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Letter from Margaret Whitney Pratt, New York, New York, to Anne Whitney, 1896 December 13

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ful of the fact that
you promise to visit
us after the holidays
and these festive times
are near at hand do
not change your mind.
We have the little apart-
ment always ready for
a great transformation
Scene - library by day -
bedroom at night - and
we are longing for a
guest - and especially
for you -

Mother has just com-
pleted one of her long
continued colds - I am

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Sunday Dec 13th
[1896?]

Dear Aunt Anne,

When I saw
Miss Manning in Brooklyn
a fortnight ago - I said
I should, send my own
message to you before
she saw you - as I had
long been in your debt -
But alas I failed - I
came home and wrote
three pages of a letter
and then was inter-
rupted - George picked
it up and read

it - and objected to
my "flight of fancy" and
generalizations - so that
spoiled that document
and it went the way
of all rubbish - and
thought I will confine
myself entirely to facts.
Mother and I are going
to church this evening -
principally to hear our
choir give the "Inflammatus"
from the "Subat Mater" -
we have a beautiful so-
prano - her voice is
so lovely that she will
only stay a short time

longer with us as there
is no money in it - but
goes on a concert tour
- I shall miss George
in the chancel this eve-
ning as he is the regular
Sunday night preacher -
but Dr. Peters had an
invitation for him to preach
in Brooklyn - so he has
gone over there - as the
church is on Pacific
St & Fourth Ave - he may
have time to go farther
up town & see some
of the family.
I am not unimind -

not heard from Belmont
direct for a long time -
I will write Aunt Carrie
before Christmas -

The chimes are ringing
sweetly and so plain -
as all the windows are
open this day instead
of December night -

Our fondest love to
you in town and
country - and do not
fail to make us the
holiday visit.

Lovingly yours
"Maggie"

Very glad it is comple-
ted and not just begun.
She is ready for any-
thing. We went to the
Private Manuscript Con-
cert last night - George
subscribes, and the
private concerts are par-
ticularly enjoyable - a
short regular program
and then an impromptu
one and general chatting
and sociability among
the musicians and mem-
bers with accompaniments
of light punch - lager

and sandwiches -

I have just been running
a "New England Lunch"
in the Parish House -

Always thankful when
the things are over - but
something else is ready.

I presume Emma is
expending her energies in
preparation for the large
reception she gives on
Friday to launch Emily
into Society - four
years in college and
four months abroad
Imagine how crowded
her with a good many

ideas. I want to get
acquainted with the
young lady and see how
she has developed under
all this experience.

George is pretty well
now after touches of
grip and malaria -
I am rather stiff and
somewhat plastered
up - I try to take Lithia
but I don't think it suits
me - Miss Manning
said you had a slight
trouble of the same
kind - I hope it has
left you - We have