

being with you on Wednesday,  
believe me

Yours sincerely,

Richard De Gallienne.

MULBERRY COTTAGE,  
BOSTON ROAD,  
BRENTFORD.

11, May, '94.

Dear Lady Leighton, so many  
thanks for your kind letter. Do  
you know, only a week or two  
ago I was almost drafting a  
letter to you - for Lord de Talley  
had kindly written suggesting that I  
might give myself the pleasure of  
calling upon you, & I thought I  
might, therefore, venture to ask

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if I might someday drop in  
upon you for tea. But I  
weakly hesitated ... "He who hesitates  
is lost" <sup>runs</sup> the old saying,  
and so had it been with me,  
but for your superior courage.

It will, of course, be a great  
pleasure to come & lunch with  
you on Wednesday next.

Lord de Tally has often  
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his letter, told me of the  
sympathy there is between you  
in all that belongs to the  
finer life of books. I  
think perhaps that the friendship  
between a sister & a brother  
is one of the rarest & most  
satisfying of unions. I know  
I have found it so in my  
own case, next to that with  
my dear wife. Looking  
forward to the pleasure of  
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