

Zurich Aug 21. 1858

Dear Mrs. John Grey

We have to day performed the last duties to the remains of poor Mary Robinson in the New Cemetery of Zurich where she was interred in a grave, in the grounds belonging to the Escher family near to the grave of little Robert Heywood. Besides Miss Escher, Madame Schuttyers, we had with us Mr Reynolds who is staying here, Mr de Meij & Mr Zinsler, as the representative of Mr Escher who is too ill to attend. The chief English workmen also attended, well dressed in black and with black gloves. The occasion was so sudden, for the body only arrived on Sunday &

the intended interment announced yesterday, that the prompt act of respectful attention and sympathy was very gratifying. On behalf of poor Robinson & of ourselves as English people I thanked them individually before they left the ground & their expressions were punctuated with the act. The service was performed by an English clergyman Mr. Lock.

The monuments, in the cemetery & their ornamentation, quiet & in expressive good taste, & the general tone of feeling manifested among them, made it a place one of the most satisfactory of the kind to contemplate that I had ~~intended~~ met with as a resting place.

It was only on Sunday week that ~~we~~ we heard of Mary's

serious illness. We started on the following day with the Bong laper, and we got to Lucerne on Thursday. On Friday we got to Idwellen, with the intention of getting on over the St Gothard the following morning; but on our entrance into the Inn where we were recommended, Rachel was at once struck by a cerebral stretch, and ran out and vomited. I was myself affected. We sought refuge in another house where the air was less impure: but Rachel was seized with a dysentery and vomiting which continued violently and was attended with shivering that greatly alarmed me. There was no physician within reach who understood even French and in these places, I had been informed they are as dangerous as the disease, and there was nothing for it but to await the event which towards the morning was favourable. I had had some   
hesitation

about Rachel's going in the first  
instance. Now, there was an end  
of any notion of proceeding. I returned  
with her to Lucerne and telegraphed  
to Gallargi, that we had been  
delayed, but that, I might go  
on myself: intending to take  
with me, a man servant, who  
could speak the languages. The  
telegraph office answered that Mr.  
Robinson had left. We looked out  
for him and we met him at Lucerne  
on Sunday in a most deplorable  
condition. Great difficulty had been  
experienced in getting away the body.  
Marianne, Annie's servant however  
took charge of it, he being utterly  
worn out; & she too managed to  
hire private conveyances, - for it had  
been refused in steam boats & public  
carriages, and she travelled with it  
alone at night, over St. Gothards  
and alone at midnight in an  
open boat, rowed by four men across  
the lake Lucerne.

poor Robinson is now much better  
and is being recuperated. Rachel is  
recovered & sends her love to you and  
to all.

Mrs John Grey

Yours faithfully  
Edwin Chadwick.