

**Elgar, Edward, Autograph Letter Signed**

*Transcribed by Martin Bird*

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Dear Robert Nichols,

I was so glad to receive your letter – it went to the cottage & we have just left en route to Worcester to renew the old wonderful sensation of music in the Cathedral. I wish you cd. hear some in those surroundings.

This cannot be a 'proper' letter as I am due away now but I must write to say how glad I am you are writing drama – it is the most difficult 'form' of art. I shall long to hear further of your progress: be sure that you let some undramatic people read it – the 'trade' of dramatic writing has so many tricks & it would be splendid to avoid the repetition etc – but I will tell you exactly what I mean.

I shd. like to meet A[rnold]. Bennett & [Henry] Head.

I have been quite stricken down but am trying to awaken to life again and got through yesterday's rehearsal with some of the old feelings of elation.

Best regards  
Yours sincerely  
Edward Elgar

Do look at old Saintsbury's book on wine!