy each other  
in their declining years.

Mother is recovering from  
a bronchial cold - in fact  
quite well again - so that  
she goes up and down  
town in independent fashion  
when the weather will permit.

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1897.

203 West 103<sup>rd</sup> Street.



Dear Aunt Anne -

I cannot  
let the New Year come in without  
sending on its way a kindly  
wish that it may bring health  
and happiness to you. When  
I think of you and your  
work - that the flight of years  
does not hinder - it is some-  
thing to marvel at and  
rejoice over! I sent a gift  
to (well, as George put it)  
to "the youngest boy we know"  
last evening, to add to the cheer

of his eightieth birth-day cele-  
bration. I also wrote a poem<sup>3</sup>  
to accompany the gift. and  
consequently after that brain  
racking effort. spent a sleep-  
less night. I shall rally in  
a few days. I have not heard  
yet how the family stood  
the ordeal.

This has been a hopelessly  
rainy day and most enjoy-  
able. a friend came to lunch  
in spite of the torrents. and  
we had the flat "swept and  
garnished" (whatever that  
means) for the New Year.  
I want to thank you so

heartily for your letters and  
the interest and mind-trouble  
you took that brought things  
to a climax. It is no small  
thing to introduce a matter  
such as this into your daily  
cares and give time and  
thought. and I feel as if  
such a load had been taken  
from me. whatever the  
developments or results may  
be in regards the other  
members of the family -  
Mr Lowe wrote immediately  
to Mr Kingsley and after hear-  
ing from Mr H. I wrote to  
Mr Lowe. "Thanking the executors

George has been looking very thin and been quite an object of solicitude in the congregation. - Ever since our trip he has been losing flesh - seemed to have some malaria - but now he is looking a little better and I trust is going to make up for such an unusual proceeding on his part. He seriously objects to any sympathy or comments. So if you want to keep in his good graces - and save me from reproaches for mentioning such uninteresting facts in your letters - do not express any concern. Tonight

We have "a watch night service"  
at the Church. Our choirs have  
a reception - with dancing and  
refreshments in the new Parish  
House from nine until eleven &  
then they put on the choir vest-  
ments and go into the Church  
and sing the old year out -  
and the new in.

Give our love and New Year  
Greeting to dear Miss Manning.

George has been down  
town this long rainy day -  
attending to Church matters.  
Last night he went to the Oratorio  
of the Messiah - he enjoyed  
it to the full - found it glorious  
although he stood up all through.  
He goes every year -  
Most gloriously yours  
"Margaret Jr."