

Cambridge,
May 14 - '93

My dear Smith,

I am glad to hear that you think of coming this way. I shall be very glad to meet you next Saturday if you will kindly tell me what wharf or station I am to go find you. I think it would do me good in more ways than one to have you here for time, and I have no doubt you could enjoy yourself. There are pretty fair attractions at the fields now and we have our tongues. There is

good tobacco in Boston and beverage, if
you want it, of many kinds and colors.
The last thing I drank was a pint of chard,
it made me sick but I shall doubtless
drink more of it before I go home. I do
not care anything about the stuff, but there
is a kind of pleasure in sitting at a table
with a friend with something in front of you

I know one could pass a glorious afternoon
or the latter part of one in some such
place and finish up with "Shore Acres"
or the "Sickles of Lane War", and not feel
that one had broken any moral laws. I
do not care to break any moral laws
myself and see no necessity for it; but
then, I would try to speak for people

or large. At any rate, you come up
and I do not think you will have
any cause to regret it. If it rains all
the time, there will be nothing lost
except the fact that the college yard will
not look at its best. I should like you to
see it on a sunny morning, but you can
doubtless supply the sun to some extent
if the weather proves bad. I mention this
to let you feel perfectly safe in starting
away in the rain, if rain comes at that
time. Personally, I rather hope it will
rain part of the time you are here, - I
want you to realize what our Cambridge
side walks are in wet weather.

I have just finished Bulwer's "Kensal
Chillingly" and have found it rather en-
tertaining. There is a good deal of "E.L.B.L."

in it, but not as much as in some -

the "Disowned" - for example. It is in-
tended to be a perfectly wholesome book, and
it is if the reader can forgive the oc-
casional bursts of Bulwerian rant that
characterizes all the author ever wrote.

Under circumstances favorable to it, I
do not think I shall ever read another
one of his novels. It is not worth while
even to read the "Ladies of Pompeii" &
"What will he do with it?" and one or two
others, but beyond that, Bulwer is unnecessary -
except for his plays.

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