But it is so sad that you should be so sorely depressed and harassed. You have my Mother's warm sympathy, and we join in hoping that the steam engine may shortly have done, and that your own health and spirits may revive. And Mrs Shields's too; neither can be expected to become quite bright and happy without the other.

We fully expect to get home next Tuesday, and there you or your letters will find us. I sat in Church today, making notes from the window then and there under my eyes, - for I would not trust to my mere memory in writing for Mr Alcock. And we visited the dear grave, and put my Mother's last flowers upon it.

Always very truly yours

Christina G. Rossetti.

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