

Dorchester, March 11, 1891.

My young Friend:

I should be happy to write you a letter, but ^{some} sort of acquaintance seems to me to be necessary to enable one to write a letter that is worth reading. I suppose you have heard of the person who wrote a letter refusing to give an applicant his autograph, and signed his name to it. Like me! But I can only wish you health, prosperity, and happiness,

Very truly,

William F. Adams

"Over Office."

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