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30 Torrington Square — W.C.  
Friday.

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Dear Mr Gurney

It is a pleasure to hear from  
you again, and to read and to  
return the agreeable "Academy"  
critique for which I thank you.

Nor am I silenced by your  
condescending appeal to my  
taste. As whole poems perhaps  
my favorites are "Bethlehem  
Gate" — "St. Joseph" — next if  
not on a par with these (I

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am not certain) the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup>  
"Epiphany" and the "Nunc Dimittis."  
But then there are little bits  
elsewhere by no means to be  
set too down: as the stanza  
beginning "Oftentimes a sleepless  
infant"  
and that strictly lovely line  
"Love is of loveliness the root."

Do you know that our dear  
friend Mr Shields is ill at  
Brighton? So at least we  
heard a day or two ago and  
my Mother and I are grieved

for him. I find your "Xmas  
Faggot" cover is his handiwork:  
what an enviable cover!

Pray receive my Mother's  
remembrances and let me  
trust always to remain

Very truly yours

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