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Monday morning

My dear Mr. Gilchrist

I congratulate you most warmly on the improvement in health and spirits so precious to you: may all continue to go well and better.

Thank you for so very kind a welcome of my poor offering. Songs in a Cornfield seems ^{one} of the most successful pieces in the volume, and somewhat disappointingly I must ask you to correct a mispunctuation in it (p. 71). There should be no stop whatever after coil ("The green snake hid her coil"), but a colon after thickest in the next line.

My more than 7 weeks in Scotland
proved a thorough success, and have
sent me home to receive friendly
congratulations on my looks and
fat. I think my dear hostess
at Penkill Castle, Miss Boyd,
^{might} ~~would~~ charm you if you knew her:
perhaps she is the prettiest handsome
woman I ever met, both styles being
combined in her fine face; and Mr.
and Mrs. Scott who shared the long
visit with me are tried old friends.
The latter lady and I wound up
with a highly satisfactory week in

Edinburgh; - and now I am well
content to be at home again, and to
take my turn at housekeeping when,
as I expect, my Mother and Sister
leave town ~~next~~ Thursday for a refreshing
month at Eastbourne.

With love to your children pray
believe me

Affectionately yours

Christina G. Rossetti.



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