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Gifts to the Division of Rare Books and Manuscripts flow in with affable regularity, a matter of gratification to us and to the legion of scholars whose requests for original materials come to us from, literally, every corner of the world. Our statement of special interests, printed on the inside front cover of *CLQ*, only skirts the salient areas of our actual collections. Herewith, another sampling of recent additions, with genuflections to the kind donors.

MR. BEN AMES WILLIAMS, JR. of Jamaica Plain, Mass.: through the thoughtful offices of Mr. Williams, the descendants of Benjamin Franklin Butler—major general in the Union Army, state senator and governor of Massachusetts, U. S. Congressman, candidate for the U. S. presidency, and alumnus of Colby College—have bestowed the remaining memorabilia in their possession upon us. These include 193 volumes from Butler's library, fifty-one of which are either signed by Butler or are presentation copies to him by the authors; forty-three printed speeches by BFB; the Proceedings of the House of Representatives on the impeachment trial of the earlier President Johnson; forty-two documents and news clippings regarding Butler; thirty-one large photographs of the General, of his Civil War colleagues, and relevant locations; an atlas folio of facsimile signatures ranging from 1877 to 1889; eight notebooks and scrapbooks of daily business letters and transactions; annotations of court cases; a typed bibliography of BFB; typescripts of the letters and journals of General Adelbert Ames (his son-in-law); legal papers in the cases of the President and Fellows of Harvard College vs Thomas Stearns and of Ehud M. Darling vs Butler. The collection contains forty-one letters, one telegram, and four documents written and signed by Butler, and sixty-four copies of letters written by him; 801 letters and fifty-two telegrams written to him by clients, constituents, crackpots, veterans seeking pensions, admirers, besmirchers, solicitors for every scheme under the sun, and political advocates; sixty-two letters between his father, Captain John Butler, and his mother; thirty-nine written to BFB by his children; eighty-nine other family letters; thirty-eight letters and twenty-two telegrams from his law partner O. D. Barrett. Also, letters to Butler from Henry Ward

Beecher, Lucy Stone, James Gordon Bennett, Charles A. Dana, and Caleb Cushing. Among the miscellaneous items are letters written by Theodore Roosevelt, Barrett Wendell, Gamaliel Bradford, and one from General George C. Strong to Neal Dow, Maine's staunch prohibitionist. Two interesting manuscripts are an autograph poem by Harriet Prescott Spofford and a rebuttal by Fisher A. Hildreth of the charge that Union supplies had been diverted to the rebel army by a nefarious "ring." Colby is specifically indebted to Ben Butler's great-grandchildren—Mr. Andrew Marshall, Jr., Mr. Malcolm Marshall, Mrs. Blanche M. Bruner, and Mrs. Jessie Marshall Williams—for making these supplements to American history and literature available for study.

MR. CARL WELLINGTON MARR of Burbank, California: two holograph letters written to him by Edwin Arlington Robinson on the subject of his first self-published book, *The Torrent and the Night Before*; an inscribed photograph of the poet circa 1923.

MISS HELEN R. MARR of Waterville, Maine: a copy of Carlyle's *Sartor Resartus* (London: Ward, Lock & Bowden, 1896), inscribed on the flyleaf to her father "J. W. Marr from E. A. Robinson, March 1897." Of this book, EAR declared, "I . . . am completely soaked with its fiery philosophy."

MR. JOSEPH COBURN SMITH of South Portland, Maine, in conjunction with Mrs. Louise Velten of New York City and Mrs. John A. Fawcett of Berkeley, California: a culling from the collections of their father, George Otis Smith. Over fifty books, including Bruce Rogers and Thomas B. Mosher imprints; volumes from the library of Edmund Clarence Stedman (poet, critic, Wall Street broker), inscribed to him by the author and containing autograph letters and poems by Paul Hamilton Hayne (2 letters), Thomas Wentworth Higginson (2 letters, 4 poems), Robert Underwood Johnson (3 letters), Gilbert Parker (1 letter), and Edwin Markham's *Lincoln and Other Poems* (1 letter). Among the more than a hundred handwritten and typed letters are thirty by presidents Coolidge, Harding, Hoover, Taft, Wilson, and the two Roosevelts; by Supreme Court Justices Charles Evans Hughes, Louis D. Brandeis, and Harlan Stone;

