



Windsor

Weddy night

Dear Robinsons

I find I must start tomorrow  
so must put off the pleasure  
of dining with you till my  
return of which I shall duly  
notify Cadwalader. - I need  
not add what a delight &  
refreshment it was to strike  
you two on the Botheims.  
I don't mean to let ~~this~~ happy  
chance be thrown away.  
& shall stir you up occasionally  
so that we may not relapse  
into mere acquaintance  
again - If you are like minded  
you will look us up on  
your next visit to England.  
Why not bring your daughter  
& leave her with us

Windsor  
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Dear Robert

I find I must stop tomorrow  
so must put off the pleasure  
of dining with you till my  
return of which I shall be  
sorry to be absent - I had  
not said what a delight  
it would be to see you  
again - I am in the  
country in the hope of  
seeing you soon - I had  
thought of writing to you  
before but have been so  
busy that I could not  
find time - I am  
Dear Robert

While you go up to London  
my affairs will be  
managed  
for the week & weeks  
I am  
Dear Robert

Remember always to thank  
you for your kind invitation  
to say that though I  
cannot dine with you  
tomorrow as before  
I hope you will be  
able to come & make  
me -

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Thomas Hughes

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while you go up to London  
my address will be  
Roxby  
Tennessee  
for the next 3 weeks -

Yours  
Thos Hughes

Kimber desires to thank  
you for your kind invitation  
& to say that though he  
cannot dine with you  
tomorrow he hopes to  
look you up on his  
return some 5 weeks  
hence -

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Weddy night

Dear Robinson

I find I must start tomorrow so must put off the pleasure of dining with you till my return of which I shall duly notify Cadwalader- I need not add what a delight and refreshment it was to strike you two on the Bothnia. I don't mean to let the happy chance be thrown away and shall stir you up occasionally so that we may not relapse into mere acquaintance again. If you are like minded you will look us up on your next visit to England. Why not bring your daughter and leave her here with us while you go up to London. My address will be  
Rugby, Tennessee,  
for the next 3 weeks

Ever yours

Th<sup>o</sup> Hughes

Kimber desires me to thank you for your kind invitation and to say that though he cannot dine with you tomorrow he hopes to look you up on his return some 5 weeks hence.

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Thomas Hughes (1822-1896) author of Tom Brown's School Days (1857) was educated at Rugby and Oriel Colleges, Oxford. He first visited the United States in 1870, when he made Lowell's acquaintance. His subsequent visits were connected with a project commenced in 1879 which at first awakened all his enthusiasm, but later proved unsuccessful and was abandoned by him. In connection with friends he bought a large estate in Tennessee on which a model community was to be established. After he withdrew from the project, his mother remained with her youngest son and lived there until her death ten years later. The place was named Rugby. The letter therefore may be dated in 1879. The Robinson addressed is thought to be Menckure Robinson a friend of both Hughes and Lowell.