



3 ST EDMUND'S TERRACE

REGENT'S PARK, N.W.

2 March /6.

Dear Mr. Colles,

I return Mr.

Unwin's 2 letters. I suppose what he
w'd have liked is something like this -

Editing - in the sense that I w'd intro-
duce something more in the nature of
continuous narrative -

Revision - To abridge or cut out some
things -

Additions - To add to that book, going
up to 1876, some material (wh. I al-
ready have by me compiled) proper to
later dates.

I don't want to do "editing" of
that kind: because (as I have often had
occasion to say) I published long ago.

1895, a full Memoir of my Brother, & these other matters wh. I offer for publication are to be regarded as supplementary materials - interesting in themselves (& my thinking) but not requiring detailed narrative (wh. c^d only be, in a great measure, a rechauffe of what I have already written & published).

As to the "revision" & "additions," I sh^d & not have any serious objection, if the point were definitely proposed to me. But it seems that Unwin finally withdraws, & there is an end of it.

We can now wait until the Reminiscences come out. After that, I am not sure but that it might be best to revert to a suggestion wh. I once made to you - viz: to abandon the Rossetti Papers in their present form (the volume in your hands, & also the 2 later volumes wh. remain with me), & to construct out

of these 3 volumes a book consisting solely of letters written by or addressed to Dante & Christina Rossetti. I can advise further with you when the time comes.

Very truly yours,

W. M. Rossetti.

It is often in my thoughts that the really convenient mode of publication (tho' it may not be a remunerative one, & is impossible to people with no money to spare) is to publish on commission - the Author paying all the cost of printing &c, & retaining all the profits of sale, subject only to paying a percentage to a Publisher who has agreed to circulate the book. - C^d you give me any idea - quite in the rough, I mean - as to the cost wh. w^d be needed for these Rossetti Papers 1870-76?



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