

405 BROADWAY,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

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Dear Diane:

It was very
kind of you to remember
me so charmingly at this
Christmas time.

I like little books - especially
little quat books - more and
more as I grow older. It is
so much easier to handle
them as one sits in his easy
chair for the enjoyment of
them. It is pleasant, too,
to put them in one's pocket
for a journey by rail. There

There is much that I like in Gordon
Smith's little book, though I do not sleep
again with him, some of his explanations of
things (paraphrasing) as in the "Senior Junior" passage
in L. L. L., for instance) are steady work. R.

is an intimate personal
charm in their companionship
which bigger books do not
have.

The day has been one of mixed
joy and pain - my first
Christmas without the visible
presence of one who has shared
it for so many years - but
these kindly tributes from dear
friends have done much to
make the joy predominate.

The last Shakespeare
meeting came before I was
aware, or I should have sent
you, as Secretary, a resignation
of my membership. I will do
it before the next meeting.
I shall not lose my interest
in the Society, and I may say

try - (in confidence) that if the Society choose
to make me an honorary member, I shall feel
it really an honor, and shall perhaps be more
inclined - on other years, if not this year - to at-
tend some of the meetings. But you must not
be the one to suggest this to the Society after
I have thus written to you.

With all hearty wishes for the happiness
of yourself and all within of - Love, now and
ever,
most gratefully and cordially

Yours, W. G. Rogers



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