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Gunfield,  
Lady Margaret Hall,  
Oxford.

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter

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Faithfully yrs

J. Wordsworth

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Stepping Stones, Ambleside,

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copy of original letter.

Dame Elizabeth Wordsworth on the Funeral of  
William Wordsworth;-

January 26. 1906.

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I don't know whether they sang anything - probably the cortege was too large; and I think I should have remembered it, if anything special had been sung.

You may find something in Grosart's Wordsworthiana which is a mine of gossip and is sure to be at the British Museum.

The 'Memoirs of Wordsworth' by my Father published shortly after the Poet's death, do not give the details of the funeral. It is just possible there may be something in Professor Knight's big edition, in the vol which contains 'the Excursion'. My cousin Mr Gordon Wordsworth of the Stepping Stones, Ambleside might possibly have access to some information.