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Delhi Bridge

29th Dec. 97

My dear Pappa,

Christmas has come and gone and left us with woolly heads and damaged digestions. The fun began on Thursday when a large and distinguished company assembled viz.

From Calcutta Messrs Findlay & Cockslett. Findlay you know; he is Deputy Chief and was in our chumney at Victoria Terrace. Cockslett is one of the new Construction Engineers and is P.A. to Stone.

From Gya Mr & Mrs Delicore

(resident at) R.E. M.G. Ry. Both v. nice.

From Sarreram

Mr. Rankin C.S.

late of Edinboro' town, now
magistrate of these parts.

From Khamabad W. Thomas A.E.
M.G. Ry. late of R.I.E.C Coopers
Hill.

This made a total of 14 for
our Xmas party. On Friday
& Saturday we had lawn tennis
and badminton tournaments, ~~both~~
both of which I was unfortun-
ately put out in the first
round. Christmas dinner at
Palmer's with Simitin plum-
pudding and crackers. After
dinner the Dehri Amnic
gave a seance.

On Sunday we had a grand
cricket match, Officers v. Sub-
ordinates - eleven a side with

a sumptuous lunch in the pavilion.

We went in first and made 196
of which Nicholl who is rather a
good cricketer made 85 and R.S.
7. They then went in and
made 82, after which glorious
victory we dispersed to meet
again at the Turkmans for din-
ner and another night of revelry
ensued. The guests all de-
parted on Monday and peace

reigns once more. Several groups
and other photographs were taken
of which I will send you copies.

I am most excited about the
three in one which I expect to
get today. No letter was re-
ceived last week which may have
gone astray as the P.O. here is

very bad and letters are con-
tinually being lost so if any
important news was given please
repeat. I have got the good
idea of putting numbers on
letters sent so that we shall
be able to tell if a letter
has missed or not. This is
no. 1.

Does Bather ever come to
see you? I sent him a
Xmas card with a lovely poem
about microbes.

With kind regards

Your loving brother

Ralph