

Boston, Jan. 17th 1887

My dear Sir,

I have received and read with great pleasure your very sincere and charming lines that come with your Christmas greeting. I thank you cordially for your kind inquiries and good wishes. I got over the fatigues and troubles of travel by land and sea, and the social labors which the boundless hospitality of my British friends involved, very soon

After returning to my native soil
and breathing my native air.

I never came so near being "killed
with kindness" as during my recent
visit. But I am more than repaid
for all its demands on my health
and strength by the delightful recol-
lections with which it has enriched
my declining years.

I pray you to present my warmest
remembrances to Dr Donald Mac Alister,
who with his mother the Professor
did everything to make our visit
at Cambridge a pleasant one, as it
was most certainly. I received the
"Eagle" and was greatly pleased to
find an account of my visit among
its contents. Many thanks to the writer
of the account and the sender of the
number. Believe me, my dear Sir
Yours very truly
J. W. Colmes.