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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 re-vivified 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.

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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.


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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.


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.


VI. BOOKS BY OTHERS: INSCRIBED BY OTHERS


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

Sills, Kenneth. “Address Delivered at Memorial Meeting in Gardiner, Maine,” 8 pp., 1935.

III. LETTERS BY E. A. R.

Braithwaite, William Stanley (1), 1919.
Gaige, Crosby (1), 1928.
Griffith, William (1), 1919.
Johnson, Merle DeVore (1), 1923.
Nivison, Ruth (1), 1930.
Powel, Harford (1), 1920.
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, Emory (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.
Saben, 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.