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◆ *Editor's Epilogue* ◆

Who's Who: Mabel Wheeler Daniels, a graduate of Radcliffe with *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, is that *rara avis* among women, a successful composer of music. She has produced a full panoply of songs, choral and orchestral works which have been performed by major organizations under the baton of preëminent conductors. In her brilliant tiara sparkle other gems: long and sympathetic understanding of Robinson's diffident nature; ability to use words as expressively as tones; a spontaneous, winning personality.

Fred Somkin's interest in Robinson was aroused while studying for an advanced degree in American literature a dozen years ago. After an interlude of practicing law, he is now pursuing the doctorate while lecturing on American history at Queen's University in Canada. His essay on Sir John Lubbock appeared in the *Notes and Records of the Royal Society of London* last December.

In Ronald Moran's initial flight into scholarly publication this editor confesses inordinate interest. A fairly recent member of my courses in American literature, Moran went on to Louisiana State University, acquired his M.A., and is now working toward the Ph.D. and teaching at LSU. Following Robinson's own tradition, Moran's first book of verse, *Under My Roof*, is slim and self-published.

Robinson Bonanza: In our Edwin Arlington Robinson Memorial Room repose more than 900 holograph letters by the poet. To this glorious hoard Mrs. Howard Hart of Waterbury, Connecticut, last month added 54 more, written to her father, Dr. Arthur Davis Variell. A school chum of Robinson's in Gardiner, Maine, Variell fared into the world and soared to international fame. For his work in medicine Dr. Variell was knighted by several nations and accorded an imposing array of honorary orders, military ranks, and diplomas.

After Variell had become a prominent physician and Robinson a prominent poet, they ran into each other again. They dined and wined together, exchanged books, and entered into this correspondence, which ranges from August 1922 to September 1929. We are unutterably glad to insert these letters into our growing continuum of Robinson biography.