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Guide to the

Edward Dowden manuscript material

1870's-1908

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Summary

Creator: Dowden, Edward, 1843-1913

Title: Edward Dowden manuscript material

Date: 1870's-1908

Size: 9 items

Abstract: Notes and commentary on Shelley's Esdaile notebook : (S'ANA 0395) : ca. 1886 : 78 leaves in ruled notebook. This notebook contains transcriptions of Shelley's Esdaile poems through "The Voyage" on the rectos -- the facing versos contain pencil and ink notes by Dowden relating to the text, composition of poems, influences, etc. Shelved as *Pforz (BT) Dowden 01.

Access: Restricted access.

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Creator History

Edward Dowden, Irish literary scholar and poet. He wrote several literary biographies, the most substantial being *The Life of Percy Bysshe Shelley* (1886).

Scope and Content Note

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his estranged wife's suicide. Both copies on printed memo stationery; the Hookham letter copy with the following note at the top of the first page: "NB Please destroy this when read. E. Dowden."|||To H. Buxton Forman, bibliographer and forger : 1 autograph letter signed : 26 Jun 1908 : (S'ANA 0950) : replying to a letter from Forman (HBF 0031) enquiring into the source of the text used by Dowden in printing Shelley's letter to Mary on Harriet's drowning.|||To F. J. Furnivall, textual scholar and editor : 1 autograph letter signed : 13 Apr 1888 : (S'ANA 0012) : discussion of biographical information relating to Shelley, Godwin, etc.|||To Richard Garnett, librarian and author : 2 autograph letters signed : ca. Aug 1885 : (S'ANA 0401-0402) : relating to Shelley scholarship.|||To a Dr. Murray : 1 autograph letter : 19 Oct 1887 : (S'ANA 0745) : begins, "There is _no_ chance of seeing the original of Shelley's letter ...".|||To Arabella Shore, poet and writer : 1 autograph letter signed : 25 Oct 1887 : (S'ANA 0559) : commenting on her work and thanking her for her article in the Gentleman's Magazine (on Shelley's Julian & Maddalo). With a printed prospectus for her First and Last Poems.

Key Terms

Titles

Dowden, Edward : manuscript material

Names

Dowden, Edward, 1843-1913

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

Furnivall, Frederick James, 1825-1910

Garnett, Richard, 1835-1906

Shelley, Harriet, 1795-1816

Shelley, Harriet, 1795-1816

Shore, Arabella

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