

P.S. Kind regards to your
father, sisters & brother
excuse this short note
there is very little of
any interest to write
about. C.D.

20 West Gibson Esq

My dear son accept
my sincere thanks for
those beautiful pictures
one of M. & one of yourself
let me assure you that
I prize them very much
they are so life like.
As they arrived a few
days before Christmas
I shall consider them as
a Christmas gift, & one
exceedingly acceptable
You & Mary are too far
away to send a Christ-
mas gift to so that it

must be deferred to
another time.

I suppose that you have
had a very merry time
of it with such an
houseful of company
& all young folk,

I learned some days
ago that Mr & Mrs
Joseph Humphries & family
had gone south, also Mrs
& Miss W-. This climate
is very trying for one in
delicate health.

How do you & M perform
the honors of the table?

With ease & grace I
suppose, & by the time
you are ready to commence
at home it will be quite
natural to each of you
to preside at the domestic
board - (It seems so strange
to think of Mrs presiding
over a household, & I have
no doubt it will be done
with dignity & propriety,
as becomes a lady -
A happy New Year to you!
Yours with esteem and
affection C. Duncan