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Willowbrook End

Elton  
Suskis]

Dear Harry,

I suppose you  
will collect autographs:  
I send you a brief - rather  
faint - outline.

I suppose the W.G. are at  
Aldershot but am not  
sure. Nor do I know whether  
you are Captain or Major: forgive  
my error. Yours affectionately  
Henry Broadbent

In the London Mercury for  
September. Now I did not  
see till the end of <sup>the</sup>  
month, and two epigrams  
by Thomas Hardy.  
The second is

Epitaph on a Pessimist  
(From the French)

I'm Smith of Stoke, aged sixty-odd,  
I've lived without a dame  
From youth-time on, and well to God  
My dad had done the same

I wrote to him and pointed  
out that the original

is a well-known epigram in  
the Greek Anthology.

εξηκοντούτης Διονύσιος ἔνθαδε κεῖται  
Ταρεῦς, μὴ γήραε. αἶθε δὲ μὴδ' ὅ  
καρπὲ.

literally rendered

"Here lie I, Dionysius,  
sixty years old, &  
unmarried. I  
Tarsus, ~~was named~~  
would that my father  
had been so." ]

T.H.'s reply is  
delightful