

Sunderland, 24 Dec 1874

Dear Lady

As Christmas neareth I

send you a copy of a periodical  
 (wherein you will find a story,  
 "referred to by John Ruskin in  
 June 1873. Yours. "The Farmers  
 Looking Glass." It is being translated  
 by a friend of mine, I tried hard  
 to obtain its publication in some  
 better paper. but alas nowadays  
 no real good plain literature  
 will be taken by our Publishers  
 (or bought by our readers). So they  
 say. So in default of better we

accept the ground we can get  
and hope it will still produce  
seed in good time. —

I hope Lord Lighton is well,

I have not been busy  
lately in matters he takes  
interest in, so that he will

hope excuse my silence —  
though silent. I don't forget

either your Ladyship or his  
L. or your Ladyship's

Brother. With many wishes  
for Health & Happiness.

and long may your House  
look to bless your People & Discern