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1. Dean LeBaron Russell Briggs of Harvard.
2. The Boston Journal, April 1, 1891. Hitherto unnoted, EAR's "kiddish version" of Horace, Book I, Ode XI was published as follows:

I pray thee not, Leuconoe, to pore
 Upon forbidden things--what end may be
 By destiny allowed for you and me--
Nor blind Chaldea's starry page explore.
'Twere better, oh! far better, of you bore
 Your lot contented: whether Jove decree
 More winters yet to come, or whether he
Assign this one whose worn, wave-eaten shore
Shatters the Tyrian Sea to-day the last--
 Be wise, I pray; and rack they wine, nor fill
 Thy bosom with large hopes; for while I sing
 The envious close of time is narrowing:
So seize the day, be merry ere 'tis past,
 And let the morrow come for what it will.

A comparison with the finished poem, published in TNB, shows Robinson's growth as a poet from 1891-1895: the archaisms and clichés are gone, the bathos has been removed, and the whole tone of the poem has been elevated and strengthened.

3. "For a Book by Thomas Hardy," The Critic, Vol. XXIV (November 23, 1895), p. 348.