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Dear Miss Clough

I send you a volume
of Coventry Patmore's poems,
as Maria says you were
inquiring about him yesterday.
You will find in this vol:
traces of the coarseness
which, after a dozen years,
has shown what grossness
can find its way into a
reputable periodical. I
send you a letter in the

"Daily News" which we
like exceedingly, & which
treats Mr. Patmore with
great gentleness. Not
knowing who wrote this
(I do now)
excellent letter, I sent
a "leader" upon it to "Daily
News", which I think you
may possibly like to
see. Thus you know

all that we know of
Mr. P. & certainly his
article is quite enough
to prevent any woman
of sense & delicacy
from desiring to know
more of him.

I am sorry I have
not been well enough
this week to see any of

my friends. I missed
Mrs Clauke & you in
this way, besides others.
I am not worse this
morning, - perhaps better.

With kind regards to
Mrs Clough, I am very
truly yours

H. Martineau.

Friday
morning.