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WHATCOMBE,
BLANDFORD.
—AND TELEGRAPH—

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My dear & kind General

I have intended writing to you for some days past. but put it off from day to day in hopes of getting a suitable opportunity for photographing. I took the opportunity of one bright day & took a nice series. The wind was high & when on the point of taking the last the tripod was blown over. The dark chamber disarranged by the shock & the whole series it contained was

celly spirit.!! To
day is bright but too
cold for sedentary
pastimes. I am
reading an interesting
ethnographical work
chiefly with reference to
the 'New World' by Daniel
Wilson. I dare say you have
seen it or it was published
in 1892. I hope a treat
the warm winter weather
has been favourable to
you & that you are not
suffering from the bronchitis
which was afflicting you

when last you wrote.
My wife & I wish you
& Mrs Pitt Rivers a very
happy Christmas &
the coming 1899.
When sick you & your
be married we should
like to give them a
little cadeau.

& Believe me
Dear you - affectionately
H. Mansel-Pleydell