

(Mrs. ELIZABETH C. GASKELL.)

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, 3¹/₂pp. 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 Gerin 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

Livington. Petworth.

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 wd willingly do, on any of the three Sundays I am in London except, in 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 78 Edwin
Lyon. when I can hear
from you.

Believe me.

My dear Sir
Yours very truly

H. S. Manning.

The Revd. W. H. Brookfield.