

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 really to ask the Harpers
to import a copy or to send the money to Eng-
land myself. I do not know just how the
new copyright law works and cannot seem to

find out. The book is published by James
A. Osford, McSwane & Co., 45 Abchurch-lane,
London, W. Title of the D'Urberville, 3 vols,
octavo, cloth, 31s 6d. This seems to be
the regular price of English three-volume novels.

(42) The authorization of Harper's edition commits
McIlvane

of our complete chapter, which it so far
does not materially affect the book. I
should advise you to buy it, together with Tom's
Zola's "La Terre". The latter will make up
for the missing chapter.

Sincerely,

Robinson.