

12 Bridgell Rd

John's Wd.

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Dear Mr.

Thank you for two  
very nice little poems  
"Lodding May" and the  
Annal of my old friend  
Mary Howitt. The lines  
to the child had already  
met my eye, and  
called forth, to my Liza's  
side cradle, my praise  
As is no reflection on  
your poems, that I

have not seen them all  
for of very modern  
poetry I have read  
but little. Some of it indeed  
I do not seem quite to  
understand, and however  
of these I can not but  
apprehend that there are  
many readers in the  
same predicament,  
I have no objection to flowers  
of fancy but I have an  
old fashioned predilection  
for common sense for the  
root.

If you are interested  
in the Howitts call at  
Miss Gilmer's studio  
No 6. Southampton St.  
Tisbury Square on Saturday  
or Monday & she will  
show you a picture  
from Faust by Anna  
Maria Howitt, which  
strikes me as one of very  
great promise. If you  
do not happen to know  
Margaret Gilmer &  
will use my name