M A N N I N G - HENRY EDWARD, (1808-1892; Cardinal 1875; a great preacher, and ecclesiastical statesman; author of "The Unity of the Church" 1842; "The Grounds of Faith" 1852; "The Vatican Decrees" 1875; "The Eternal Priesthood" 1883, &c.)

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED, 2pp. 8vo., from Lavington June 12th, 1846, to the Rev. W.H. BROOKFIELD (1809-1874; chaplain to Queen Victoria; and, with his wife, for many years intimate with W.M. Thackeray the novelist) offering only one of his several forthcoming Sundays to preach for Brookfield.

TOGETHER WITH AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED, 3½pp. 12mo., from 78 Eaton Square (London) June 23rd, 1846, to the same, "I have prevailed on Mr. and Mrs. Gaskell (*) "to transfer themselves & all their guests invited for Monday next to Eaton Square. I say all their guests in the hope that you will give us your assent to the transportation of yourself & your friends....."&c.

(*In her excellent biography of "ELIZABETH GASKELL" - the novelist, 1810-1865--, 1976, Winifred Gérin does not record a social meeting between Manning and Mrs. Gaskell before that in Rome in 1857; both parents were later alarmed that Marianne Gaskell, their eldest daughter was said by their friend Story to have "fallen under the persuasive influence of Dr. -later Cardinal-Manning."
Manning

Lavingham. Petrinelli.
June 12, 1846.

My dear Sir,

I am sorry to say that I have made promises which will prevent my preaching for you, as I will willingly do, on any of the three Sundays: I am in London except on the Evening of the 21st.
If I can be of any use

to you on that evening

I shall be very happy

to do so.

Tomorrow I go to 75 Ranel

Gardens where I can hear

from you.

Believe me,

My dear Mr.

Yours very truly,

W. E. Manning.

The Revd. W. N. Brookfield.