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Main body of handwritten text, consisting of several lines of cursive script.

Handwritten text at the bottom right of the page, possibly a signature or date.

1873
Xmas

My dear Mother
I received your kind letter
of the 27th and was glad
to hear from you. I am
well and hope these few
lines will find you the same.

I have not much news
to write at present. I am
still in the same place
and doing the same work.
I hope to hear from you
again soon.

I am sure you are all
well and happy. I love
you all very much and
am sure you will love
me as much as ever.

I am, my dear Mother,
your affectionate son,
John Smith

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