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My dear Mr. Simons:

The lovely tie was delivered over to me by my esteemed wife on Christmas Day in the Morning. That same afternoon I left for a week away at our national meetings and am only now beginning to catch up with the back work since my return.

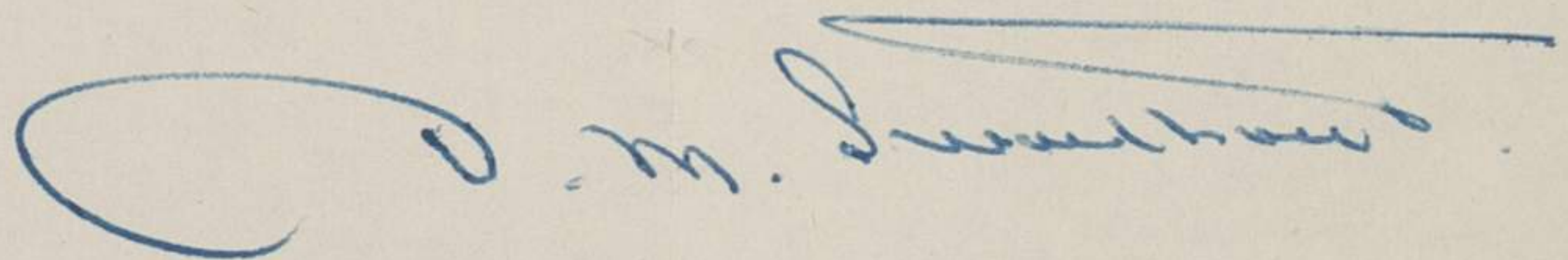
I want you to know I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in remembering us in this nice manner at the holiday time. I prize it for more reasons than one and shall wear it with pleasure.

We realize that this holiday season for you must have been a sorrowful one in that your dear wife was not there. Mrs. Swarthout and I thought of you many times and only hoped that the presence of your many fine children and grandchildren would help somewhat soften the sorrow.

I hope the new year will treat you well in every respect.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "O. M. Swarthout". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "O".