

ROBERTS BROTHERS COLLECTION: INVENTORY OF MANUSCRIPTS, EPHEMERA, AND PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS

BACKGROUND

Origin and nature of the collection:

The Collection was assembled by John William Pye, '70 and donated by him to the Watkinson Library in November of 2004. It was accessioned on 26 February 2005 as A182. It consists of manuscript correspondence, miscellaneous manuscripts, and printed ephemera relating to the literary publishing of the firm of Roberts Brothers and photographic albums produced and sold by Roberts Brothers.

Brief History of Roberts Brothers:

The firm of Roberts Brothers began with Lewis Augustus Roberts (1833-1901), who, after emigrating from England, established a bookbinding business in Boston in 1840. Upon expansion, it included his two brothers, John and Austin; the bookbinding business eventually was sold in 1859. In 1862 during the Civil War, with the growing interest in the new medium of photography, the brothers began manufacturing and selling photographic albums and soon added job printing. Interested in getting into publishing, Lewis Roberts, who was the firm's principal and handled its finances, hired Thomas Niles (1825-1894) as editor. Niles was particularly suited for this position, having worked for Ticknor and Fields and at one time having run his own publishing company. His skill and his knowledge of the book market were invaluable, and the firm's venture into publishing proved successful. In 1872, Niles was made a partner in the firm.

Roberts Brothers' first big publication was a pirated edition of the work of English poet Jean Ingelow. Notable books that followed included Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* (1868-69), Helen Hunt Jackson's *Romona* (1884), the first American edition of Stevenson's *Treasure Island* (1884) as well as the works of other major authors such as Emily Dickinson, Oscar Wilde, and Christina and Dante Rossetti. The sudden death of Niles from a heart attack while in Italy in 1894 led in a few years to the demise of Roberts Brothers, since he was the driving force and brains behind the firm's publishing efforts.

Summarized from: John Tebbel. *A History of the Book Publishing in the United States*, Vol. II, pp. 277-282.

The major study of Roberts Brothers is: Raymond Lincoln Kilgour. *Messrs. Roberts Brothers, publishers*. Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press, 1952.

SERIES I: Background

One folder containing inventory and list books in Pye Roberts Bros. Collection.

SERIES II: Correspondence—arranged alphabetically by author with descriptive notes:

Folder 1: Abbott to Channing:

Abbott, Lyman, A.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 30 December, Brooklyn, NY. 1 leaf.
Ordering “Renan’s Life of Jesus.”

Aldrich, Thomas Bailey. H.L.S. to [Edgar] Fawcett. 17 Mar 1880, Ponkapog, Mass.
2 leaves.

Discussion of Thomas Niles’ rejection of *A Hopeless Case*, perhaps written by Aldrich. Also some discussion of Aldrich’s plan to visit Boston in the upcoming week.

Barbour, Anna Maynard, T.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 10 October 1896, Helena, Montana. 1 leaf. Query/cover letter for a manuscript sent entitled “In the Heart of the Rockies” [eventually published as *The Award of Justice, or, Told in the Rockies: A Pen Picture of the West* by Rand, MacNally (Chicago) in 1897].

Benson, Eugene. H.L.S. to Mr. [Thomas] Niles [Roberts Bros. Principal]. 23 Jun 1887, Castelfranco, Veneto [Italy]. 2 conjugate leaves.

Benson’s request to Niles to publish Benson’s work on Italy in the thirteenth century, including a description of said work and research.

Birch, Shannon. H.L.S. to Roberts Brothers, Publishers, Boston, Mass. 18 Jan 1898, Washington, Kan. 1 leaf.

Birch’s accompanying letter to a manuscript of poetry *Susunus* (?), which Birch hopes to have included in a book of poetry.

Black, Alexander, A.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 9 April 1891, Brooklyn, NY. 1 leaf,
On Brooklyn Times letterhead. Asking for a review copy of their “Petrarch,” and any other books they wish to be reviewed.

Brown, Emma E. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. n.d., s.l.
2 conjugate leaves.

An explanation of why Brown’s “remaining stories” are late, as well as a discussion of when to bring the cover designs, probably for a book.

Buck, Chas. W. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 8 Nov 1896, Cambridge, [Mass.]. 2 conjugate leaves.

