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Mrs. Nellie Brainard
1211 South Franklin
~~Mt. Pleasant~~, Michigan

Midland

Dec. 20th, 1888.

Dear Folks:-

Arthur & Maurice have just gone to
the High School to sing where the
Messyings ~~will~~ to be given at 2 o'clock,
so I will try to write you a little.
I am thinking that V. is home &
that you are all happy together once
more. I am hoping that she was
able to make the journey safely.
It is, or will be tomorrow, just a
week since I came here and since
Mary left for N. Y. Still nothing
has happened there as far as we

know. The Mt. Pleasant college closed on Friday
& Hal - it seems - wants to go to N. Y. and finds
he can only get a reservation for Christmas
eve. Also a letter has come to Lucile inviting
her to visit ~~them~~ visit Bob's parents with him.
I think I wrote you that he planned to go
home for Christmas. His father is a farmer
living near Champaign, Ill. Of course she
wants to go. Of course it upsets all Christmas
plans for the day for us. Maurine has asked
to have the festivities here. Maurine & Co. are
planning to go to Bad Axe for Christmas day
Her brother has been drafted & must leave
soon. So you see how it is. Mary hoped to be
home for Christmas - Now how long she will
feel she ought to stay in N. Y. is quite uncertain.
Hal's train leaves Saginaw about midnight so they
could manage to have the dinner, distribute the
gifts Christmas Eve & he could get to S. in time
to catch his train, also Bob & Lucile could leave
at once for it seems he is ~~to~~ expecting to have
to drive all night. I must stop. I am afraid you
won't be able to read this. Love from Mother

P.S. Later Monday:- Still I find it hard
to write but I must tell you that Dorothea
has a little son. He is ^{just} ~~born~~ ^{born} this
morning. ^{He} ~~He~~ ^{He} ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~heard~~ ^{heard} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ
singing. It has been decided to have
Christmas as always on East P.

Yours truly
Mother.