

one has many occupa-  
tions, & can't always read  
a new book promptly upon  
receipt. I have now looked  
attentively thro' your volume,  
& find in it several things  
well adapted to impress a  
reader of susceptible mind:  
perhaps indeed there is some  
tendency to excess in excite-  
ment & strain of expression.

I have little doubt  
that, if I had at hand the

means of deciding which are  
the earlier poems, & which the  
later ones, I sh<sup>d</sup> confirm the  
view expressed in your let-  
ter, that these later composi-  
tions mark an advance.

With thanks & best  
wishes,

Yours very truly  
Wm. Rossetti.

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