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Dear Mr. Glenny:

We have just heard from John Bell of your engagement to Miss Jessie Saunders, and so I must just write to congratulate you, and to express in Eleanor's name, as well as my own, our good wishes to both of you.

Here we are in the midst of Christmas preparations, as everyone else is. We have just finished getting off Christmas cards, and a very large mail comes in every day. For Christmas we shall have a very old friend of Eleanor's staying with us. She is a teacher in Toronto, and we have kept touch with her through the years. Then a school friend of Elspeth's who has moved to Ottawa will come for a few days after Christmas. We are always given a turkey from a group of country Presbyterians at Christmas time, so we always invite some people to help us to eat it. Besides the family and our guest we shall have a European Catholic woman who is a great friend, and a close link with some parts of the French Canadian world here. We have just asked also a boy from near Hamilton who is alone in the world and is a graduate student at Laval University in Science, and comes to St. Andrew's Church. When I called him up this morning he sounded so surprised and pleased. We may also have the principal of John's school, who is also alone in the world.

Elspeth will be 13 in January. She continues to do well at school, and is getting tall, but we are all slim in this family. She has just joined the school band, and is learning to play the clarinet. She does quite well at the piano now.

John will be 10 in February. He has come to life intellectually within the past year. He has always been one to enjoy things, and now the quest for knowledge is one of his enthusiasms, particularly in history and literature.

We have had a very busy year, but I can't go on now. Our best wishes to both of you for Christmas, and in your life together.

Yours sincerely,

Wilfred F. Butcher