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home in the summer of 1929. On August 6, after presumably a number of invitations, Robinson somberly indited: "If you are a real friend of mine, and I know you are one, you will take me at my word in regard to visiting, and at the same time be assured of my complete appreciation of your hospitality. I have simply come to the time of life, or stage of decay, when visiting — no matter where — is a form of torture to me." Only two more letters followed. In the fall Variell suffered a minor stroke and he changed base permanently to Miami Beach, where he died April 16, 1940. Whatever underlay the cessation of this revived relationship at its seeming height (three reasons — expanding introversion, infirmity, distance — suggest themselves), it graphically illustrates by its character and content Robinson's self-shielding *modus vivendi* of archipelago friendships.



ADDITIONS TO THE ROBINSON COLLECTION: II

By RICHARD CARY

ALL FOUR ISSUES of *Colby Library Quarterly* in Edwin Arlington Robinson's centennial year of 1969 were devoted to essays on his life and literary works. Each issue also contained an annotated listing of books and periodicals inscribed by or to him, and of letters and manuscripts written by or pertaining to him then in Colby College Library. An auxiliary list appeared in the September 1971 issue.

Further additions to our collection of *personalized* Robinsoniana are itemized below, bringing the account up to date. Categories are the same in numeration and title as previously observed.

ROBINSON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS: ADDENDA II

I. BOOKS BY E. A. R.

Collected Poems. Macmillan Company: New York, 1925.

2. "Lewis Myer Isaacs / with the best wishes of / E. A. Robinson / January 13, 1927" on front endleaf.

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Sonnets 1889-1927. Macmillan Company: New York, 1928.

7. "To the Colby College Library / Edwin Arlington Robinson / accepted Honorary Membership / in the Mark Twain Society, / 2nd February, 1928, / and later was recipient of the Mark Twain Medal. / Greetings! / Cyril Clemens." "Mark Twain Society / Kirkwood, Missouri / 12 May, 1974. / He was voted Membership / for this book *Sonnets 1928*" on front endpaper.

Tristram. Macmillan Company: New York, 1927.

9. "For / Marie Robinson / from E.A.R. / May 26, 1927" on front endleaf.

Van Zorn. Macmillan Company: New York, 1914.

6. "With the Compliments of the Author" printed slip laid in. Emma L. Robinson's copy.

IV. BOOKS BY OTHERS: INSCRIBED BY E. A. R.

Hugo, Victor. *Hernani*. London: Dulau & Co., 1891. "E. A. Robinson / Harvard Apr. '93" on front wrapper.

James, William. *Psychology*. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 1892. "E. A. Robinson, / Harvard - Dec. 16 '92" on title page.

Kimble, Ralph A. *Commemorative Postage Stamps of the United States*. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 1933. "To / D. & W. Nivison / from E. A. Robinson / 1933" on front endleaf.

Seton, Ernest Thompson. *Wild Animals I Have Known*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1902. "To Marie Robinson / from Uncle Win / Christmas, 1902" on front endleaf.

Volney, Constantin. *Les Ruines, La Loi Naturelle*, vol. II. Paris: Librairie de la Bibliothèque Nationale, 1891. "Edwin A. Robinson" on front wrapper. "E. A. Robinson / Feb. 16 - 1895" on title page.

Wier, Albert E., editor. *The Book of a Thousand Songs*. New York: Muml Publishing Co., 1922 "To E.L.R. / from E.A.R. / 1932" on front endleaf.

VI. BOOKS BY OTHERS: INSCRIBED BY OTHERS

A. E. *Voices of the Stones*. London: Macmillan and Co., 1925. "For E. A. Robinson in friendship / from James R. Wells" on title page.

Brooke, Stopford. *English Literature*. New York: American Book Co., n.d. "Robinson (R.N.)" on front endwrapper in Ruth Nivison's hand. With numerous marginal linings.

Byron, George (Lord). *The Prophecy of Dante* (Cantos I, II). New York: Clark & Maynard, 1881. "H. E. Robinson" on title page.

Campbell, Thomas. *The Pleasures of Hope* (Abridgment of Part I). New York: Clark & Maynard, 1881. "H. E. Robinson" on front wrapper.

Dana, Mrs. William Starr. *How to Know the Wild Flowers*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1893. "Robinson - / (R.N.)" on front endleaf in Ruth Nivison's hand.

