

as it would have been
wholly pleasant - & it
might have been permitted
by her. Chivalrousness
would have done more
wisely in being practical
instead of scrupulous.

I am too much the
latter with those whom

I judge.

Ever warmly

ROBERT MERSDITH.

Bot Hill,
December 29th 1886.

My Dear Frank Allen,
and Mister me
remember. - The enclosed
concerns your article on
selective affinities. It is
transcribed by my friend
Bryden from a letter of his
brother's.

Your attys

arrived this morning.

I have read it with
heartly appreciation.

As a rendering of

is nearly perfect,
with one or two
exceptions, the lines
run in a manner
to recall the
original - allowing
for our stamping
fast. Even the
second half of
the verse is
occasionally happy.

I hope to
see you to-morrow,

by which time surely
Mr. Frank Allen will
have heard - perhaps
this day; but I have
a sickly doubt. The
lady lacks imagination
or charity, she would
she let fly one word
to quiet the troubles
of souls following her
in darkness. I blame
myself for not
delivering her up
her destination. To