

30 Torrington Square — W.C.
October 4.

Dear Mr Shields

The paragraph in a recent
Athenaeum which announces your
forthcoming window upbuilds our
hope of seeing that beautiful work.

My Mother salutes you with true
friendship and — begging your
excuse if we violate artistic
etiquette — desires me to ask
whether this is the moment for
offering you a "retainer"? — either
50£ or 100£ as you shall dictate.
If you will favour her with a prompt

reply she is just now about to
have an account - setting, in
the course of which and without
any great delay she will have
the pleasure of transmitting
to you either sum you may
prefer. Not that she forgets
that the beloved window
remains at liberty to exceed
100 £: every detail will be
cheerfully gone into at a
future moment; but this
proposal is, perhaps, what
applies to the present time.
I dare say you saw or at least

heard of the letter in a "Times"
not long ago, which stirred up all
our family feeling for the cherished
grave, if it needed stirring up.

Pray remember us both to
Mrs Shields. I heard of her the
other day from Lucy.

Very truly yours

Christina G. Probert.

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