

Jan^y 1st 1886

Shepton Mallet
Somerset

My dear Mr. Macmillan

I am here, and away from my book
where your address is -

I should like to hear from you, that you
are well - and like Dighton -

I like the place greatly - It is so
gay so bright -

I heard of you, from Mr. James, who
told me of your poetry House - and
pleasant dinner -

Yes, for I have my Grand-daughter with
me, were after paying some visits for
six weeks at Freshwater - we came to
London the first week in Oct - where we
have been until the 24th when we came
here, to visit Mr & Mrs Thomson Hartley
It was very kind of them to ask us for
Christmas & New Years day -

We have had Mr. Gibbs here, once Tutor
to the Prince of Wales - He is very agreeable

The only news I have, is that I have a letter
from Mr Lowell - That has made me very
happy, for he confirms the report that he
will be here in Feb^r.

I have made the acquaintance of Mr &
Mrs Phelps - They have both been to see me -
You know what a strong attraction all
Americans have for me - Except those who
are not one day & cold the next - They
however, find me, when once I know this -
fixed Cold. -

When will you come home - London has
been very pleasant - so many small dinners -

My kindest regards to your husband -
He does not forget me - He first of every
month shows me that.

Your affectionate old friend

Ann. B. Procter

I go home tomorrow. 2^d Jan?