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## To Arthur R. Gledhill - September 27, 1890

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TO ARTHUR R. GLEDHILL

Gardiner, Sept 27—1890

Dear Friend Art:--

I received your letter a day or two ago and read the same with much interest. No, Art, I have entirely given up all ideas of going to college; my school education was completed when I left the friendly doors of the G.H.S. If I had not made the mistake that I did in supposing that it would be impossible for me to take a college course on account of "home rule" things would have probably turned out in a different manner. Father always talked down colleges and claimed they did more harm than good; and consequently when I entered ~~hi~~ high school I never gave the thing a thought. It was not until I entered the first class that I began to consider the question seriously and I am afraid the fact is that I had not the sand to turn back the leaves that I had so carelessly scanned, and prepare myself. If this is the case of course a college course would have been a failure if I had planned for it from the first. Last week I worked with Danforth, the civil engineer, and by that means got a month's work on the River Survey which will turn me about fifty dollars. I begin next Monday. It is a diabolical business to my taste but I can hardly afford to let such chances slip through my fingers. Write

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and let me know all about how you are getting along.

Yours--

E.A. Robinson

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<sup>a</sup> This note has been slightly edited from WA's manuscript.