

## **Class VIII**

### **The Best Christmas Present in the World (part 3)**

#### **Summary**

The author put the letter back into the envelope and drove into Bridport. He meant to hand over the letter to Connie (Mrs. MacPherson). Connie was now 101 years old. Her house had caught fire, but she was saved. She was in conservatory.

The author wished her 'Happy Christmas' and gave the letter to her. She recognized the writing of her husband and felt very happy. She mistook the author for Jim who had come home, as promised on Christmas. She kissed the author on the cheek and asked him to read the letter to her. She wanted to listen to the voice of her husband. She said that he (Jim) himself was the best Christmas present to her.

## **Word Meaning**

- 1.** Lit up – became bright with happiness, excitement
- 2.** Suffused with – (glow of happiness) spread all over her face
- 3.** Burned out – destroyed by fire
- 4.** Boarder- up – covered with wooden boards.
- 5.** Muddle- headed- confused