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My dear Smith,

I did not get a chance to get words  
you a letter yesterday so I will write an apology for  
our now. The fact is, the day is so damnedly hot  
that it is positively laborious to move a pen; so  
~~you must~~ excuse me if I am brief and dull.

About all I have to say is that I am hard at  
work on stuff that I suggested in Vol. 9. and my  
time is pretty well taken up. Been spending to-  
day on Pro. Elok and Cardinal Newman. That  
vexed movement has given me more trouble than  
a little, and I am far from sure of it now. I  
have a vague idea of what it was, and that is about  
all. The subject does not interest me, to begin with,  
and that makes it doubly dry. I have no sympathy  
with the Tractarians and have to strain my imagi-  
nation to its utmost to make myself believe that  
Cardinal Newman was a great man - outside of his  
scholarly attainments. I had better not say so in my  
veneration book though. I fear that Yates would  
not appreciate my individualism. I called on him the  
other day to get some special reports I handed in  
some time ago and he received my quite kindly.

He is a dressing coat of a devil and went off into a  
long monologue upon the Grecian Revival and  
finally ended up with the classic French drama.  
He told me that I was "impressionistic" - if I  
would excuse the euphemism". I excused it inwardly  
and went out and bought a box of Turkish (?) cigarettes.  
I have contracted a habit of smoking those things which  
I must stop. They make a man dull and sleepy, but  
there is a fascination about them that is hard to describe.  
I suppose they are laudanum. Peter hit it about right  
when he said such stuff from him tells us if it  
was killing you. - What to see the "Founders" (Tennyson -  
Daly) I'd. really met Mr. Robinson. Don't know  
how often I have for a month past, but did not  
feel any ill effects from it. Since I will try  
it again. I think I told you that I bought  
"Less of the D'Urbervilles". Has not read it yet.  
There is a game here the afternoon between Harvard and  
Brown. Since I will go down and see the end of  
it. If I still so any better than Cambridge a man  
will do well to believe himself here or court.  
Would see you in the week anyway, but hope you  
will be here at the game. The seats are all sold  
but one can get in early and lie under a tree.  
Sumner Robinson