

MS46 Burdett Correspondence

About the collection:

This small collection consists of sixteen letters written by novelist Forrest Reid (1875-1947) to biographer and critic Osbert Burdett (1885-1936). Burdett was a contemporary of Reid's at Cambridge. The topics are very much literary, rather than personal.

In Private Road Reid writes that Burdett was while at Cambridge "working on an extremely bad novel, which I read, finding only one good sentence in it. (I conscientiously pointed this out this sentence to the author.)" Despite Reid's comment Burdett's literary and critical output was substantial.

The other side of this correspondence is contained in the Reid Collection also held at Special Collections (see: [MS44/1/23](#)).

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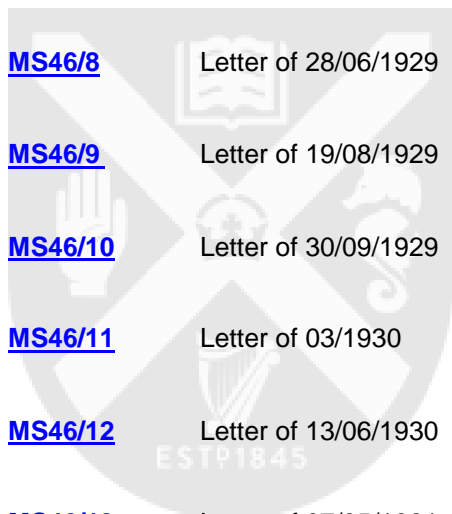
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MS46/1 Letter of 23/02/1907

23/02/1907. Union Society, Cambridge. ALS ,1p.

Letter contains Reid's reaction to Burdett's comments on the Garden God

MS46/2 Letter of 27/10/1907

27/10/1907. Union Society, Cambridge. ALS ,1p.

Works mentioned:

Reid, Forrest Kingdom of Twilight (1904)

Machen, Arthur The Hill of Dreams (1907)

MS46/3 Letter of 04/01/1927

04/01/1927. 13 Ormiston Crescent, Belfast. ALS, 1p.

Works mentioned:

Burdett, Osbert William Blake (1926)

Reid, Forrest Apostate (1926)

MS46/4 Letter of 28/08/1927

28/08/1927. Brunswick Square. ALS and envelope, 1p.

MS46/5 Letter of 06/10/1927

06/10/1927. 13 Ormiston Crescent, Belfast. ALS and envelope, 1p.

Works mentioned:

Warren, Edward Perry Alcmaeon, Hypermestra, Caeneus (1919)

Reid suggests and discusses title for Burdett's forthcoming book (The Very End, and Other Stories, 1929?)

MS46/6 Letter of 27/05/1929

27/05/1929. 13 Ormiston Crescent, Belfast. ALS, 1p.

Works mentioned:

Reid, Forrest Walter de la Mare: a critical study (1929)

Reid mentions a "long story" on which he is working entitled Great Uncle Stephen.

MS46/7 Letter of 21/06/1929

21/06/1929. 13 Ormiston Crescent, Belfast. ALS, 1p.

Works mentioned:

Burdett, Osbert The Very End, and Other Stories (1929)

Villiers De L'Isle-Adam, Jean Marie Mathias Philippe Auguste, comte de. Contes Cruels (1883?)

MS46/8 Letter of 28/06/1929

28/06/1929. 13 Ormiston Crescent, Belfast. ALS, 1p.

Works mentioned:

Aspasia (story in Burdett, Osbert The Very End, and Other Stories (1929))

MS46/9 Letter of 19/08/1929

19/08/1929. 13 Ormiston Crescent, Belfast. ALS, 2pp.

Works mentioned:

Raile, Arthur Lyon, pseudo. [Edward Perry Warren] A Defence of Uranian Love (1928)

Warren, Edward Perry Wild Rose (1910)

MS46/10 Letter of 30/09/1929

30/09/1929. 13 Ormiston Crescent, Belfast. ALS, 1p.

Works mentioned:

Warren, Edward Perry Wild Rose (1910)

MS46/11 Letter of 03/1930

03/1930. Saville Club, London. ALS, 1p.

MS46/12 Letter of 13/06/1930

13/06/1930. 13 Ormiston Crescent, Belfast. ALS, 1p.

Works mentioned:

Reid, Forrest Introduction to Persuasion

MS46/13 Letter of 07/05/1931

07/05/1931. 13 Ormiston Crescent, Belfast. ALS, 1p.

MS46/14 Letter of 30/09/1931

30/09/1931. 13 Ormiston Crescent, Belfast. ALS, 1p.

Works mentioned:

Reid, Forrest Uncle Stephen

MS46/15 Letter of 10/10/1931

10/10/1931. 13 Ormiston Crescent, Belfast. ALS, 1p.

Works mentioned:

Reid, Forrest Uncle Stephen

[Gilbert Short story in Saturday Review?]

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Letter of 05/1931[?]

05/1931[?] 13 Ormiston Crescent, Belfast. ALS, 1p.



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Bryson, J.N. (Jack)	1896-1976	MS46/10-12	p. 4
De la Mare, Richard (Dick)	1901-1986	MS 46/15	p. 4
Gilbert, Stephen	1912–2010	MS 46/15	p. 4
Gooden, Stephen	1892-1955	MS 46/12	p. 4
Hart, J.N.	1881[?]-1963	MS 46/7 MS 46/13	p. 3 p.4
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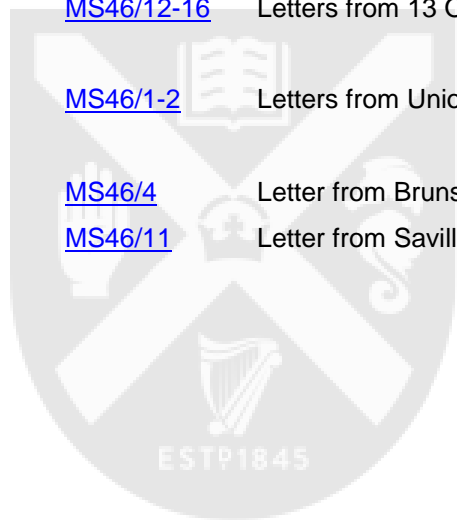


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