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My dear Gosse

I must write to thank you for your delightful book even before I put the leaves open. It will be equally a pleasure to make it to renew acquaintance with those of its contents which I have read & those which I have not. I am much gratified by your friendly mention of me in the preface - though I do not remember when or where I have ventured on 'censure' of your excellent work in any part. I cannot say which is the best essay, but I think it no small compliment

to say that the one which still seems to me the most brilliantly successful on glancing thro' the leaves is that which is incomparably the highest in subject. After all the homage which has been paid to Webster, it is a great thing to have written so freshly, & thrown such bright new light, on the work of so great a poet.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Gosse, & if remembrance be possible - to the children.

often think of the adorable sight I had once of Miss or Mistress Sylvia (the pre-Restoration ditty chimes most fitly with the sweet Elizabethan name) attempting the untimely feat of getting out ^(unassisted) on the balcony with perpetually frustrated perseverance & renascent hope - I never saw anything (or anybody) more memorably pretty.

Ever sincerely yours

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