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- Doggett, Frank A. *Dipped in Sky: A Study of Percy MacKaye's "Kentucky Mountain Cycle."* London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1930. "To / E.A.R. / from / P.M. / 1/30" on front endleaf.
- Hardy, Thomas. *The Mayor of Casterbridge.* New York: F. M. Lupton, n.d. "A. T. Schuman." on front endleaf.
- Hemans, Felicia. *The Poetical Works.* 2 vols. in 1. Philadelphia: Henry F. Anners, n.d. "Mary E. Palmer / 1852" on front endleaf.
- Marquis, Don. *Chapters for the Orthodox.* Garden City, N. Y.: Doubleday, Doran & Co., 1934. "From the books of / E. A. Robinson / 1935" on front endleaf in Ruth Nivison's hand.
- Petit de Julleville, Louis. *Leçons de Littérature Français,* 2 vols. Paris: G. Masson, 1892, 1893. "Robinson (R.N.);" on front endleaf of both volumes, in Ruth Nivison's hand.
- Reinach, Salomon. *Orpheus: Histoire Générale des Religions.* Paris: Alcide Picard, 1909. "T. S. Perry. / Boston: May 10, '12" on half-title page in his hand.
- Richards, Laura E. *Stepping Westward.* New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1931. "Edwin Arlington Robinson / from / Laura E. Richards / November, 1931" on front endleaf.
- Schumann, Alanson Tucker. *The Man and the Rose.* Boston: Richard G. Badger, 1911. "E[mma] Robinson" on front flyleaf.
- Shakespeare, William. *The Complete Works.* Harvard Edition, edited by Henry N. Hudson, 20 vols. in 10. (Vols. III-IV, XIII-XIV lacking.) Boston: Ginn, Heath & Co., 1883. "William Edward Butler" printed cards pasted on front endpaper of each volume.
- Smith, Chard Powers. *Prelude to Man.* Mount Vernon: Peter Pauper Press, 1936. "Chard Powers Smith / To Mrs. William Nivison, / This book is the composition of which / her uncle gave me encouragement and critical / help over a period of ten years. / With much affection, / Chard Powers Smith. / March 1, 1937" on half-title page.
- [Stuart, Elma F.] *One Who Has Done It. What Must I Do to Get Well?* New York: William A. Kellogg, 1889. "H. E. Robinson" on title page.
- Taine, H. A. *History of English Literature,* vol. II. London: Chatto and Windus, 1878. "From the books of E.A.R. / (RN)" on front endleaf in Ruth Nivison's hand.
- Weinberger, Harry. *The Liberty of the Press.* Berkeley Heights, N. J.: Oriole Press, 1934. "To Edwin Arlington Robinson / in admiration! Harry Weinberger / Sept. 6, 1934" on front endleaf.

ROBINSON MANUSCRIPTS AND LETTERS:

ADDENDA II

I. MANUSCRIPTS BY E.A.R.

- The House on the Hill. Holograph, poem, 1 p., signed Mr. Flood's Party. Typescript, poem, 2 pp., [1920].

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II. MANUSCRIPTS ABOUT OR TO E.A.R.

- Malone, Ted. Typescript, radio broadcast of E.A.R. poems, 15 pp., 1940.
Pulsifer, Harold T. Typescript, book review, "Edwin Arlington Robinson," 2 pp., 1913.
———. Typescript, poem. "Richard Corey [sic] Replies," 1 p., n.d.
Richards, Alice. Holograph, poem, "To E.A.R.," 2 pp., 1898. (Incorrectly ascribed to Laura E. Richards in December 1969.)
Sills, Kenneth. "Address Delivered at Memorial Meeting in Gardiner, Maine," 8 pp., 1935.

III. LETTERS BY E. A. R.

- Braithwaite, William Stanley (1), 1919.
Gauge, Crosby (1), 1928.
Griffith, William (1), 1919.
Johnson, Merle DeVore (1), 1923.
Nivison, Ruth (1), 1930.
Powel, Harford (1), 1920.
Pulsifer, Harold T. (1), 1932.
Wells, James Raye (22), 1927-1933.

V. LETTERS ABOUT E. A. R.

- Browning, Norma Lee (1) to George Burnham, 1937.
Converse, Mrs. Parker (1) to Robert E. L. Strider, 1974.
Dubois, Arthur E. (1) to Cyril Clemens, 1938.
Magee, O. J. (3) to Harold T. Pulsifer, 1940. Copies of replies (3).
National League of American Pen Women (1) to Harold T. Pulsifer, 1939.
Neff, Emery (1) to Harold T. Pulsifer, 1947.
Perry, Margaret (1) to George Burnham, 1939.
Pulsifer, Harold T. (1) to Franklin W. Johnson, 1936.
——— (1) to Laura E. Richards, 1940.
Putnam, Samuel (1) to Cyril Clemens, 1936.
Richards, Laura E. (2) to Cyril Clemens, 1937-1938.
Richards, Rosalind (1) to Mr. and Mrs. William (Ruth) Nivison, 1938.
Sabon, Mowry (2) to George Burnham, 1938-1939.
Schmitt, Howard G. (1) to George Burnham, 1939.
Smith, Chard Powers (1) to Ruth Nivison, 1937.
——— (1) to Laura E. Richards, 1935.

