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From the
West Branch
and from the heart
come the old words.

God bless us every day.

Bill and John Doe

[Signature]

Westport, Connecticut

December 25th, 1913.

written by hand and by fire.

Dearest -

Here is how we look to day —
it is all just as you left it — only more
lovely for seeing it from a distance a while.
When one is too near, he is apt to take for granted
even life's greatest blessings. There is always
that fearful urge for accomplishment which
forces us on - on - on - and in going
we lose sight of what has been accomplished
with great love. It bears silent witness to our
love - yes, even with its shortcomings. It is
bright with sunshine - this New Year's Day -
and peace enfolds it. I send them to you
darling, in a special envelop. with this
little snip of green from your own cedars.
God bless you my darling - This year is
full of promise. Let us never lose sight
of the realities - keep our faces toward
the light - God keep you warm inside and
out - my blessed John - I love you so .
Ever. M.