

pleased we should have
been to welcome you,
but of course quite
understand the import-
-ance of keeping yourself
out of risks of cold &
preserving your strength
for your great work.

If we do not meet
at Rowley's round
table - you have always
our best wishes,
very truly yours,

Dallen Crane

13, Holland St
Kensington W.
Dec: 17 1907

My Dear Shields,
Many thanks
for your letter.

I am glad you ap-
-prove of our protest.
Joseph Pennell started
it - it comes home to
him particularly as
the sketch there is in
his view of the Thames
from his quarters in
Buckingham St - but
I drafted the letter etc.

appears in 'The Times' of yesterday.
Pennell got most
of the signatures too. I
only wish I had asked for
Gross.

It is impossible to say
how far the threads of
the great commercial
spiders' web extend, &
to what enterprises they
may be fastened - our
newspaper ^{editors} are mostly tied
hand & foot to some
vested interests or other
& this accounts for their
timidity.

I need hardly say how