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Martinez, Dec. 23, 1909

Dear Mrs Hooker & Marian; Here's a charming morning, calm sunshine & frost. "Glorious Hooker weather" I said as I looked out of my den window & saw a superb growth of white crystal ice-ferns adorning the tin roof. Fine for Marian, all the sky medicine. This with holiday rest will drive away the last greedy stragglers of the flock of small cough folk to other pastures or other worlds, & leave her triumphantly able for the hard work ahead.

I suppose it's now time for New Year greetings. Most of them are easily said, but for those most loved no words that I know of are good enough. God's best luck be yours the coming year & all the years & forever. So devoutly prays
Your friend John Muir