

our not going down, than we are your and coming  
up here. The question of down is largely my reason,  
I haven't had a new evening dress in years, as I  
never need it here and I don't want to spend  
money on a useless luxury. I have a black one  
that is all I need here. What being settled the shop  
now proceed to the next item;  
I agree with you that the nicest gift is one selected  
by the donor, but under the circumstances there is no  
doubt in my mind that the children would prefer  
quite a change. There is nothing they really want - just the  
and in the case of Peck giving you last year's Christmas  
present enabled them to get their own shoes in which  
they often find it all summer. The certainty could  
not have had them except in your generosity. As to John

Set up for your birthday, but  
some of us would like to give you an  
extra bundle - you have quite  
enough to carry. It goes without  
saying that we would love to  
have you here but we all know  
how much you are. I don't  
think we will go down for the  
banquet for we would only have  
a handshake if we even got  
that. I shall be driving at night  
on slippery roads. We hope  
stray will be too busy to take  
the day off. John will have  
to represent the family this  
time, unless something turns  
up to make it easier for us  
to go. I know you are no  
more likely to misunderstand

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