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My dear Dr. Morris

I am glad to be prompted to write to you by your affectionate note of 13th inst. which it has given me great pleasure to receive and read. I often think of you, and have not been without frequent advice of your movements. It of late has been very agreeable to me to believe that at your sister's home in Newport you were in the enjoyment of all the advantages needful to a quiet and contemplative life which at our years & under our circumstances is the most to be desired. I am at Springbank with many of my family around me & altho' not without care and anxiety I have more than most men cause for a grateful trust which I try to cultivate but greatly fear that I fail to feel as I ought.

The notice of Mabel Wilberforce to which you allude recalled my frequent interviews with that strange but nevertheless interesting woman. My last letter from her, I recd shortly before leaving London, written at Madrid. In it she said that my Handsome Stoic of her had followed her to that point & on her return to London she vainly prosecuted me for him. I am almost prompted to write an account of my knowledge of her. It would be a curious story. Young, of most virtuous training & bearance and manner, familiar with the names & characters of men known to me at Rome, manifesting the warmest and deepest zeal in the cause of charity, living with an ease and plausibility most unusual, & in that I often wonder how she failed to take me in. I tell you that she