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31 Trafalgar Square

Scarborough

14th June 1868.

My dear Mrs Gilchrist

Would you believe that it was a real relief to me to find that your kind letter did not contain an invitation to Brookbank? A curious effect this of your kindness to me: but the truth is I have been so unwell that I must have said "no" had you asked me; and I was not ambitious of uttering the ungracious syllable. My Mother and one of my aunts make up our small health-seeking party here, and though I am not yet in full bloom I have made a long step from my stand-point a

month ago. Do you know Scarborough
I wonder: we never were here before,
and as yet are not enchanted, but
some unexpected sunshine has just
come out, and that may make a world
of difference if we go and sit by the
sea, for we have been having some
dull mornings.

What delightful plans yours are
for dividing your home between
Earls Colne and London. Beatrice
must be coming into bloom now, though
rather like a lily than like a rose as I
recollect her; — but can Grace be as funny
as she used to be! and how you must
miss your delightful Herbert. Percy I
never saw, so must be silent about
him.

When you are in London please
don't forget 56 Roston Square: we are
more central than we used to be, and
proportionately more accessible. And
till we meet and when we meet believe
me

Affectionately yours
Christina G. Rossetti.

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