

TO HARRY DE FOREST SMITH

Harvard University,

Cambridge

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My dear Smith,

I rec'd your card this noon but will not be able to give you a very satisfactory answer. The Coöperative Society cannot legally import the book and they tell me that the only chance I have of getting it is either to ask the Harpers to import a copy or to send the money to England myself. I do not know just how the new copyright law works and cannot seem to find out. The book is published by James R. Osgood, McIlvane & Co., 45 Albemarle-street, London, W. Tess of the D'Urbervilles, 3 vols., octavo, cloth, 31s 6d. This seems to be the regular price of English three-volume novels.

The expurgation of Harper's editors consists of one complete chapter, which it is said does not materially affect the book. I should advise you to buy it, together with Emile Zola's "La Terre". The latter will make up for the missing chapter.

Sincerely,

Robinson.

McIlvane