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### History

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The first number of Scribner's Monthly, founded by Roswell Smith and Dr. Josiah Gilbert Holland, was published in November, 1870. In 1881, due to a change in ownership, the name became *The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine*. At that time Richard Watson Gilder became editor-in-chief and his was the controlling influence in the magazine until his death in 1909.

The present collection consists primarily of letters written by various contributors to the editors of the *Century*. Most of the correspondence is addressed either to Gilder or his associate editor, Robert Underwood Johnson, who became editor upon Gilder's death. A few letters are simply addressed to the Century Magazine or to Clarence Clough Buel, assistant editor. There is also a sizable number of short notes and memoranda from Gilder to his editorial assistants. Most of these were written about 1904 when Gilder was frequently in Massachusetts to recover his health. He remained active in his editorial duties, however, sending almost daily suggestions and directions to the editorial office in New York.

A good description of life in the *Century* office and character sketches of the editors are given by L. Frank Tooker in *The Joys and Tribulations of an Editor*, New York, 1923, 1924, and in *Letters of Richard Watson Gilder*, edited by his daughter, Romamond Gilder, Boston and New York, 1916.

Because the *Century* was an important American periodical in its day, this collection of papers is of value for the picture it gives of the authors' relations with the editors. One also catches a glimpse of the character and personality of Richard Watson Gilder as one reads through his messages to his associates.

- I. Correspondence of authors regarding their contributions to the *Century*.
- II. Editorial memoranda of R. W. Gilder
- BACHELLER, Irving 22 pieces
- BANGS, John Kendrick 11 pieces
- BELL, John Joy 9 pieces
- BENJAMIN, Lewis Saul 9 pieces
- CRAWFORD, Francis Marion 30 pieces
- GILDER, Jeannette Leonard 6 pieces
- GILDER, Richard Watson 319 pieces
- HARRISON, Frederic 19 pieces
- HIGGINSON, Thomas Wentworth 20 pieces
- JOHNSON, Robert Underwood 7 pieces
- LaFARGE, John 44 pieces
- MOULTON, Louise (Chandler) 18 pieces
- NORTON, Charles Eliot 24 pieces
- PARKER, Sir Gilbert, Bart. 5 pieces
- PENNELL, Elizabeth (Robins) 22 pieces
- RUNCKLE, Bertha 5 pieces
- SEDGWICK, Anne Douglas 28 pieces
- SHARP, William 18 pieces
- SHERMAN, Frank Dempster 18 pieces
- SPOFFORD, Harriet Elizabeth (Prescott) 8 pieces
- WARD, Elizabeth Stuart (Phelps) 35 pieces
- WARD, Mary Augusta (Arnold) 22 pieces
- WARNER, Charles Dudley 27 pieces
- WHITEING, Richard 11 pieces
- CRAWFORD, Francis Marion. Synopsis of a story. [1894, Apr. 28]
- GILDER, Richard Watson. To R. U. Johnson. Re: plans for Civil War articles. 1885, Apr. 23
- GILDER, Richard Watson. To Johnson. 1904, July 16. Praising a story of Hawthorne; ... it will not be even a 'pearl before swine' for the swine will drop off at the first sentence.
- GILDER, Richard Watson. To *Century* office. 1904, Sep. 22. Telegram that a picture is upside down.
- GILDER, Richard Watson. To Johnson. 1905, Sep. 18. Re: Maeterlinck's essay on immortality.
- HARRISON, Frederic. 1901, Oct. 29. Re: an historical romance he is writing.
- JOHNSON, Robert Underwood. To Gilder. 1889, July 24. Re: the way journalism is carried on in California.

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- NORTON, Charles Eliot. To Gilder. 1891, Feb. 3. Regrets Ruskin has written so much in recent years about himself and his friends.
  - SHARP, William. To *Century* editors. 1889, Jan. 11. Offers American rights to a new novel.
  - WARD, Mary Augusta (Arnold). To Gilder. 1902, Feb. 15. Re: her father's letters.
  - WARD, Mary Augusta (Arnold). To Johnson. 1905, Oct. 13. Objects to alterations in her story.
  - Bacher, Irving
  - Bangs, John Kendrick
  - Bell, John Joy
  - Benjamin, Lewis Saul
  - Boggs, F C
  - Browning, Robert
  - Buel, Clarence Clough
  - Century Magazine
  - Crawford, Francis Marion
  - Doty
  - Gilder, Helena (deKay)
  - Gilder, Jeannette Leonard
  - Gilder, Joseph Benson
  - Gilder, Richard Watson
  - Harrison, Frederic
  - Higginson, Thomas Wentworth
  - Johnson, Emory R
  - Johnson, Robert Underwood
  - LaFarge, John
  - Moulton, Louise (Chandler)
  - Norton, Charles Eliot
  - Parker, Sir Gilbert, Bt.
  - Pennell, Elizabeth (Robins)
  - Runkle, Bertha
  - Sedgwick, Anne Douglas
  - Sharp, William
  - Sherman, Frank Dempster
  - Smith, Roswell
  - Spofford, Harriet Elizabeth (Prescott)
  - Tully, Eleanor (Gates)
  - Ward, Elizabeth Stuart (Phelps)
  - Ward, Herbert Dickinson
  - Ward, Mary Augusta (Arnold)
  - Warner, Charles Dudley
  - Whiteing, Richard