

Bardzinska

Ash Wednesday 10

10<sup>th</sup> February 1869

Quai d'Orléans, 6,

Paris.

My Dear madame Bardzinska,

Your kind, electric, and gently reproachful letter brought me infinite joy, which showed <sup>me</sup> at once that I deserved neither that letter nor that reproach; for, real merit is modest, and my joy was unbounded. Judge then. Particularly, what pleased me most was the reproach of forgetfulness. I wish you'd show me a man that could forget you. If I have a joy stronger stronger than another it is this that I can reflect in my soul an image so pure and radiant as "your own charming self, miss White, miss White, as your own charming self, miss White." There it stands for eternity like a deity on its altar, adored, thanked, & worshiped;

when  
and from that deity so beneficent, so good,  
a voice descends to poor mortality; the air  
is filled with fragrance and a song of  
thankfulness rises from below. Such is my  
posture <sup>my ever kind lady</sup> when you speak to me, as gloriously  
and I answer <sup>can</sup> to you <sup>in</sup> by the words of Mickiewicz when he says:  
depicted by Mickiewicz: "Głos Twój unikal  
do serca i za duszę chwytal: zdało się że  
ja aniół po imieniu witam, i w zegar nie-  
bios chwilę zbanienia zadzwonił."

I am rather glad <sup>to hear</sup> that you are in  
the hands of the homoeopaths. They  
do more good than mischief, which cannot  
be said of their adversaries.

As <sup>to</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>to hear what you say</sup> ~~me~~ <sup>I can assure you that</sup> ~~Laurent~~, I am in  
ecstasy. She is exactly what I told you:  
a treasure in the fullest <sup>acceptation</sup> ~~sense~~ <sup>term</sup> of the word.  
Her presence in your house will be a

blessing to all; to you in particular, for you shall find in her a second mother to your children, and for you a friend and a most useful helpmate. She is possessed of the rarest of gifts in the teaching profession, namely, a cheerful disposition; the consequence of which will be that she will be beloved by every body in <sup>your</sup> the house, by your children, by yourself, by your servants. On your part, make it a point to foster that quality in her: it is a <sup>which repays cultivation, for</sup> precious plant, its fruits are delicious.

You recollect the young daughter of Mr. Chodzko. She got married last November. Her husband is a very nice man; But she fully deserved her lot.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the proposed purchase of the land for the purpose of building a school house for the use of the colored children of the district. I have the honor to inform you that the land is now in the hands of the Government and it is necessary to apply to the proper authorities for its purchase. I have the honor to inform you that the land is now in the hands of the Government and it is necessary to apply to the proper authorities for its purchase.

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