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My dear Mr. Parker,

Right glad was I to see your good handwriting hand in the letter to my dear Father which reached this in New Year's Eve. I gave a satisfactory account of you both, as well as of your son, who seems to be growing more and more of a companion of friend as he increases in years. It must be since you heard...
from us that my eldest brother, whom you remember in China, is married. He is a stranger, but they have more than six little children. The eldest is a fine little boy, three years old, named John. They live very near us, so it is a great delight to me all to have them quite within reach. My brother Lion, who visited us in Hong Kong, has left India, and his wife and children is now at Fort Canning. Edgar, the youngest of the brothers, is in the army.
resides in London, &c. &c. The baron is still unmarried. Edith is
now staying with us, but spends
most of her time with an aged
man, the only remaining member of our
dear Short's family. Though much
older than the rest. Our dear Emily
died in Hong Kong last August
of the tropical fever which so
often proves fatal. My father
has wonderful health upon the
whole, & his energy of activity
might just to shame many a
younger man. This unusually
cold weather has however affected
him a good deal.  I both kindness
Baweing are invalids at present.
Mrs. Parker

He is too old to think of journeying across the Atlantic, much as he has always wished to visit America. Perhaps you may all be tempted to come over to the old country together, in which case you would have a warm welcome from us.

With best wishes for the New Year, always affectionate and loving,

Mr. Bourne