My dear Governor Lehman:

As the Christmas season draws near one's thoughts inevitably turn to old friends. Your friendship has meant so very much to me that I wanted to write and wish you and Mrs. Lehman a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I suppose Peter and John and Hilda Jane are home for the holidays. I know how much happiness it gives you and Mrs. Lehman to have them at home, and I hope the pressure of official responsibilities will give you some time of your own which you can share with your fine family. I hope John has fully recovered from his troublesome illness.

It is needless for me to tell you how gratified I am that you are to continue to be at the head of the New York State Government during these next two years. When you are here for the inauguration I know your time will be very fully occupied. I hope, however, that there will be an opportunity for me to call upon you. Even a brief visit will be much better than none.

Carroll joins me in affectionate greetings and the season's best wishes to you and Mrs. Lehman.

Cordially yours,

Governor Herbert H. Lehman,
Executive Chamber,
Albany, New York.