

OTHER MATERIAL

Powys, Theodore

Copies of Letters from Theodore Powys to David Garnett, 1922 –1950

From East Chaldon, Dorset.

Transcribed and given by Garnett's son, Richard.

- 1 Aug. 10, 1922. Grateful for DG's appreciation of Hester Dominy.
- 2 Aug. 12, 1922. seeking his opinion of Abraham Men. With publisher's report on the story, asking for £25 towards expenses. TFP's 'able analysis of rural mentality'.
- 3 Aug. 14, 1922. Thanking DG for his 'opinion' of Abraham Men'
- 4 Oct. 28, 1922. DG has visited Chaldon.. He is reading Mr Tasker.
- 5 Nov. 1 1922. Praising Garnett's Lady Into Fox, and following his advice on Mr Tasker.
- 6 Dec. 15, 1922. Asking him to send Mr Tasker to Cape. With a request for the manuscript from Cape.
- 7 Jan. 20 1923. Cape have returned Mr Tasker. DG's son Richard born Jan. 8.
- 8 Feb. 8, 1923. The three stories in The Left Leg are about to be published by Chatto.
- 9 April 25, 1923. DG has sent The Left Leg to Knopf.
- 10 July 23, 1923. He intends to visit London in the late autumn.
- 11 [September 3, 1923]. Duncan Grant has visited Chaldon.
- 12 Dec. 18, 1923. He has been to London!
- 13 Jan. 9 1924. David, Ray and Richard have been to Chaldon.
- 14 Aug. 20, 1924. 'Liam O'Flaherty is camping in a tent in the Vicarage field with his Margaret. Violet and I like them both very much. They stayed first at Mrs Wallis'..'
- 15 March 14, 1925. Mr Tasker has had hostile reviews. DG's The Sailor's Return is being published in the autumn.
- 16 April 15, 1925. DG's second son William born April 12, 1925.
- 17 May 10, 1925. Sending what sounds like commentaries on Pilgrim's Progress.
- 18 Sept. 9, 1925. Richard has been ill – he recalls the time when his own son Dickie was ill as a small child. DG has commented on Mockery Gap.
- 19 Sept. 16, 1925. Praising The Sailor's Return.
- 20 Jan. 15, 1926. Sending a review.
- 21 March 19, 1927. Sending '5 little stories'. Praising Go She Must.
- 22 June 10, 1927. Farmer Tod's cartshed has burnt down.
- 23 July 12, 1930. Gerald Brennan is staying at Mrs Way's in Chaldon.
- 24 March 4, 1933. They have adopted Susan. Violet is ill.
- 25 September 23, 1933. Thanking DG for £30 cheque.
- 26 [March 7, 1935?] He has been awarded a Civil List pension.
- 27 March 13, 1935. Civil List pension.
- 28 March 27, 1940. About death of Ray Garnett. His pension has been raised from £60 to £100 pa.

From The Lodge, Mappowder

- 29 Jan. 12. 1950. An account of his income 'just as I shall send it to the tax Inspector'. (2 pp.)
- 30 Page 2 of above
- 31 March 3, 1950. 'This best of Prime Ministers has granted me £30 a year more.'
- 32 Nove.8, 1953. From Francis Powys, on behalf of Violet Powys, on the declining state of Theodore's health.

Theodore Francis Powys: copies of letters to Ray Garnett

33. Nove. 14, 1923. Thanking her for her illustrations to Black Bryony.
34. June 23, 1924. Light-hearted banter.
35. Sept. 13, 1924. Ray is pregnant.
36. Nove. 22 [1924]. Speculations on the baby.
37. Dec. 6, 1924. Frances Wilkinson.
38. Feb. 9, 1925. Praising her cover design for Mr Tasker.
39. c. April 12, 1925. William has been born.
40. Dec. 3, 1925. Friendly letter.
41. Feb. 9, 1926. Ray is coming to stay.
42. May 3, 1929. Friendly letter.
43. No date. From Violet Powys, recommending that they stay at the Red Lion, Winfrith.

Copy of letter from Theodore Powys to Stephen Tomlin

44. June 8, 1923. Transcribing Charles Prentice's letter about Mark Only, and with local news.
45. Second page of above.

With letter from Richard Garnett to John Batten, March 24, 2001, enquiring about the whereabouts of Garnett/Theodore Powys letters.

Photocopies of MS letters from Stephen Tomlin to Theodore Powys.

Made by Richard Garnett and given by him to the Collection

1. [May, 1923]. 1 Milton House, Fernshaw Road, S.W., praising Black Bryony.
2. [Dec.30. 1923?]. Milton House. Asking if Theo and Violet can take the Garnetts as paying guests for a long weekend.
3. n.d. Praising The Market Bell. He is in a state of depression.
4. Jan. 24, 1923 [not 1924]. Milton House. Mentions his heads of DG and TFP.
5. 1924? Early 1925? Milton House. Depressed again.
6. Summer 1923. Milton House. He is planning to visit Chaldon.

With letter from Richard Garnett to Morine Krissdottir, August 29, 2001,

N.B. The above kept with the other letters of TFP.