HCL US, 237-239. Robinson misdated this letter as December 14, 1895.

1. Robinson had been reading Max Nordau's *Degeneration*, a virulent attack on the Decadent movement, including Symbolism.

3. Frederick Marryat (1792-1848), British sea captain and popular novelist.

4. Augustine Birrell (1850-1933), British statesman and essayist. His volume *Men, Women and Books* was published in 1895. US reads "Bennell."