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by politicians Newton D. Baker, William E. Borah, Champ Clark, Josephus Daniels, Albert E. Fall, Frank B. Kellogg, Thomas R. Marshall, Andrew Mellon, Elihu Root, James S. Sherman, and Alfred E. Smith; by men of science Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas A. Edison, John Muir, and Lewis Strauss; by litterateurs James Bryce, George Horace Lorimer, John Clair Minot, Edwin Markham, and Mark Sullivan; by generals John J. Pershing and Leonard Wood; by the German diplomat J. Bernstorff; by labor leaders Samuel Gompers and William Green; by the British cartoon satirist Maurice A. Low; by the American philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, Jr.; and by Abraham Lincoln's son Robert. One note in particular teems with amusing irony: Senator Theodore E. Burton wrote to George Otis Smith, "Please find enclosed one dollar in currency, returning the loan which you so kindly made me in my embarrassment yesterday." Burton was at this time Chairman of the Senate Committee on Expenditure in the Treasury Department!

MR. RAYMOND SPINNEY of Rochester, New Hampshire: our most prolific and consistent donor of Jacob Abbott editions appended twenty-eight more titles since last report, and a scarce Holman Day first edition.

MR. BENTON L. HATCH of Amherst, Mass.: Copy #1 of his superb bibliography, *A Check List of the Publications of Thomas Bird Mosher* (University of Massachusetts Press, 1966), much of which he researched from our holdings, at this moment some 635 imprints.

MR. PATRICK J. FERRY of Valhalla, New York: continuously enhances his original gift of over four hundred Willa Cather items, most recently several editions which had escaped his grasp in earlier collecting, and the newest studies of Miss Cather's writings; also some elusive ephemera of Hardy, Jewett, and Robinson.

COLBY LIBRARY ASSOCIATES, all points: five volumes on the life and works of Edwin Arlington Robinson; twenty-three letters written by John Masefield, two each by Thomas Hardy, Henry James, Laura E. Richards, and Holman Day, one each by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Sarah Orne Jewett, Margaret Deland, Kenneth Roberts, Nathaniel P. Willis, Laurence Housman, and

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one by William Butler Yeats to John Masefield, as well as the signed and illustrated typescript of a poem, "The Frozen Lake," by Stevie Smith in homage to Masefield. From the papers of Denham Sutcliffe, editor of *Untriangulated Stars, Letters of Edwin Arlington Robinson to Harry De Forest Smith*, the following: Sutcliffe's correspondence with Harvard University Press during preparation of the volume; numerous answers to queries; reviews of the book; letters written to him by Lionel Trilling, Louis V. Ledoux (2), George W. Latham, Ruth Nivison, the poet's niece (11), Emery Neff, the poet's biographer (15), Mowry Saben (5), Esther W. Bates (2), Mrs. Harry De Forest Smith, and Beecher Hogan, the poet's bibliographer.

MR. ALBERT ROBINSON of Tenants Harbor, Maine: a holograph letter from William Howard Taft, thanking him and his wife for the kind hospitality of their house when he visited Peabody. Mr. Robinson is Colby's oldest living alumnus.

THE BOSTON ATHENAEUM and the UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA: respectively, for letters written by Thomas Hardy and by E. A. Robinson, accepted gratefully as tributes to the strength of our collections of these two authors.

DR. J. SEELYE BIXLER of Jaffrey, New Hampshire: twenty-nine autograph letters written by Henry James, Sr., & Jr., William James, the elder Rev. William James, Robertson and Howard James. These are in addition to the hundreds of other James family letters given in the past by Dr. Bixler, president emeritus of Colby College, and descendant of the Jameses on the distaff side.

