

Hardwick Vic. Xmas Eve 1883

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My dearest Arthur,

Every good kind happy wish of this holy & happy season to our much-loved old friend - of so many years! -

Many thanks for kind letter - have signed Proposal & shall feel greatly obliged by its being seconded & thirded - have written to Mr Stevenson to give him the choice - but of course it will be some time before his reply can reach me. No snow here yet - on prospect of it - sunsets & sunrises still very strange. I have taken care not to give publicity to your discovery on  $\frac{1}{2}$ , tho' I have asked several friends to look out for any strange dark belt on the ball, but without mentioning your name as I thought you might like best to do that yourself.

your truly loving T. W. Webb