

405 BROADWAY,  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Christmas Evening

Dear Walter:

Warmest thanks  
to your good wife and yourself  
for the beautiful copy of Ham-  
ilton's Intellectual Life, which  
I received this morning.

We were notified by the post-  
man yesterday noon that, for  
the rest of the day, only first-class  
mail matter could be delivered  
at the house; but packages were  
to be ready at half past nine  
to-day for those who would call  
or send for them - so we sent a  
messenger to the office this morn-

ing and got a good number of parcels that arrived yesterday, yours among them.

You are always happy in your selection of books. I read Hamlet's admirable treatise when it first appeared, and ever since I have struggled of buying it for a personal and a permanent place in my library. I came near ordering it when I saw the new edition handsomely announced, but you have anticipated my delayed purpose.

I sent you some Shakespeare published a week ago by express yesterday noon, and hope they have reached you by this time. An hour later I received some copies of The Taming of the Shrew, which I should have added if it had come in season. You shall have it - or

Wm. Doane shall - as soon as I find time to mail it. I am particularly pleased too far as I can be in regard to any of my work) with my comments on the play. I think Mr. Doane and you will be surprised to agree with my views of Hamlet, though they are not the popular ones.

Again thanking you for your remembrance of me, and wishing you and yours all the blessings of the "hallowm" and "gracious" season,

Affectionately yours, as ever,

W. J. Rost

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