Discussion of editing a French translation. The discussion includes the steps Buck has taken in editing it.

Channing, W.H. H.L.S. to Mr. [Thomas] Niles [Roberts Bros. Principal]. 24 Mar 1872, Weston St. Mary, Devonshire, Eng. 2 conjugate leaves.

Seems to be a discussion of Roberts Brothers publishing the discourses of a relative of Channing’s, perhaps his father.

Folder 2: Dall:

Dall, Caroline H. H.L.S. to Mr. [Thomas] Niles [Roberts Bros. Principal] 9 Mar 1894, Washington, D.C. 1 leaf.

- Letter detailing Dall's bad financial straights as an apology and explanation of why her payments to Roberts Brothers were late.
- Dall, Caroline H. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 13 June 1895, Concord, Mass. 1 leaf.
Letter about Dall's reaction and criticism to two of the books she had been sent (she hated them both). She also tells Hardy which books he should be charging to her.
- Dall, Caroline H. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 16 July 1895, Concord, Mass. 1 leaf.
Dall reveals she is afraid she may die before finishing her book, and also coaches Hardy on how to send "ills" in the mail.
- Dall, C[aroline] H. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 12 Aug 1895, Byfield, Mass. 1 leaf.
Discussion of the final planning stages of Dall's book's publication (from the context, probably her volume on Margaret Fuller). Included are Dall's instructions as to the plate proofs and the "list of persons."
- Dall, C[aroline] H. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 18 Oct 1895, s.l. 1 leaf.
Dall is angry at her dealings with Roberts Brothers, including books not arriving and the small edition run of her book "Margaret." She also reveals that although she liked Niles, he was "the worst business agent I ever had" and cautions Hardy to do better.
- Dall, C[aroline] H. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 20 Oct 1895, s.l. 1 leaf.
Discussion of a letter Hardy wants her to send to "the Republican." Also, she gives him advice on which cities should be targeted for distribution of her book "Margaret."
- Dall, C[aroline] H. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 9 Nov 1895, s.l. 1 leaf.
Discussion of the way *Margaret* is being advertised just before its official publication, specifically how it is being advertised by the press. Dall seems to have concerns about Hardy's distribution of advertisements.
- [Dall, Caroline H.] Holograph Letter Initialed CHD to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. [Dec 1895], s.l. 2 conjugate leaves.
Dall requests several books from Roberts Brothers before the holidays, and also has a discussion of "notices" she sends to the press about books.
- Dall, C[aroline] H. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. [1895], s.l. 1 leaf.
Dall discusses the latest shipment of books she received from Roberts Brothers, praising it, and then discusses the earliest reviews she has gotten of *Margaret* which were favourable.
- Dall, Caroline H. H.L.S. to Miss Mary Spaulding. 17 Apr 1904, s.l. 2 conjugate leaves.
Dall expresses her sorrow at the death of Miss Spaulding's mother, who was a good friend of Dall's. She also details her plans for the summer.

Folder 3: Dodge-Greely:

Dodge, Mary Mapes. H.L.S. (Dictated) to Mr. [Thomas] Niles [Roberts Bros. Principal]. 2 Aug 1883, Ocean Grove, N.J. 2 conjugate leaves.

Letter regarding the last stages of publication of Dodge's book *Donald and Dorothy*, including payment to Roberts Brothers, sending the final manuscript to the printer and approving the final proofs.

Eggleston, Edwd. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 10 Nov 1871, New York, N.Y. 2 conjugate leaves.

Eggleston's request for a picture of Jean Ingelow for the first page of a publication, presumably her works. Also a discussion of the pronunciation of Ingelow.

Everett, William. H.L.S. to Mr. [Thomas] Niles [Roberts Bros. Principal]. 30 Jun 1890, Scarning Rectory, East Dereham, Eng. 2 conjugate leaves.

Everett's proposal for Roberts Brothers to publish his book *Time, not Mine* along with republications of his other two "boys' books" *Changing Base* and *Double Play* previously published by Lee and Shepard in the 1870s.

Fawcett, Edgar. H.L.S. to Mr. T[homas] Niles [Roberts Bros. Principal]. 15 May 188[?], Union Club, [New York, N.Y.]. 2 conjugate leaves.

