

Text in Mrs. Wardsworth's hand

Rydal Mount Dec^r 22^d

My dear Sir

Having an opportunity of sending a letter free of Postage to London I avail myself of it to thank you for your elegant present of the Amaranth, which came to my hands two or three days ago. It is a very splendid book; & no doubt will be much admired as it deserves to be. I have not yet had it in my power to peruse more than a few of the pieces in the volume — but as far as I can judge they appear to be of great merit — & the very names of most of the Authors are a sufficient guarantee for the value of their contributions.

Heartily wishing you every success the work deserves, I remain sincerely yours

W^m Wardsworth