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Xmas Day.

Dear Mabel

What an angel to send the Browning - & such a beauty! Thank you so much. Curiously I picked up the Paracelsus, original edition, the other day, a presentation copy from Dr. G Rossetti with the P-R-B - pre Raphaelite - marks on it. Yours is a companion volume. Robert came last eve & we are having a very busy Xmas - the house full. My bro. Frank & his wife, Sue Chapin, & Sue Revere a niece, who has just come over, Jason Mixter from Boston, in charge of the Hursley Park Amer. Hospital. Major Francis & Col. Groza Gwyn(?) two nephews from France. How I wish you were here with the darlings... It is good to hear that Robt is going back soon. I am so distressed to hear that you think your hearing is less acute than normal. What an aggravation! I do hope it may be only some slight catarrhal mischief that need not be progressive. You will, of course, be very anxious. Do let me know about it. Love to Uncle Ned. All here are so enthusiastic about the U.S. & Mr. Wilson. What a wonderful change in a few months. There may be at last a great peace. Poor dear Isaac! Would that he could have been spared to see it. How he loathed war & all its associations!

Kisses to the darlings & best wishes to you all from

Yours affectionately

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