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Hughes reference to America is interesting. He had visited the United States three times and had invested a considerable amount of his funds and energy in Rugby, Tennessee, a model community which he and several of his friends started in 1879.

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TOM BROWN'S  
SCHOOL DAYS



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CAMBRIDGE 1857



THOMAS HUGHES, A. L. S., 18 August 1895, to  
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Notes: 1. Hughes lived in Chester after July 1882, when he was appointed a county-court judge. The present note was written seven months before his death, 22 March 1896. The recipient of the note has not been identified.

2. Probably the parson from Massachusetts would not have cared to be identified.