

Sunday School
 this afternoon!
 I thought it would
 not do them much
 harm for once. I
 stand being
 trying to make
 the order
 safe but rain
 strings are
 very green and
 I did not cut
 for on Saturday
 and of course
 T. J. Thompson

much written on Friday, and
 I do not suppose I shall leave
 much time this coming week.
 I will start this for you to leave
 it about Christmas. To be a
 stranger in a strange land at
 all, you could not be in a
 better place than home, for such
 a time, for there is so much to
 make one forget the interior
 affections of the time. I re-
 member in O. P. T. G. Cook's, the
 description of the men's music
 and singing. It would be the
 same fifty years ago, when he
 wrote, as it is now. We have
 got ourselves pretty well settled

as to generalities, but every
hour brings some little arrange-
ment that has to be made. It
is our the chimney that all have
straight flues, and when it rains
or blows, as it has done nearly
ever since we came, such a
roaring and spitting goes on
as is very disturbing. I am
going to leave pieces of tin, as
I had in my little room, put
into all of them, with holes to
make a vent for the gas. The
damp draught in the rooms
is tremendous, and makes
them very cold without this
arrangement. The house
however, presents a very good
appearance, considering the
little we have been able to
spend upon it. The necessaries

expenses have amounted to
over a hundred pounds, and
we have nothing really to show
for this, all having gone in
furniture and repairs, and
removal. I am the most satisfied
with my fern blinds. I was doing
one when your letter came with
the violets and I put them in.
Julia put in the lot of maiden
hair which the work gave you,
and a spray of the moss from
the Stambach which has been
round the fern ever since you
sent it. And I have put in an
ivy leaf from that "decoration"
which was made in the Christmas
of '83. I remember mamma
coming downstairs on that
Christmas afternoon and
watching us make it. And
many of the other leaves have their

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our story. Yesterday we got the
linoleum on the stairs from
top to bottom. The dressing room
standing looks imposing with
the big tiger skin. That room
was difficult to measure, all
one side being windows, but I
have overcome the difficulty
in a way which is both econ-
omical and effective, as well
as amusing to those who are
behind the scenes. Had I
come tomorrow, I will keep this
until after he has arrived. What
a time of excitement it will be
for him. I am glad he needed
us to be settled before his
coming. I had your card
this morning.ilian and Neal
are going to write to you for Christmas
he shall be ready for you any time.
The car fires are much better here.
The dressing room one is really
very good. I have taught in the