Hull History Centre: Letters: 'Mich' to 'St. C.'

U DP9 Letters: 'Mich' to 'St. C.' [1830]-1887

## **Biographical Background:**

See U DP7

## **Custodial history:**

Purchased from T Thorp, 149 High St., Guildford, 12 October 1936

## **Description:**

Comprises five letters from 'Mich' to 'St C'. The La Touche's governess, Miss Bunnett, was known as Bun which lead to the family adopting 'Crumpet' as a nickname for John Ruskin. His work with the homeless lead to 'Saint' being added to this. It is unclear who 'Mich' is. One letter is from Harristown, County Kildare whiich was the estate of the La Touche family.

Extent: 5 items

## Related material:

Part of an original bundle covering U DP7-DP15 John Ruskin letter [U DX2]

Other repositories:

Ruskin Galleries, Bembridge, Isle of Wight
John Rylands Library, Manchester
Cumbria Record Office
British Library
Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge
Ruskin Gallery Collection of the Guild of St George, Sheffield
Bodleian Library
Trinity College, Cambridge
Ruskin Library, University of Lancaster

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U DP9/1

Letter to 'St. C.' from 'Thistly Pussy', Harristown Letter thanks St. C. for their letter which had made everyone laugh. Mentions Rosie and other family news including arrival at Kingstown. Refers to Uncle Willie, Mrs Yorke, Mr and Mrs La Touche and Mrs Bruno. The author sends love to St. C. and Aunt and finishes by asking for a copy of Margaret and her bridesmaids for Rosie as she is unable to get one in Dublin.

1 item

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U DP9/2

Letter to 'St. C.' from 'Mich', The Grange, West Kensington, W [London]

26 Jul 1885

Mentions the pleasure at having Praeteria sent to them. Details a trip Mich and father had into the city and asks for forgiveness for writing seldomly.

1 item

U DP9/3

Letter to 'St. C.' from 'Mich', The Grange, West Kensington, W [London]

12 Sep 1885

Includes a pen drawing of five birds. Expresses pleasure at being asked to write to St. C. by Sara. Refers to having been at Brantwood the previous year. Mentions that Mich and Mother have been spending time at Rottingdean, but hope to join Father soon. Says that Father has been painting so many pictures of him/her lately. Mentions a bargain they have that Mich writes, but St. C. only needs to think the answer and does not need to write.

1 item

U DP9/4

Letter to 'St. C.' from 'Mich', The Grange, West Kensington, W [London]

17 Aug 1886

Mentions that he/she is going to the country the next day and that Diddie had mentioned that St. C. wanted him/her to write to him/her. Expresses thanks that St. C. is well again and that he/she is alone with his/her Father in London. Mentions that needs to go for the final sitting of a portrait, that they have a new cook that Mich is afraid of, the struggles that her/his Father was having with a picture and a trip to see a play.

1 item

U DP9/5

Letter to 'St. C.' from 'Mich', North End House, Rottingdean, near Brighton

29 Apr 1887

Mich questions whether one of St. C.'s Secretaries had addressed the letter to him/her. Mich disputes that it is six months since he/she has written, but believes his/her own letters to be very dull. Mentions that she/he is in Rottingdean with a friend, Jessie Thomas, his/her Father and his friend, Mr Richmond. Mich is looking forward to the return of the Coastguard as she/he misses him.

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