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Some of the recent gifts to our special collections:

Mr. Bern Porter of Huntsville, Alabama: inscribed volumes by Allen Tate, Henry Miller, Anais Nin, Nelson Algren, Kenneth Patchen, Walter Lowenfels; a score of attractive, imaginative books conceived and illustrated by American avant-gardists; and several experimental constructs of autobiography and social commentary through the media of newspaper excerpts and computer tapes.

Mr. Cyril Clemens of Kirkwood, Missouri: the manuscript by Charles Cestre and the typescript by Rollo Walter Brown of their essays on Edwin Arlington Robinson; a letter by Mrs. Edward MacDowell concerning Robinson at the Peterboro Colony; a letter by Robinson, and one by Van Wyck Brooks.

Colby Library Associates, all points: four Sarah Orne Jewett letters; the manuscript of Edwin Arlington Robinson’s “Veteran Sirens”; three letters by Robinson, one by Erskine Caldwell, four by Henry James, three by Kate Douglas Wiggin, one by Laura Richards, one by Celia Thaxter, one by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, one by Norman Douglas, and eight by Laurence Housman.

Miss Rosamond Thaxter of Kittery Point, Maine: thirteen volumes inscribed to her grandmother, Celia Thaxter, by Sarah Orne Jewett, James T. Fields, Mrs. Annie Fields, James and Maria Lowell, Mary Cowden Clarke, Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Richard Watson Gilder, John Greenleaf Whittier, and Helen Hunt Jackson.

Mr. Patrick J. Ferry of Valhalla, New York: volumes containing early contributions by Edwin Arlington Robinson and by Willa Cather; an autographed photo-portrait of Miss Cather; an Italian translation of her novel Shadows on the Rock; a suede-bound edition (Barse & Hopkins, New York, 1920), of The Rubaiyat.

Mrs. Philo Calhoun of Bridgeport, Connecticut: the original sketch — measuring 15 x 24 inches — by Thomas Hardy for the War Memorial Tablet at the Dorchester postoffice, done in September 1920, with specifications for size and placement, and the designation T. Hardy. Del. in the lower right hand corner; also related photographs and letters.