Inquiry about a book *Fantasy and Passion* that is out of print.

Garrett, Edmund H. Holograph Postal Card Signed to Roberts Brothers. Postmarked 14 Jun 1892, Winchester, Mass. 1 leaf.

Praise of a proof of *Northanger Abbey* sent to him.

Garrett, Edmund H. H.L.S. to "Robbin." 12 Oct 1895, Winchester, [Mass.] 1 leaf.

A discussion of chairing a committee.

Gates, Margaret F. H.L.S. to Roberts Brothers Publishers, Boston, Mass. 4 Dec 1891, Amherst, Mass. 1 leaf.

Request to purchase a copy of *Ailes d'Alouette*.

Goetz, Philip B[ecker]. Holograph Note Signed to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 23 Feb 1896, Buffalo N.Y. 1 leaf.

Request Roberts Brothers to review a new translation of the Elektra of Sophokles.

Greely, Adolphus W., T.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 22 April 1895, Washington, D.C. 1 leaf. Sending "by express to-day" a 90-page manuscript of his *Handbook of Arctic Discoveries* (1896). Asks if they've made arrangements for printing or distribution in England.

Folder 4: Griffin:

Griffin, Cora. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 5 Jun 1895. New York, N.Y. 2 conjugate leaves.

Request for Roberts Brothers to review her manuscript *Some Modern Heretics*.

Griffin, Cora. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 26 July 1895, s.l. 2 conjugate leaves.

Request for some acknowledgement of her manuscript *Some Modern Heretics*.

- Griffin, Cora. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 3 Sep 1895, s.l. 2 conjugate leaves.
A notification of change of address so they can respond to her manuscript.
- Griffin, Cora. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 19 Sep 1895, New York, N.Y. 2 conjugate leaves.
She would like a decision on her manuscript, which Roberts Brothers told her they were in the process of reading.
- Griffin, Cora. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 27 Oct 1895, New York, N.Y. 2 conjugate leaves.
Roberts Brothers has apparently recommended changes, and Griffin is willing to make them to get her book published.
- Griffin, Cora. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 27 Dec 1895, New York City, N.Y. 1 leaf.
She wants to make sure the revised manuscript of *Some Modern Heretics* has been received.

Folder 5: Grissen-Knowles:

- Grissen, Charles. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. Publishers, NY. 16 Feb 1894, McMinnville, Oregon. 1 leaf.
Grissen seems anxious to publish a second edition of *Ideala* or a second volume of his works.
- Grissen, Chas. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 7 Jan 1897, McMinnville, Oregon. 2 conjugate leaves.
A discussion of the possible publication of his work *Huascar or A Moses of the West* under his nom de plume Muriel Gray.
- Hale, Lucretia P. H.L.S. to Messrs Roberts Brothers. 23 Jan 1891, Boston, Mass. 1 leaf.
A letter regarding settling of unpaid accounts.
- Hall, Gertrude, A.L.S. to Thomas Niles. n.d. 206 Dartmouth Street [Massachusetts?]. 2 conjugate leaves. Regarding a title dispute: "I am positive of not owing the title of my book to Miss Kemble—but I have every appearance of doing do—shall I have to find another?"
- Hall, Gertrude, A.L.S. to Thomas Niles. n.d. Powder Point, Duxbury [Massachusetts]. 1 leaf. Enclosing "Mrs. Bennett's review" and asking him to return it.
- Hunt, Helen [later Helen Hunt Jackson]. H.L.S. to Mr. [Thomas] Niles [Roberts Bros. Principal]. 24 Dec 1870, Newport, [R.I.?]. 2 pairs of 2 conjugate leaves each= 4 leaves.
A discussion of some articles Hunt had written along with a discussion of the new editorship of a newspaper *The Independent*.
- Hunter, Frances A. H.L.S. to Messrs Roberts Brothers. 22 Jan 1891, Philadelphia, Pa. 1 leaf.
Acknowledging receipt of a cheque from Roberts Brothers due to estate of Sarah J. Hale.
- Ingersoll, Ernest, A.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 29 October 1892, New York, NY. 2 conjugate leaves. Sending the manuscript of the story "Sacred Spring," accompanied by illustrations by William A. McCullough; offers to add more natural history and illustrations.

