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Novelist and poet. Dorchester.

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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.