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Summary:

Title: Walter Watts-Dunton Letters
Span Dates: Single dates are 1882 and 1888
Creator: Walter Theodore Watts-Dunton
Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)
Processed by: Elizabeth James, 2019
Accession Number: 1976/12.0167
Date Completed: August, 2019
Access to Collection: Open
Extent: 2 letters

Search Terms:

Walter Theodore Watts-Dunton
Literature
Algernon Charles Swinburne

Biographical Notes:

Walter Theodore Watts (Oct. 12, 1832-June 6, 1914) was born in St. Ives, England. In 1896, he adopted his mother's surname and eschewed his first name, becoming Theodore Watts-Dunton. Originally a naturalist and lawyer, Watts-Dunton is principally known as an author, literary critic, and man of letters. He is also known for being the agent and nurse for Algernon Charles Swinburne through Swinburne's struggles with alcoholism.

This information was taken from the Encyclopaedia Britannica entry on Theodore Watts-Dunton: <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Theodore-Watts-Dunton>

Scope and Content:

These two letters from Watts-Dunton to an unknown addressee include a response to a request for poetry to be included in a forthcoming book and an offer of assistance in literary matters. Algernon Charles Swinburne is mentioned in one letter.

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