

TO ARTHUR R. GLEDHILL

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Dear Friend Art:-

I have just received your urgent letter and the feeling expressed therein is pleasant to note; but while I would be the first person in Gardiner to-day to start for Mass. if that diabolical fiend Circumstance \langle would \rangle would permit it I fear you will be obliged to-do without me at persent [=present]. But yet I trust that we may run across each other at no distant date.

For some reason or other I was glad to hear that you had discontinued canvassing and resumed your v^ocaⁱtion['] as \langle Knight of the \rangle Knight of the Birch--("Garter" \langle is \rangle I was going to say, mechanically, but that would be "a lie--an odious damned lie.") Perhaps I am wrong. How soon \langle to \rangle do you expect to expect to don your ministerial garb? Is it true that you are contemplating such a scheme, and won't it break you all up when in the midst of some imperial flight your thoughts, falling from glory to godlessness, find a practical simile in the pulpit and cellar? Heu pietas! Pie and Pinnacles! Oh, the glorious days of youth!

I don't see a great deal of Gus² lately. Item: Miss McFadden is stopping with her friends in Randolph. By the way I have been trying for the last six months to find out the name of your Glycera.³ Don't get married just yet, Art,

for I am devilish poor and am afraid I should be in a bad strait for a wedding present; but you can bet your boots that I would get one if I had had to purchase it with re-union money--but cease, idle fancies!--There's none left. I am afraid you would have to wait.

J. C. Barstow has a job with the Plymouth Cordage Co.; so you may possibly see him some day. Gracie and he are no longer the happy pair that they were once on a time. Fletcher Harmon seems to have filled his place. I suppose that you have heard by this time that the Lennan-Smith union has taken place. I suppose Frank's turn comes next--"Mary!" Such is life.

Better finish the Aeneid.⁴

Yours

Edwin A. Robinson--

