

Now, this half page to
you + Margaret with
reciprocation of her
and your kind wishes.
I have led an idle
month as I usually do
in the shortening days
and have spent much
time gazing with a
melancholy, quiet
into the fading embers
of the family hearth or
pushing a new log to
give a new fervor to
the gentle flame. But
now that the sun has
turned in its course I shall
turn also towards the
New Year. I also want
you to come out and
cheer one day here
with your always buoyant
spirit - as ever G.G.K.

Readville, Mass. 25 Dec 1912

Dear Walker
your bundle was
left intact till
this morning tho' I
assure you it took
a great deal of
resolution on my
part: but the reward
was all the greater
as I now have
plunged into the
book. I have much
desired to see.

I shall place it on
the shelf with Waterton,
Bates, Humboldt
+ Prescott, but not
before reading it thoroughly.

I thank you very truly for such a fine
addition to your treasured books, sent
me at Xmas: I read yesterday several
pages of the Land of the Lingering Snow (from
Litt Dec 25 1901) by Frank Bolles and one half
page has ~~so~~ so much literary quality I must
copy in here: He has been in a swamp one
evening & comes out late over towards Arbury
Heights and goes on to say "The view from the
Heights at night is bewitching. Myriads of stars people
the blue heavens, and myriads of baser stars people
those depths below. The stars above differ one
from another in glory: the stars below differ one
from another in evil. Those above tell of eternity
and rest. Those below tell of toil, vanity, self-indulgence
crime, sickness, - the unrest of human life. Still being
a man, I looked down into that sea of light, and
seemed to find one star gleaming in the distance
which was a part of the glory above, and related
only by proximity to the evil of the city. Towards
that light I took my way, and finding it,
put it out and went to bed.
This is as fine as Charles Lamb's best.



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