

Archdeacon Tompkins

Poets 1857

St. John's Church
Chester Jan. 20. 1859.

My dear Sir,

Your valuable present, accompanied by a note dated Dec. 23. has just reached me at this place. Aught but my truest thanks. I attach to a series, of which I feel an estimation - I will not attempt to say, to you, how great. If the present volume contained only you were then a being of one of letters - you would be at least, one or two of the Honors; & the thanking of my dear old friend Mr. Kemad - which I am unable to finish reading aloud this evening & my Society - My tears I think - I should say, it is one of the most exquisite of Books. So I will be content as I should be glad to receive it - as I had 14,000 copies in one or more copies, you think and you are right on the subject.

When I last wrote, I had not heard of your being up - alas! but after some time, with my own retreat, - Prata per. Compl. in. et Lucia attend. i rei. When I am left in me, like a treasure, to read it worth - but indeed the of the day was much more than this in the matter Heaven affords to recognize it claim it on, and at the expense of a part or a husband's tears to transfer what so eminently belongs to it into it on happy repairs.

But to minds constituted like those of yourself Mr. South I wish offer to administer the use of it and will be content. You will drink it pure, without any othering minister, I am Mr. South's book, which I am sent by the courtesy of God.

God bless you both - Be yours as ever faithfully
John Tompkins

In the of My Dominio, which being in two or three parts may be it may not be sent before next December I will give you a few lines for a kind of review of, which, the Cardinal de Berry. - P. 1. 20 - I find ^{found} them for Mr. Bernardi's copy.

If I thought I could offer any thing acceptable to the South's next volume, I should be glad to do so - but you know I deal in but red wine fruits. one or two of Mr. Kemad's Dominio - I am sure you would be glad to see.

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Jan: 28th 1879

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a note dated Dec 23rd has just reached me at this place.
I accept for it my truest thanks. It attaches to a
series upon which I set an estimation - I will not
attempt to say to you - how great. If the present volume
contained only your one ^{poem} a line, a pair of letters,
your poet treatment, one or two of Mr Hemans:
& the blanking of my dear lost friend W B Carrad
which I was unable to finish reading aloud this
Evening to my party - my heart united me. -
I should say, it was one of the most exquisite
of Books - The embellishment ^{is} splendid
beyond all rivalry - and I trust 14000
copies in some measure repay your trouble
and your anxiety on the subject.
When I last wrote I had not heard of your
heavy loss - alas! etc etc x

x This refers to the death of W B Carrad's first born son
which is recorded in his poem "The Death of the
First born"