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a delightful letter written from Farmington, Maine, on January 6, 1871, to Abbott's son Lyman, then on the editorial staff of *The Christian Union*.



ANOTHER "TORRENT" TURNS UP

SEVEN years ago, in an article on "The Jubilee of Robinson's *Torrent*," we printed (in our issue for February 1947) a list of fifty-six extant copies of this famous little blue-wrapped "book." In August 1947 we were able to add three more copies to the list. During the year 1948 we located three more: No. 60 in our issue for February, and Numbers 61 and 62 in the August issue. Numbers 63 and 64 were added to the list in May 1949, and then "silence fell." Throughout 1950, 1951, 1952, and 1953, we became increasingly afraid that no more than sixty-four copies had survived. But now Mr. Rowland Baughman writes to inform us that Copy No. 65 has arrived in the Columbia University Library. This copy was presented by the poet to the late Jefferson B. Fletcher and bears on the title-page the autograph inscription: "J. B. Fletcher | with compliments of E. A. Robinson | 10 December, 1896." Fletcher's name does not appear in the list of recipients of copies of the *Torrent* which we printed on page 3 of our issue for February 1947, and that list can now be extended, accordingly, beyond the total of 112 names to whom Robinson is known to have sent copies of his work. From that same issue we learn that the copy sent to J. B. Fletcher was accompanied (on December 10, 1896) by copies sent to G. W. Edwards, G. E. Heath, G. S. Lee, Thomas Bird Mosher, Charles Eliot Norton, and Fred N. Robinson (Harvard professor, no relation to the poet).

If any of our readers are able to help us to extend this list of extant copies of *The Torrent* still further, any information about them will be gratefully received.



EDWIN ARLINGTON ROBINSON

