Browning, Mrs. Elizabeth (Barrett), 1806-1861.


The first letter is accompanied by a photograph of Mrs. Browning and her son. Purchased with the William Lyon Phelps Fund, 1946.
It is very pleasant dear [Name], to be able to tell you how much interested I have been by your book. Let me say it at once, leaving my husband to give her own impression for my part, and some drawback, there are certain things in the book I could wish away. My sympathies have some with me, or flowed as they went. The spirit of the rest is in the book, and yet with a large Christian heart, most making it very beautiful. Also, it is a neglected talent I like it much. By
Drawbacks refer to certain consequences here & there. I think some things in the earlier papers but chiefly a somewhat brilliant way of representing doctrines of the church. For instance, which seems to me to represent all the real spirit of reverence which is in you. Also, I think much to varying Christ's name in the cate

saying, and Shakespeare's even. You've said it passes me, & that's true. Why signeture is so dear almost everywhere - I treat you in this book, and feel in my love, let me remain your affectionate friend.

Sir, I am in receipt of the letter. As I need it, I enclose it for a little shift which Dr. Cameron sent in to me, and the book when he had read it, because I am sure you will like to know an impression on such a mind, so spontaneously expressed. Writing in the full expectation of the highest things to which you look, let me remain your affectionate friend.

[Signature]

Anne Reid, December 1st.
My dear M. Fenner,

Indeed her silence has not meant that
I was unthankful for your kind letter...
one of them to spontaneously kind in sympathy
condolence feeling on the opening of the news... we were both of us very glad to hear
it, and we accepted it as a very very
expectorate with for the future. It cannot
be too late to say God Help you. It, too,
believing in bactria to be a so on to have
comfort from yours. As earlier, they are
never too red or too mottled for me! And
then they get to understand rights with
those great mottled eyes of theirs, and to
smile in your face as if they meant really
I see for some days, that creature under
in beauty or mystery? So should we
one can fancy it or describe it
meantime. I send it a thought. She
would be a help if it were nearer. Pray
help it to do.

If a letter made one understand wrongly
of it complicated在家, question—but one
are mistaken in supposing that because an
general, applied as it has been otherwise
vices in oneself and things have disfigured
us, to the side of the medium
evoked by the personal feeling. Of
these unlooked in one may say
such that they are justified. They think that it
influences the authority of a man, discloses
his agency... she is very unphilosophical.
the whole world is unphilosophical.
It is whispered among machinery that if
God is, as frequently recanted—perhaps he
has not; but it effects upon it whole system
is bad. I can very well that because should
have failed as a man, to such an extent,
that to was commonplace, weak, affected;
was from it beginning sufficiently obvious
of me—but I did suppose him to be very
amiable and capable of affection. Being near
the centre of a cluster of the object of so
much general attention, must be trying
it feels nature's like this... I am very
song, for the sake of the subject, which may
be somewhat thrown back in public opinion.
As for there, I suppose in consequence — if you
have the goodness to write to me again,
and you would tell me the continuation
of the story about him. How he proceeds
in the matter in France, or if the phenomena
are much talked of, and if they are
 talked of as modified in any way — tell
me too, if you hear of changes or develop-
ments of the phenomena in America.
I hear of hands being seen writing in
France. Will you let me know of anything was
actually written by it hands? I mean to
be written, I mean?
Have you read Dr. Huxley's new work?
I understand that another is among us almost immediately. We hear from him sometimes. I have been able to read my letter. He has left a quantity of writing I have to do... which is coming on the top of little Senini's letters. Fill me day after day. He has made to work hard—only one hour or a half a day. But there is no inquietude. I have much work on my own side to do, in order to be in time for the fruit next summer. The landlord too is working at his new edition of Sordello... which he will be called obscure no longer. We mean that once... "As clear as Sordello" shall pass among the Proverbs.

It has been almost ever since we...
After a winter of most choleric coldness... so that I, who was jellied to the ground just after that set at again to warm now as well as usual. If I hadn't been jellied to the ground, I should have been able to go in and out of doors on most weeks of the winter, but warm it as it has been so peculiar. Also, we are in very comfortable apartment. Still, I remember myirement with all the constancy of a true love.

You get on until you come on books, or when they are done, will it not be necessary for you to go to London again, in order to see them through the paper? In such case we shall see you this summer. Mrs. Blagden is living in our street here, but threatens us persistingly with her intended journey to Madrid. I still hope she won't go, if with persistence also. In any case, she means to be in Florence in May, to take an unfurnished house and...
live here, a havenhere for ever -- and it will be very pleasant for all of us.

I hope Mr. James and the children are quite well. I'm in the best of health, and I
all of me believe me, dear Mr. Jones,
most faithfully yours,
Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

To have taken them away was not what I had in mind. I hope she finds a
right place in a royal academy of some sort. With kind regards I re-
membet for you her cordial regards.

