

though not from your hand, yet
embodied your general views
& canons. Thus every way

I am your devoted & with
all your wishes for the New
Year which you have inaugurated
so happily for me.

Remain

My dear Sir
Ever yours most truly

J. S. de Fane

W. Hepburn Dixon

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18 Merrion Square South

Dublin

19 January, 1865.

My dear Sir

Notwithstanding your
kind note, I have read with
a delighted surprise your estimate
of my story in the "Athenaeum".
I cannot tell you how very

duply I feel your great kindness
in according to it so my
precious a reception. The
approbation of so powerful an
authority as you have rendered
the "Athenaeum" might well excite
a reasonable ambition - how
much more when conveyed by

the hand of one who is himself
so great a master of the art
on which he exercises his
critical faculty. May I add,
that ~~for~~ the improvement you
are so good as to remark
in my last story, I may refer
in great measure, to the wise
criticism of the "Athenaeum"
on my former ones, which