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Malvera Lunk.

Dec. 1 /80.

Dear Papa,

I hope you are

having a very happy^p Christ-
mas and new year too I am

glad you have arrived safe^{r.}

ly and and found every

thing all right. both Mother

and Grandmama have

very bad colds and have when you were here before

been in bed for three or for^u last week Mrs Greaves sent

says the house seems very ^{school} a lot of books which Mrs. Brody

uncomfortable without them Aunt out of when she was a

Brother has had ~~his~~ a Jan little girl and now we are

- Jonel pear tree planted going to hang out of them

in the garden instead of an too. but I must finish

old apricot just useless of now for I must go to

I wish you had had some bed

Good bye

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Your aff. son

Noel Stephenson

Dec 2nd. I must finish my letter on Noel's paper. My cold is better and I am downstairs today, and I hope I shall soon be all right again. Mamma is mending too. I had your good letter last night, and right glad I am to hear that you are settled down again. "It must needs be that offences come" but you have true friends there who will stand by you and the right, and I am sure that in the end all will be well. You have not much longer now to struggle on in Allahabad. It has been a place of toil and tumult to us both, but I think it has left a good mark upon our lives. How my heart I can feel all that you write of your longing that we could be together. That little time that you were here has given us more closely to each other in every way. How often I wish I could come to you and shut you closely up in my arms, but we must bide our time. I do hope God will spare your health and strength to come back to us, and that we shall have some happy years all together in our English home. Remember me to all enquiring friends, specially to the Dalrys. I see and the plots. When I can. My love to Mrs Pearson, Mrs Dodd. Shall hope, if possible to see Mrs Trub. Will she be in this neighbourhood. With a loving kiss I am ever
Yours