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HARDY, THOMAS (1840-1928).

Novelist and poet. Dorchester.

A.L.S. to Arthur Christopher Benson (1862-1925). 20 Aug. 1913. 2 p. (double sheet, octavo). On mourning stationery.

He will see him in a short while when he "comes to be installed." Hardy was made an Honorary Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge, and was installed on 2 Nov. 1913. It was on that visit that he told his old friend Benson of the poems he had written about his dead wife.