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Dear D^r Stoker,

I owe you many apologies for my long possession of the Blakes. They gave me great pleasure. You should have had them sooner but that I was away from Dublin, & didn't like to trust them out of my own hands.

I go away again in a few

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days but shall be back within a month. I hope you will some time, when you are in this neighbourhood, look in to see my Blake's "Canterbury Pilgrims", & his Dante illustrations which are of the date of the Book of Job but far inferior I think. Very truly yours

E. Dowden.