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My dear Mrs Gilchrist

I will not lose a post in letting you know about William's possibilities; though, sad to say, they turn out to be impossibility. He leaves almost directly for Italy; it may be even as early as Saturday next, and Wednesday (your Wednesday) is the very latest day spoken of. Therefore he can but ask you to accept his thanks and very friendly remembrances in lieu of his

company; and to present his
kind regards to Mr. Heynes.

At this point it is superfluous
to announce my own safe arrival
I found all well at home, and
your beautiful flowers gave
pleasure and received admiration.
After the encouragement you
gave me, I venture to enclose
a version of my phiz: also (by
book-post) to send for your
perusal My Beautiful Lady,
to be kept as long as ever you
like: I am told of an actual

Beautiful Lady having come to
pass for the author.

I must write to Gabriel to
announce your choice gift of the
hour-glass, and then I will
ask about Isaac Taylor's
ownership: William does not
know.

Please remember me to that
amiable Miss Newton who took
such kind care of me, - and to
your children.

Always truly yours
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Wednesday, 8th.