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Jan: 31

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My dear Mr. Jones,

So will be surprised that I should venture again to write upon the subject of 'spiritual manifestations'. I am anxious to be informed of the details of an account which has reached me concerning its failure of the moral character of those who meditated it. Influence of the sick upon the mind, understanding that you or others have listened and asked him.

May I ask, will you let me, whether you have asked him on the ground, or by the suspicion, that his failure as a man,
replicates his system as a medium. I ask you to consider any part of the phenomena observed in connection with him, 
the it will of trickery in any form —
also, whether your opinions upon the phenomena have altered at least modification likely to have been

Dear Mr. Jones, you see that I trust you kindred for me, —合资
not only, but far more in it truth—
knowing well. By my knowledge of you,
that you exhibit it1 best feel, so that
you will never think from a true
statement, even though it should prove
you mistaken an hour ago.
I understand that W. close.

He or have retracted much of their belief in the "spirits," in consequence of


close observation. I would write to
ask him how the case is exactly, if
I were at all intimate enough with
him. I justify a liberal involving
so much trouble to him — but if
you know how it matters less, will
you satisfy me here also. See, too
I do not write you.
In your last letter...
for me a little vexed with me for the ingratitude of my silence towards you kind & welcome to the

No longer, I understand that this has happened!

When I sought to have written at first, I was

very uncertain & depressed—under the influence of

great affection, feeling no courage to

write at all except where the necessity was

strong—And afterwards, just as the inclina-

Then came

in France in April—in order to reach you

might leave the United States in March—a

miss any word from you—As soon as I

hear that you stay on, I am present in America—

in, before me writing—and pray, pray, pray but

out of your head that I am capable of being

unthankful for a letter of yours, past, present

or to come. I send you one of the photographs

you asked for—these were long ago seen, away

and through a microscope. We are not well at
I get a reflection of them - I have seen a good deal about this winter, but only twice. What we mean to try to photograph here again before leaving home - and if there is a success, I will remember you with all certainty. I feel I think you will be satisfied with the transcript of my husband's life in my collection, very much. For others were most interesting to me. What are these new discoveries, produced a moment after certain washings in cold water? Mystical readings? In New York, I think? Of course I dear suggestions about chemical preparations favorable to jugglers, but an impartial committee seems to have taken accounts of the matter in a believing sense. I read of it in the English Spectacle magazine. As it was the subject makes wind in England. Think of Sheeran's admission in an article written in the Spectacle. He was told to tell and answering for the writer's breach of an acquaintance of twenty years! - Sheeran's courage deserves much long. I consider. He has been blamed for insuperable toleration. Dickens treats the subject. The reader, of course, that the English press, though skeptical, is no longer ventures to ignore at whose movement. Time seems to favor. But do it have, so in fancy, not to yell on London. Is it true? So in panic, not to yell. Into suspicion or disguise at his並將er? A guess we have already that the man - the one who is said of me was found. After the search, he is to tell me, I still ask so? I don't see because it can't be. I grant we have unsolved riddles that for a certain number of factors account. - That for a certain number of years he has performed only one trick with a bath. And he found one - and to tell it and unexplained. But he can, as it is with only one bath, which is performed, everyone to the knowledge, if the performer is responsible for supplying. Some things are to explore after him. (And) these things are to explain unutterable. A medium whose powers are confined to one trick, which none can deliver over. My husband's tender mercies. Could you? One half of that Jason, it was made. Think it fair we will have a thought in this before we end. As at Rome, my information as well as my instinct for me, helpful - but I have seen great difference - and even now there are dangers. But the intentions of all have been.
always true to itself — the more we think of the facts, the more we get proofs of this. Here are clearer, more definite proofs. I see the population here is 60 per cent of the population in the United States. But many of these statements are mere statements, and I believe in ultimate union and agreement even in the south of me. If we are ourselves in any such political change as to have not in our mind been mixed with others ever America, by any force, not only by our own
wishes, but only to serve the best men of the world will work for
their best honor. To work half for the best leaders is a consequence of God will not succeed — nor will the sympathy of such human beings as between in God and virtue. I hope there may be such even as converted some — men who look more expert into conscience. Then it be the mark for their motives of judgment. Judge Romond to me a new letter to the episcopal may claim for spirituality in an immediate union of all classes feeling. At one time you hint — your ideas of us were not realized. The story has vanished in every letter. I feel the best of you. The noblest of you. I feel for your sake. I am tired of your conduct. I could never be in this business. My position has not been in your mind. Whatever is good, I am not to be under consideration. I am determined to be all real. The greatest work is seen to be the noblest. The noblest. The greatest work is seen to be the noblest. The noblest. The greatest work is seen to be the noblest.