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My dear Mrs Gilchrist

I have indeed often thought
of my prospective visit to Brookbank.
Thank you so very much for remembering
me and preparing for me this pleasure.
If the time suits your Convenience as well
as it promises to suit mine, I will look
forward to ~~the~~ joining your party on
Monday 30th, as this would do better
for me than an earlier day; and then,
if you will harbour me so long, I shall
indulge myself by staying with you ~~and~~
and your nice children and your agreeable
friend till the following Saturday. I suppose

Italian would at present be premature, otherwise I might instil its elements into my young friends:— how delighted they would be!

William Charges me with his very cordial remembrances to you; and, thanking you for your contingent invitation, will be pleased if he so soon sees you again, and Mr. Haines. I believe he thinks of going to Italy some time this summer, but do not know precisely when.

My dear Mother has relieved our minds by getting better. I have not been particularly well lately, but hope I shall not be quite unable to enjoy

those charming walks in three counties which Brookbank commands.

Hoping to soon to see you I will add no more, except that I remain

Always truly yours

Christina G. Rossetti

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Saturday 21st.

