

AL/3024 Christmas Eve 1885

My Dear Mrs Fawcett

I am so glad you were not pleased
with the Review. I think your criticism is just.

Leslie Stephen I have never seen. He was your
husband's friend & less your friend. All the same
I have an indelible but very deep impression that
Leslie Stephen would be enormously improved if he
had a little *pscha* little of the woman-soul left in
his physical frame. It seems to have been squeezed
out to the last drop. Result a certain woodenness
of soul, a lack of kindling warmth, an inability
to make you cry, which I regard as a fatal defect
in the highest type of man.

But I don't wish to criticize Leslie Stephen. I
only wanted to tell you that the ~~or~~ modified text
on the other side would count for a square fact.

That too I represent what I have experienced
since I came here. With Christmas wishes
I am yours sincerely
W. T. Stoddard

A Christmas Greeting

AL/3024
to Mrs. Fawcett with sincere
thanks and best wishes.



FROM
HOLLOWAY GAOL,
1885.

"God, even my God, hath anointed me with the
oil of gladness above my fellows."

William J. Read