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DAVID DOUGLAS
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10 Castle Street

Edinburgh Dec 5 1904

My dear Mr Murray

Another generation nearly gone
and before it ends I wish to acknowledge
your kind gift by Mr Murdoch of
your daughter's portraits. Let me
congratulate you upon the possession
of the originals - What would our
households be without the "Corner
stones". I hope you will bring them
across to see them in their country, and
to let them see how Edinburgh looks
in 1904. I send by the same mail
a little volume for your acceptance.

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written by the daughter of an old friend
of mine, Purjean or Masson. -
Murdoch gives a good account of you
all; he enjoyed his trip to America
very much which was a treat for
a man at his age, but he appears to
be more the worse. - I had heard
of you before he came back through
the last volume of the Boone &
Crook Club. where President
Roosevelt tells of his tramping in
the Yellowstone country. - - one
of the best volumes in the Club
series - Your old friend Willie
(in spite of or rather as a winding
up of his asthma) still indulges in
his love for mountain climbing.

I think I told you that two years ago he managed to get a few days among the Selkies during a few water holidays: four of which I sarcastically told him were spent in continuous travelling, being one for climbing; he managed the ascent of some lower to some other. I had to pass under the low arch which he could afford to go in three months - but you know what young men are; I wish he could have gone south to California but the time was too short even for the facilities of Railways - and I think you were then away

or preparing for your voyage round the world. - If you have published any account of your experiences on the ship through Russia or any magazine please tell me & I will get it. -

We are still going on in our old good way at Drummond Place. Thankful for all our blessings among the latter - but the best are my wife & daughter. -

Please to make my respectful compliments to Mrs. Macmillan & your daughter & wish all good wishes for the year soon close at hand.
I am yours very faithfully
John James Macmillan