Jenks, Harriet S. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 29 Jan 1895. Allston, Mass. 2 conjugate leaves.

Request to use the words of a poem "Christmas Bells" published by Roberts Brothers.

Johnston, Annie Fellows. H.L.S. to Roberts Bros, Boston. 22 Jul 1895, Chautauqua, N.Y. 2 conjugate leaves.

Asking if a London publisher has been found for her book *Joel: A Boy of Galilee* and if it would be published by end of the summer season.

Johnston, Annie Fellows. H.L.S. to Roberts Bros, Boston, Mass. 30 Dec 1895, Evansville, Illinois. 1 leaf.

Discussion of publishing *Joel: A Boy of Galilee* in Italian.

Knapp, Maude. H.L.S. to Roberts Bros. Publishers. [19 Feb 1895]. Brooklyn, N.Y. 2 conjugate leaves.

Request to become a bookseller of *Mrs. Lincoln's Boston Cook Book*, and inquiry into how much Roberts would charge for her to buy the book and resell it. Note on letter says "1.34 each by the dozen Feb 19/95."

Knowles, Archibald Campbell. Typed Letter Signed to Messrs. Roberts Brothers, Boston, Mass. 2 Nov 1894, Philadelphia, Pa. 1 leaf.

Submission of poetry he wants published along with circulars detailing the publication of one of his books.

Folder 6: Leiter-McCormick:

Leiter, Frances W. H.L.S. to Roberts Brothers, Boston, Mass. 11 Jan 1893, Mansfield, Ohio. 2 leaves.

Details of a plan to work with Roberts Brothers to publish a pamphlet, which the Women's Christian Temperance Union would distribute as flyers and in which Roberts Brothers would get a large advertisement.

Leiter, Frances W. H.L.S. to Roberts Brothers, Boston. 16 Jan 1893, Mansfield, Ohio. 1 leaf.

More discussion of plans for this chapter-pamphlet with WCTU advertisements in it.

Leiter, Frances W. H.L.S. to Roberts Brothers, Boston, Mass. 21 Mar 1893, Mansfield, Ohio. 1 leaf.

Leiter is imploring that the advertisements be at the end of the pamphlet and also imploring expediency.

Lincoln, Mary J. H.L.S. to Roberts Brothers. 8 May 1891, s.l. 1 leaf.

A letter detailing where Mrs. Lincoln wants publisher copies of her book sent.

Lingsley, F.T. H.L.S. to Messrs, Roberts Bros. 19 Aug 1896, West Falmouth, Mass. 2 conjugate leaves.

Request for a book entitled *Chums*.

Lowell, Robert F.S. H.L.S. to unknown person. 30 Aug 1874, Union College, Schenectady, N.Y. 1 leaf.

Lowell telling a friend that he is not sure when his book *Antony Brade* will come out, but that Roberts Brothers will send the friend a copy.

- MacArthur, James. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 6 Sep 1895, New York, N.Y. 1 leaf.
Discussion of the translation of *Louis XIV* and its possible abridgement, which MacArthur cautions against.
- MacArthur, James. Typed Letter Signed to Mr. [Alcott] Pratt, c/o Roberts Brothers. 7 Nov 189[5], New York, N.Y. 1 leaf.
MacArthur's advice as to the advertisement of Roberts Brothers in MacArthur's magazine *The Bookman*. He advises to showcase *Constantinople*.
- MacArthur, James. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 7 Sep 1896, New York, N.Y. 1 leaf.
Request for a portrait of P S Hamerton for an article in *The Bookman*.
- McCormick, A.A. Typed Letter Signed to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 9 Aug 1897, Chicago, Illinois. 1 leaf.
Accompaniment to an article he is sending to Hardy.
- Makeever, J.L. H.L.S. to Roberts Brothers, Boston. 4 Jan 1892, Osceola, Neb. 1 leaf.
Accompanied by a pamphlet. *The Wandering Jew, A Tale of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel*. By J.L. Makeever. n.d., Osceola, Neb. 2 Conjugate leaves.
A request for Roberts Brothers to consider publishing Makeever's work *The Wandering Jew* accompanied by a pamphlet of testimonials.
- Martineau, James, A.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 24 August 1895, Abiemore, Scotland. 2 leaves [one letter and a "paid" receipt for the order, dated 11 October 1895]. Regarding "your order of 100 copies of 'Hours of Thought'."

