

Washington City
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Mary,

It is 10 o'clock Sunday evening & the rain is beating against my window in dark & lonesome cadence & I have rec^d. no line from home the past week. Congress has adjourned until the 4th of Jan. & a large part of the members have gone home. It will cost too much of labor & expense for me to go home for so short a visit and especially at this time when our session is to close so soon.

Yesterday I went with Mr. Foot, by special invitation, to take a Christmas dinner with Col. Roberts, at Georgetown. The Col. besides his family had some few personal friends. Mr. Scott, a Rep-