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Guide to the

Mary Cowden Clarke manuscript material

1845-1896

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Summary

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Size: 23 items

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Scope and Content Note

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- Holograph manuscript, "Mamillius's Story" : ca. 1880 : (S'ANA 0180) : within the Three Eastern Tales manuscript volume, which also contains two stories by Charles Cowden Clarke in Mary's hand. In contemporary Italian vellum binding with gilt lettering. Shelved as *Pforz B-L 09.
- Holograph poems, "Two sonnets, after re-perusal of 'Endymion'" : 2 Apr 1884 : (S'ANA 0702b) : both

poems refer to Keats's "friend Charles."

- Transcription of Shelley poems : Mar 1876 : (S'ANA 0705) : "Three of Percy Bysshe Shelley's M.S. Poems copied out for Charles Cowden Clarke by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley and transcribed for H. Buxton Forman by Mary Cowden Clarke, March 1876." 5 folded leaves, fastened together with red string at top left corner.

- Autograph note signed on a drawing by Queen Victoria : 13 May 1886 : (MISC 1328) : attesting her contribution of the drawing [of a hand] to a birthday album for her grand-niece Vittoria Beatrice Gigliucci; the drawing also bears a note in the hand of Charles Cowden Clarke, explaining the provenance of the drawing. Filed in Oversized Miscellaneous Manuscripts file.

- Autograph note signed : [no date] : (H'ANA 0100) : pasted onto an 1813 letter from Leigh Hunt to Charles Cowden Clarke (LH 0207); "This alludes to a hamper of fresh vegetables, which Charles sent every Saturday to the Surrey Jail for dear Leigh Hunt."

- Autograph transcription of letter from John Saunders to herself : 13 Apr 1847 : (S'ANA 0555) : 4 pages (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "I have just heard from Mr. Clarke (Darlington) and as if to enhance the altogether gratifying circumstances attending the commencement of our acquaintance he is just about to do me a great service ..."; line-by-line copy in a neater hand, apparently to improve legibility, underneath each line, written directly on the original manuscript letter. Filed under "Saunders."

- To Charles E. Flower, brewer and writer on Shakespeare : 1 autograph letter signed : 13 Oct 1887 : (S'ANA 0261) : thanking him for the copy of his Shakespeare on Horseback, and for quoting her husband in it.

- To Harry Buxton Forman, bibliographer and forger : 9 autograph letters signed : 29 Apr 1877 - 30 Jul 1896 : (S'ANA 0695-0703) : including printed announcements of the deaths of Charles Cowden Clarke and J. Alfred Novello ; and a prospectus to the Clarkes's Shakespeare Key. Housed together in blue cloth folder with the bookplate of Maurice Buxton Forman.

- To Isaac Latimer, journal editor : 1 autograph presentation inscription signed : Jul 1881 : (S'ANA 1109) : reading in full, "Isaac Latimer Esq. / with all good wishes from / Mary Cowden=Clarke / July 1881"; on the half title of the Pforzheimer copy of her Honey from the Weed (London: C. K. Paul, 1881). Shelved with books under "Clarke."

- To "My dearest Sib" : 1 autograph letter signed : 25 Jul 1875 : (S'ANA 0939a) : on family gossip and news. Probably to her sister, Sabilla Novello.

- To H. B. Peacock, Manchester magazine editor : 3 autograph letters signed : 22 Sep 1845 -- 25 May 1847 : (S'ANA 0191-0192) (S'ANA 0554) : including an account of a performance of Johnson's "Every Man in His Humour," with Charles Dickens, John Forseter, Mark Lemon, Douglas Jerrold, and Henry Mayhew in the cast (S'ANA 0191).

- To Thomas Pickering, friend of the Novellos and the Cowden Clarkes : 13 Feb 1856 : (S'ANA 0746) : on a forthcoming farewell lecture tour to be undertaken by her husband before their leaving England for Nice.

- To a Mrs. Wright : 1 autograph letter signed : 14 Jul 1885 : (S'ANA 0939b) : accepting an invitation on behalf of herself and her sister Sabilla.

Key Terms

Subjects

Authors, English -- 19th century -- Correspondence

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Names

Clarke, Charles Cowden, 1787-1877 -- Poetry.

Clarke, Mary Cowden, 1809-1898 -- Correspondence.

Flower, C. E. (Charles Edward), 1830-1892

Forman, H. Buxton (Harry Buxton), 1842-1917

Keats, John, 1795-1821

Keats, John, 1795-1821. Endymion -- Poetry.

Latimer, Isaac, 1813-1898

Novello, Sabilla, -1904

Peacock, H. B., 1801-1876