Folder 7: Most-Stedman:

- Most, John. H.L.S. to Messrs Roberts Bros, Boston, Mass. 27 Feb 1891, New York, N.Y. 1 Leaf.
Request for a book *News From Nowhere* so that he can review it.
- [Moulton, Louise Chandler]. Holograph Letter Initialed LCM to Mr. [Thomas] Niles [Roberts Bros. Principal]. [1891], s.l. 2 conjugate leaves.
Letter admonishing Niles for the condition of gift books sent to her and also a mention of enthusiastic reviews of Meredith.
- Moxom, Philip S. Typed Letter Signed to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 16 Dec 1895, Springfield, Mass. 1 leaf.
A request from Moxom to send a copy of his book *From Jerusalem to Nicaea* to the Congregational Library.
- Nutt, David. H.L.S. to Messrs Roberts Bros. Boston. 5 Dec 1890, London, W.C., Eng. 2 conjugate leaves.
Discussion of the possible publication of Mr. Moore's essays on French writers.
- Pendleton, Lewis, H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 26 January 1895, Philadelphia, PA. 2 leaves. Regards distributing *Sons of Ham* in England, and to periodicals in England and the American South, and directing them to send "author's copies" to a list of ten names and addresses (four in Philadelphia, two in Illinois, three in Georgia, and one in London).

Perry, Harriet, H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 14 August 1895, Denver, Colorado. 2 conjugate leaves. The "Saxe Holm Stories" and their attribution to Helen Hunt Jackson.

Perry, Harriet, H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 26 August 1895, Denver, Colorado. 2 conjugate leaves. The "Saxe Holm Stories" and their attribution to Helen Hunt Jackson.

Prentiss, E. H.L.S. to Mr. T[homas] Niles [Robert Bros. Principal]. 8 Dec 1870, New York, N.Y. 1 leaf.

Roe, Edward T., A.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 3 November 1884, Springfield, IL. 1 leaf, on U.S. Attorney's Office letterhead. Acknowledging receipt of their letter, and forwarding a manuscript. The title of the MS is not mentioned, but on the verso is docketed "ET Roe / Nov 2/84 / MS / Kentucky Gentleman."
Request for a count of sale on the publication of *Nidworth*.

Shaw, Flora L., A.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 11 February 1895, 130 Cambridge Street, Warwick Square, S.W. [London]. 2 conjugate leaves (mourning stationery). Regarding a royalty payment "for the sale of my books."

Smith, J.B. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 7 Sep 1894, Madison, Wis. 2 Leaves.
Request for Roberts Brothers to look through two manuscripts of Smith "*High Joe*" and *Barriers Broken or Right Makes Might*. Note on letter "Declined Sept 10/94."

Stedman, Arthur. Typed Letter Signed to Alcott Pratt, Esq. c/o Roberts Brothers. 17 Nov 1892, New York, N.Y. 1 leaf.
A discussion of the best way to reproduce a portrait of "Mr. Alcott" for a book Stedman's company [Webster and Co. Publishers] is publishing.

Folder 8: Story-Wormeley:

Story, Alf[re]d T[homas]. H.L.S. to Messrs Roberts Bros. 30 Dec 1886, Savage Club, Savage Strand, London, Eng. 2 conjugate leaves.
An inquiry into whether Roberts Brothers would like to publish an American edition of Story's novel *Fifine* which was being published in London. He also sent the novel proofs to them for perusal.

Thorne, Adela Page. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 9 Mar 1892, St. Louis, Mo. 5 leaves.
A request to have Roberts Brothers examine her manuscript *The Red Aristocrat* along with a lengthy summary of the plot, and then a small paragraph about Page's background as a middle class woman. Note on manuscript says "will examine it."

Thwaites, Reuben Gold, A.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 18 January 1895, Madison, Wisconsin. 2 leaves, on Wisconsin Historical Society letterhead. Sending a manuscript entitled "Afloat on the Ohio," wanting "an Eastern publisher" and explaining, "I should suppose . . . a steady sale to tourists taking the annual summer steamboat tour down the Ohio—and thousands do this." He also

suggests that his “fellow members of the American Library Association” will buy many copies.

