

I should add that my
paper was written
awfully as the foundation
of a lecture to a local
audience. Its form therefore
could be modified if
thought desirable.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

J. A. Bennett

Answer South Cadbury Rectory,
Bath. Feb. 2. 188.

My Dear Sir.

(L461)

After having repeated
various bits of information
about the fortifications of
this neighbourhood, which
I learned from you,
& and certain legends of
King Arthur & stories of
fairies &c. which I have
gradually got together from
among our people, a
great number of times,
at last I have written it
all down. People of all
kinds seem to have been

Much interested & have
many times asked me
to print it all so that
with the disappearance of the
old generation they may not
disappear for good.

But besides this I have
tried to make history out
of these things, & have
argued that Selwood
forest & Stow valley & were
the frontier between Briton
& Saxon for 100 years, & that
during that time our
Cathryn was Arthur's Camelot,
is the British capital of

the West in the place of
Old Sarum -

I hope you will not think
it a liberty if I ask if
I might submit this M.S.
to you for your opinion
about it. If it should
meet with your approval
then I should have no
hesitation, but I ~~am~~
hesitate to print without
some other opinion than
my own, and there is
no one so able to give
an opinion upon such
a matter as you are -