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Will Father please thank Miss Collins for her letter & Xmas Card, specially for the latter

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Nannie is making all sorts of plans for Xmas, she is preparing paper chains to decorate our dining room & has carefully saved the paper bell you sent the first year.

Arabic lessons are going strong, I am getting quite a stiff neck through trying to pronounce the gargling sounds, we do have some good laughs over it.

Thanks ever so much for arranging about my things for exhibition. I am glad Miss Collins

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did so well.

Amice sends her love to Pat & wishes her a Happy Xmas. she forgot to put the message in her letter.

With lots of love & a Happy Xmas to all.

Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.