Thwaites, Reuben Gold, A.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 1 March 1895, Madison, Wisconsin. 1 leaf, on Wisconsin Historical Society letterhead. Follow-up query to his letter of 18 January 1895 letter about “Afloat on the Ohio.” *Afloat on the Ohio* was published by Way & Williams (Chicago) in 1897.

Todd, M[abel] L[oomis]. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 3 Apr 1896, Amherst, [Mass.]. 2 conjugate leaves.

Letter detailing the address changes of Mr. and Mrs. Todd for the next six months (it seems to be a trip westward to Japan). Also some discussion of the title-page and cover of “Sonnets.”

Wallace, Susan E. H.L.S. to Roberts Brothers. 27 Aug 1884, Crawfordsville, Indiana. 2 conjugate leaves.

Letter to tell Roberts Brothers to expect Wallace’s papers of *The Land of the Pueblos* for possible publication. If not published, she wants them sent back.

Wallace, Susan E. H.L.S. to Roberts Brothers. 17 Jan 1898, Crawfordsville, Indiana. 2 conjugate leaves.

Wallace wishes to send a piece of fiction by her neighbor *A Soldier’s Fireside Stories* for possible publication by Roberts Brothers.

Ward, Julius H., T.L.S. to Mr. Thomas Niles. 1 February 1894, Boston, MA. 1 leaf. From the Herald Office. A letter introducing “Mr. Nobuta Kishimoto, who has prepared a manuscript on Christianity in Japan, recording his impressions and convictions in a sort of autobiography . . . it is the first time that Christianity has been presented as it appears to an honest and intellectual Japanese student whose work in this country and at Harvard has attracted a great deal of attention.” Kishimoto entered Harvard Divinity School in 1890, took a Bachelor of Divinity in June 1893, and an M.A. in the philosophy of religion before returning to Japan in April 1894.

Ward, May Alden. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 6 Feb 1884, Mechanicsburg, Ohio. 2 leaves.

Letter about sending a translation of Michelet’s *Renaissance* for possible publication.

[Wormeley, Katharine Prescott]. Holograph Letter Initialed KPW to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. Accompanied by Holograph “Printed Page 435” [from Wormeley’s translation of Honore de Balzac’s *The Lesser Bourgeoisie*]. [1896], s.l. 2 leaves.

Description of the technical final touches for the publication of Wormeley’s translation of Balzac’s *The Lesser Bourgeoisie*.

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Greely, Adolphus W., T.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 22 April 1895, Washington, D.C. 1 leaf.

Griffin, Cora. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 5 Jun 1895. New York, N.Y. 2 conjugate leaves.

Dall, Caroline H. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 13 June 1895, Concord, Mass. 1 leaf.

Dall, Caroline H. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 16 July 1895, Concord, Mass. 1 leaf.

Johnston, Annie Fellows. H.L.S. to Roberts Bros, Boston. 22 Jul 1895, Chautauqua, N.Y. 2 conjugate leaves.

Griffin, Cora. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 26 July 1895, s.l. 2 conjugate leaves.

Dall, C[aroline] H. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 12 Aug 1895, Byfield, Mass. 1 leaf.

Perry, Harriet, H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 14 August 1895, Denver, Colorado. 2 conjugate leaves.

Martineau, James, A.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 24 August 1895, Abiemore, Scotland. 2 leaves [one letter and a "paid" receipt for the order, dated 11 October 1895].

Perry, Harriet, H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 26 August 1895, Denver, Colorado. 2 conjugate leaves.

Griffin, Cora. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 3 Sep 1895, s.l. 2 conjugate leaves.

MacArthur, James. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 6 Sep 1895, New York, N.Y. 1 leaf.

Griffin, Cora. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 19 Sep 1895, New York, N.Y. 2 conjugate leaves.

Garrett, Edmund H. H.L.S. to "Robbin." 12 Oct 1895, Winchester, [Mass.] 1 leaf.

Dall, C[aroline] H. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 18 Oct 1895, s.l. 1 leaf.

Dall, C[aroline] H. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 20 Oct 1895, s.l. 1 leaf.

