

My dear Sir,

I take the pen from  
my Secretary to answer your  
kind Christmas message with  
my own hand.

Many thanks for your pleasant  
greeting in your poem

"The winter at Christmas"  
which I have received and  
read with much pleasure.

Very truly yours,

Oliver Wendell Holmes

Boston Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 1893.

My best New Year's wishes to you and  
the mutual friends whom you mention.