

Palazzo Rospighiosi.

Rome. Oct. 8th 1882.

Dear Mr Billings,

I have just learned from the Rev. Dr. Nevin of your very generous intention with regards to the library of my late beloved husband, and I take no time in thanking you for it. It was Mr. Marsh's strong wish that his books should go ultimately to the University of Vermont and he would have given them outright to that University had he felt he could do so in justice to those he was leaving behind. It is therefore a great satisfaction to me to know that his wishes in this respect are likely to be carried out through the liberality of a friend known to him so long, and for whom he felt sincere an esteem. It was also Mr. Marsh's wish that his bust, a work by a Mr. Simmons of Maine, and regarded by the best critics as most admirable both as a work of art and as a like-