Griffin, Cora. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 27 Oct 1895, New York, N.Y. 2 conjugate leaves.

MacArthur, James. Typed Letter Signed to Mr. [Alcott] Pratt, c/o Roberts Brothers. 7 Nov 189[5], New York, N.Y. 1 leaf.

Dall, C[aroline] H. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 9 Nov 1895, s.l. 1 leaf.

[Dall, Caroline H.] Holograph Letter Initialed CHD to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. [Dec 1895], s.l. 2 conjugate leaves.

Moxom, Philip S. Typed Letter Signed to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 16 Dec 1895, Springfield, Mass. 1 leaf.

Griffin, Cora. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 27 Dec 1895, New York City, N.Y. 1 leaf.

Johnston, Annie Fellows. H.L.S. to Roberts Bros, Boston, Mass. 30 Dec 1895, Evansville, Illinois. 1 leaf.

Dall, C[aroline] H. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. [1895],s.l. 1 leaf.

Goetz, Philip B[ecker]. Holograph Note Signed to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 23 Feb 1896, Buffalo N.Y. 1 leaf.

Todd, M[abel] L[oomis]. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 3 Apr 1896, Amherst, [Mass.]. 2 conjugate leaves.

Lingsley, S.T. H.L.S. to Messrs, Roberts Bros. 19 Aug 1896, West Falmouth, Mass. 2 conjugate leaves.

MacArthur, James. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 7 Sep 1896, New York, N.Y. 1 leaf.

Barbour, Anna Maynard, T.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 10 October 1896, Helena, Montana. 1 leaf.

Buck, Chas. W. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 8 Nov 1896, Cambridge, [Mass.]. 2 conjugate leaves.

[Wormeley, Katharine Prescott]. Holograph Letter Initialed KPW to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. Accompanied by Holograph "Printed Page 435" [from Wormeley's translation of Honore de Balzac's *The Lesser Bourgeoisie*]. [1896], s.l. 2 leaves.

Grissen, Chas. H.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Bros. 7 Jan 1897, McMinnville, Oregon. 2 conjugate leaves.

McCormick, A.A. Typed Letter Signed to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. 9 Aug 1897, Chicago, Illinois. 1 leaf.

Wallace, Susan E. H.L.S. to Roberts Brothers. 17 Jan 1898, Crawfordsville, Indiana. 2 conjugate leaves.

Birch, Shannon. H.L.S. to Roberts Brothers, Publishers, Boston, Mass. 18 Jan 1898, Washington, Kan. 1 leaf.

Dall, Caroline H. H.L.S. to Miss Mary Spaulding. 17 Apr 1904, s.l. 2 conjugate leaves.

Undated Letters:

Abbott, Lyman, A.L.S. to Messrs. Roberts Brothers. 30 December, Brooklyn, NY. 1 leaf.

Brown, Emma E. H.L.S. to Mr. [Eugene] Hardy [Roberts Bros. Assistant]. n.d., s.l. 2 conjugate leaves.

Hall, Gertrude, A.L.S. to Thomas Niles. n.d. 206 Dartmouth Street [Massachusetts?]. 2 conjugate leaves.

Hall, Gertrude, A.L.S. to Thomas Niles. n.d. Powder Point, Duxbury [Massachusetts]. 1 leaf.

SERIES III: Miscellaneous manuscripts:

Massey, Gerald. [Memorandum] Concerning the publication of Jean Ingelow's *Poems* by Ticknor and Fields. 20 July [1863], Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, Eng. 2 conjugate leaves.

[Memorandum]. "Messrs. Roberts Bros. to Edmund H. Garrett. 10 Drawings for Jane Austen ed. 400.00. 5 Drawings for H.H. 45.50. Received Payment /s/ Edmund H. Garrett. 2 June 1892, Boston, Mass. 1 leaf.

[Memorandum]. "Messrs Roberts Brothers will kindly send one copy of School Lessons[?] to Miss Ellen F. Mason, Bath Road, New Port, R.I. and charge same to William Everett. July 14." 12 May 1897, Quincy, [Mass.]. 1 leaf.

Roberts Brothers. 2 Cheques, Drawn on the National Bank of the Commonwealth to Mary Mapes Dodge. 16 Aug 1892, 20 July 1893, Boston, Mass. 2 leaves.

