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My dear North,

Many thanks to Mrs. North and yourself for your good wishes and the very pretty card which brought them. I have been wanting to write to you for ever so long, but I am always in arrears with my correspondence, and indeed with most other things, unless it is impressed on me that they have to be done by a fixed date. Then I am hypnotized into doing them, often to the unfair disadvantage of things which have been waiting longer. I have not yet heard of any set of the four Shakespeare Folios in this country in private hands. I will let you know if news come of one, but you must not expect me to try to persuade a present owner to sell if he is not already looking out for a purchaser. There are so few educated Englishmen who

can afford to keep a set at their present value that my duty would rather be to exhort the doubting ~~to~~ owner to stand firm. However as I don't know an owner the point is not likely to arise.

I've had an advance copy of the Short Title Catalogue which has been v. well printed by the Oxford University Press. I hope you will get yours in two or three weeks after this letter reaches you. It might be a lot better, but it ought to be pretty useful with all its imperfections. Thanks all for your latest Catalogue. By the way; your catalogues always interest me. I came back late this afternoon from spending Christmas with Joyce & her family, who were all well & in good spirits. I wish Bath were not just so far away, as though I can run down to her fairly often it is difficult for her to come home. Her boy, Bill, is now $4\frac{1}{2}$ - getting on well at Tonbridge School. The three little girls are $6\frac{1}{2}$, $3\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{2}$ (or a little less), & a v. nice small crew they are. All good wishes for 1927.

Ever yours sincerely

Alfred Pollard