MR. BERN PORTER of Huntsville, Alabama: to the special section devoted to avant garde books and contemporary private presses initiated by Mr. Porter, he has sent seriatim several score of imaginatively conceived and executed works by Henry Miller, Kenneth Patchen, Anais Nin, Christopher MacLaine, Philip Lamantia, James Schevill, Salvador Dali, Michael Fraenkel, Kenneth Beaudoin, Charles Bukowski, Walter Lowenfels, Richard Buckminster Fuller, Claes Oldenburg, and Harry Bowman, most of them presentation copies from the author; a volume by Nelson Algren, amusingly and provocatively inscribed;

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numerous issues of fugitive "little" magazines; several "non-books" compiled from assorted news clippings, computer tapes, loose-leaf prose, or evocative diagrams, photos, and sketches.

MR. CYRIL CLEMENS of Kirkwood, Missouri: a letter about E. A. Robinson by Charles Cestre, one of his earliest critics.

MISS MARGARET PERRY of Hancock, New Hampshire: 206 additional volumes from the library of her father, Thomas Sergeant Perry; a letter written to her by E. A. Robinson, a copy of his Last Will and Testament, and an informal photograph of EAR and TSP.

MR. ALBERT A. HOWARD of Halifax, Nova Scotia: pertinent editions of Thomas Hardy, William Dean Howells, Thomas Mann, John Masefield, and William Morris; Bruce Rogers and Mosher imprints; Jonathan Carver's *Three Years Travels* (Boston, 1797), a source book for Kenneth Roberts' *Northwest Passage*; three 18th-century New England issues; John Owen, *Epigrammatum* (Amsterdam, 1647), an Elzevir; and the following titles from the 16th century; Ephraem, *Sermones Beati* (Venice, 1501), Quintilianus, *Declamationes* (Paris, 1509); Ferratius, *Cantele Noue* (Paris, 1514); Aldine editions of *Anthologia Graeca* (Venice, 1521), Cicero, *Epistole* (Venice, 1551), and Cicero, *Epitheta Collecta* (Venice, 1570); Dempstero, *Antiquitatum Romanorum* (Geneva, 1559); Seneca, *Cordubensis Tragoediae Septem* (Paris 1560).

MR. H. BACON COLLAMORE of West Hartford, Conn.: the *Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam of Naishapur* (Cleveland: Charles Hardy Meigs, 1900), with an introduction by Nathan Haskell Dole. On the front flyleaf, in bold type, is printed: "Of this edition of THE RUBAIYAT only eight copies were printed, two of which were used for securing copyright. This copy is No. 3, and was especially printed for Mr. Thos. B. Mosher, Portland, Me." The volume is printed on one side of leaf, with printed sides facing each other. Meigs planned this edition "as a necessary step toward the making of my miniature Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam . . . which is the smallest book in the world." This note, with other particulars about this edition, is printed in black on yellow satin, and laid in. Also laid or tipped in are letters

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written by Dole to Mosher ("Dear Tommaso!"), by Meigs to Mosher, by Arthur Clark, John Howard Webster, and G. H. Gardner to Charles H. Sloan regarding Meigs, and one by Sloan to Webster.

MR. GEORGE H. CROSBY of Orono, Maine: etching of Thomas Hardy by William Strang, the original of which he drew as an illustration for Lionel Johnson's book in 1893. Only twelve impressions were taken, and we are proud to be in possession of a second of these rare prints donated many years ago by Carroll A. Wilson who had acquired it from the library of A. Edward Newton.

REVEREND H. L. HOOVER of Hartsville, South Carolina: fourteen editions of Omar Khayyam's *Rubaiyat*. These join our copies of first editions of each of the first four versions published under FitzGerald's supervision from 1859 to 1879; the scarce first American printing, privately issued in Columbus, Ohio, in 1870; and over 270 other editions, plain, florid, annotated, and multilingual.

MR. CECIL J. HARRIBINE of Easton, Maine: a fine copy of *Medical Inquiries and Observations Upon the Diseases of the Mind* (Philadelphia, 1812) by Benjamin Rush, M.D., the pioneer work by "the father of American psychiatry."