Roberts Brothers. Receipt Signed by Wm. R. Alger. Jan 1896, Boston, Mass. 1 leaf.

Roberts Brothers. 2 Receipts Signed by Edmund H. Garrett. Jan 1896, Jan 1897, Jan 1898, Winchester, Mass. 3 leaves.

SERIES IV: Ephemera:

Book Announcement for *The Book of the Sonnet*. Boston: [Roberts Brothers], Dec 1866. 1 leaf.

Book Announcement. "By the Author of '*Allegretto*' ...*Far From Today*". Boston: Roberts Brothers. n.d. 1 leaf.

Book Announcement. "By the Author of '*A Nile Journal*' ...*A Sheaf of Papers*". Boston: Roberts Brothers. n.d. 1 leaf.

Catalogue. *Little Brown and Company's catalogue of publications in general literature, including the books formerly issued by Roberts Brothers*. Boston: Little Brown, ca. 1899.

Flyer. "Books on Art Published by Roberts Brothers, Boston." Boston: Roberts Brothers. n.d. 1 leaf.

Flyer. "George Meredith". Boston: Roberts Brothers. n.d. 1 leaf.

Flyer. "Works of Fiction Recently Published by Roberts Brothers". Boston: Roberts Brothers. n.d. 1 leaf.

Page. From a Book about Balzac.

Pamphlet. "Books of Travel" and "New and Popular Books." Boston: Roberts Brothers. n.d., 2 conjugate leaves.

Pamphlet. "Dr. Moxom's Books". Featuring the Third Edition of "The Aim of Life". Boston: Roberts Brothers. n.d. 2 conjugate leaves. (2 copies).

Pamphlet. "A List. Some Holiday Books". Boston: Roberts Brothers. n.d. 15 Pages, numbered.

Roberts Brothers Order Slip. "'Whist, or Bumblepuppy?'" By Pembridge. From the Second London Edition...Published by Roberts Brothers, Boston." 1 leaf.

SERIES V: Albums:

Roberts Brothers 20 cartes de visite album (height: 16 cm.), bound in black leather, with lightly blind-stamped design with fleur-de-lis and 1 decorated bronze clasp, containing: 16 cartes de visite of members of the Henry and Charlotte Chamberlain family. Some of the photographs were taken in San Francisco and others in Weimar, Germany.

Roberts Brothers 20 cartes de visite album (height: 16 cm.), bound in light brown cloth with overall design in blind and stamped with floral design in gold; binding broken and covers loose.

Roberts Brothers 20 cartes de visite album (height: 16 cm.), bound in light brown cloth with overall design in blind and stamped with floral design in gold, with 1 decorated bronze clasp; upper cover missing and back strip loose.

Roberts Brothers 30 cartes de visite Album (height: 16 cm.), bound in green cloth with overall design in blind and stamped with floral design in gold, with 1 large and elaborate bronze clasp and containing: 19 photographs of individuals or groups of individuals (16 in carte de visite format and 3 photographs in smaller formats).

Roberts Brothers 30 cartes de visite album (height: 16 cm.), bound in brown leather, with deeply blind-stamped design and 1 bronze clasp with fleur-de-lis design.

Roberts Brothers 50 cartes de visite album (height: 16 cm.), bound in brown leather, with deeply blind-stamped design and 2 lightly decorated bronze clasps, containing cartes-de-visite for the following notables: James T. Fields (2), Louisa May Alcott, Jean Ingelow (2), Edward Everett Hale, Harriet Beecher Stowe, George Sand, Theophilus Parsons, Governor John Albion Andrew, Julia Ward Howe, Ernest Renan, Annie Fields, Thomas Gold Appleton, Charles Sumner, Gustave Doré, Bronson Alcott, Helen Hunt Jackson, William Morris, and George McDonald.

Roberts Brothers 50 cartes de visite album (height: 16 cm.), bound in brown leather, with deeply blind-stamped design and 2 bronze clasps adorned with elaborate raised buckle and ribbon design.

Roberts Brothers 50 cartes de visite album (height: 16 cm.), bound in brown cloth with overall design in blind and stamped with floral design in gold and with 1 decorated bronze clasp, containing: 50 photographs of works of art, many with religious themes.

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