

pen and write a letter containing these words :—

“MY DEAR DAUGHTER,

“It is Christmas—a time of peace and good-will. Come down to me, and bring all your children, and brighten the old house. I shall expect you on Thursday, and the past shall be all forgiven and forgotten.—I am,

“Ever your affectionate father,

“SILAS BALDWIN.”

The other was to open his old-fashioned desk, unfasten its secret drawer, and take from thence a five-pound note. This he put into an envelope, writing on the inside these words, “A token of good-will from ‘the old screw!’” and directing it to Master Ernest Leslie.

