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TO ARTHUR R. GLEDHILL

Gardiner, Dec^a 17 - '93

My dear Gledhill,

Your letter came last evening and I was sorry to learn that you are out of employment, though it is often better to be that way than to be employed under unpleasant circumstances. I have just sealed your letter to Mr^b Stuart with a brief note of my own and he will probably received {sic} it by tomorrow (Monday) evening.--As for my assisting you in any way, I am afraid it is impossible unless a job on the ice at \$1.50 a day might attract you. That would hardly pay for a trip from New York, would it?

It may interest you to know that our friend Moore is in precisely the same fix that you are in,--married, and without a situation. Oceans of love and expectations, but devilishly hard up just at present. At least, I suppose that is the case with both of you. I am sure it ought to be, if the future is to bring roses. I called up to see Ed² last evening but was told that he was sick in bed with one of Falstaffs^c "whoreson colds" or something of that nature. At any rate, I did not see him.

Do not think that I am making light of your case.

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I would not give that impression for anything. But there is nothing so sour as a vinegar face in a letter, and as long as you did not show one in yours, there is surely no reason why

I should in mine. I am sorry that things are as they are and heartily trust that before long there may be a change for the better. As for myself I am nothing but a penniless prospective literatus, with great confidence one day and none the next. So I balance the two moods and try to convince myself that I am not discouraged. I am just back from a two weeks trip to Cambridge and Boston where I had a fine time, though not exactly a "gaudeamus".³ Faute d'argent.⁴

Well you may be sure that I am thinking of you, and wishing you all sorts of good fortune in the near future. Be good, and remember that a letter from you is always welcome here in Gardiner.

^a WA adds a period here.

^b WA adds a period here.

^c WA has "Falstaff's".

Sincerely.^d
E.A. Robinson

HCL

NOTES

1. Giles A. Stuart.
2. I.e., Moore. (SL)
- 3.^e Students' merrymaking, from the Latin song "Gaudeamus Igitur," Let us therefore rejoice.
4. Lack of money. (SL)

^d WA omits the period.

^e This is WA's note 2.