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Madam

Monsieur Bodichon, asking me to contribute a little piece to the volume to be sold at the Lancashire Distress Exhibition, told me that you had kindly undertaken to see the edition through the press. I therefore, though unknown to you, take the liberty of directing my Royal Princeps to your hands, trusting that so I am in accord with your wishes. If R.P. is too long, I have by me plenty of

shorter pieces, though none I  
fear are so appropriate to them.  
May I ask you to favour me  
by forwarding to me the proof  
of R. P. Reis I am desirous  
to correct it myself, thinking  
that so fewer errors are likely  
to creep in.

As I know not what poets  
are on your list, nor how  
many may be wished for,  
perhaps I had better say

that if you would like a  
piece from the pen of C. B.  
Cayley the translator of  
Dante, I think it possible  
I might be able to procure  
one for the volume as Mr.  
Cayley is our old friend.  
But of course I cannot  
promise that he would  
do us such a favour. I only  
think it not impossible.

With hearty wishes for

As blessing on our common  
Cause, permit me, Madam,  
to remain

Yours faithfully  
Christina J. Rosetti.

45 Upper Albany St. N. W.  
Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November.

