

14th June 1864



My dear Shields,

I should have answered
your letter before, but
had to send for the
book, which has only
just reached me. It
goes with this, and
as it is Dante's &
other men's - not mine -
I am happy in
feeling sure that it
is worth opening you -
I should like much



to have some day
an opportunity of
showing you various
water-color drawings
I have made at different
times from the Vita Nuova,
but they are scattered
in different hands.
Perhaps I may yet
do better ones from
the same source, if
youth be not necessary

To the illustrating
as well as to the
writing of such a
book, I feel sure the
book will be a new
pleasure to you -
Many thanks for
your admirable
designs, which others
will enjoy here besides
myself. When I see
you again, I hope
I may have some
photographs of my
own to offer you -

Yours very truly
D. G. Rossetti
J. Shields Esq

P.S. In Part I of the
volume, poems which
I think would please
you are to be found
among those of Guido
Guinicelli, Giacomino
Pugliesi, Francesco da
Barberino, and Fazio
degli Uberti.

