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Summary Information

Repository:	Colby College Special Collections
Creator - cre:	Gosse, Edmund, 1849-1928 (English. Poet)
Title:	Collection of Sir Edmund William Gosse Materials.
ID:	GOSSE.1
Date [inclusive]:	1882-1927.
Date [inclusive]:	1882-1927
Physical Description:	1.0 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
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Abstract:	The collection contains correspondence from 1880s-1920s and two published articles on Thomas Hardy, one from 1896 and the other from 1927.

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Biographical / Historical

Gosse, Sir Edmund William, 1849–1928, English biographer and critic. He was lecturer in English literature at Trinity College, Cambridge (1884–90) and librarian of the House of Lords (1904–14). Although he wrote with enthusiasm and wit, his scholarship was often inaccurate and thus much of his critical work has been superseded. He did, however, introduce English readers to Ibsen and other Scandinavian writers as well as to some modern French writers and painters. Among the many biographies he wrote were those of Gray (1882), Donne (1899), Sir Thomas Browne (1905), Ibsen (1907), Swinburne (1917), and Congreve (rev. ed. 1924). *Father and Son* (1907), his best work, describes his relationship with his father, Philip Henry Gosse (1810–88), an English naturalist and author of

zoological works, whose biography Edmund had written (1890). Included among Edmund's several volumes of verse are *On Viol and Flute* (1873) and *New Poems* (1879). He was knighted in 1925.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains correspondence from 1880s-1920s to American and British literary figures such as Thomas Sargent Perry, Edwin Arlington Robinson, Edmund Stedman, and Violet Paget, and two published articles on Thomas Hardy, one from 1896 and the other from 1927.

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Arrangement

Materials arranged in three series: Correspondence from Sir Edmund William Gosse, Correspondence to Sir Edmund William Gosse, Published Materials.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

Custodial History

Materials acquired via gift or purchase.

Conditions Governing Use

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Controlled Access Headings

- Poetry
- American poetry -- 20th century
- Letters
- Paget, Violet, 1856-1935 (British writer)
- Perry, Thomas Sargeant, 1845-1928 (United States. Literary critic)
- Stedman, Edmund Clarence, 1833-1908 (American Poet)
- Robinson, Edwin Arlington, 1869-1935 (Poet)
- Hardy, Thomas, 1840-1928 (Author)

Collection Inventory

Series A: Correspondence from Sir Edmund William Gosse., 1882-1923.

Physical Description: 6 Folders.

Title/Description	Instances
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Folder A1: To Robert S. Bridges., 1923.	
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Physical Description: 1 A.L.S.

Folder A2: To Violet Paget., 1882, 1906.	
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Physical Description: 4 A.L.S.

Folder A3: To Thomas Sergeant Perry., 1886-1887.	
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Physical Description: 2 A.L.S.

Folder A4: To Frederick A. Pottle., 1920.	
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Physical Description: 1 A.L.S.

Folder A5: To Edwin Arlington Robinson., 1923.	
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Physical Description: 1 A.L.S.

Folder A6: To Edmund Clarence Stedman., 1897.	
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Physical Description: 1 A.L.S.

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Series B: Correspondence To Sir Edmund William Gosse.

Correpondence from Thomas Hardy.

Physical Description: SEE FINDING AID.

Correspondence from Henry James.

Physical Description: SEE FINDING AID.

Correspondence from John Masefield.

Physical Description: SEE FINDING AID.

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Series C: Published Materials., 1896-1927.

Physical Description: 2 Folders.

Title/Description	Instances
Folder C1: The Lost Novel of Thomas Hardy: The Poor Man and The Lady., 1927. <u>Physical Description</u> : In: The Bookman's Journal, 3rd ser., Vol. XV, No. 4.	
Folder C2: Mr. Hardy's New Novel [Jude The Obscure]., January 1896.	
General In: Cosmopolis, Vol. I, No. I.	

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