



Masterman Family Papers

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1863-1943

Papers of Charles Frederick Gurney Masterman, his wife, Lucy Masterman (nee Lyttelton), and other members of the Masterman and Lyttelton families.

This collection includes personal correspondence of both Charles and Lucy Masterman as well as literary and political correspondence. Other papers include Charles Masterman's manuscripts and typescripts, his publishers' agreements, reviews and proofs of articles as well as printed material such as copies of literary magazines. His political papers include agendas for and reports of government committees, electoral expenses papers and material relating to industrial policy. Lucy Masterman's correspondence includes letters from Charles Masterman and others and letters of condolence sent to her on the death of her husband. Correspondence and papers of other Masterman and Lyttelton family members include letters from Charles Masterman to his mother, Margaret Hanson Masterman (nee Gurney) and a series of letters written by Mary Gladstone to her cousin George William Spencer Lyttelton, Lucy Masterman's uncle with two letters to Mary Gladstone from her sister, Helen. Other miscellaneous material, not directly attributable to an identifiable source, is included and it is assumed to have been collected by Charles Masterman.

This collection, when used in conjunction with other related material, especially the Masterman Papers (CFGM), is a significant source of information for researchers of political history, specifically Liberal Party politics and press of the early twentieth century while the letters of Mary Gladstone provide insights into the political world of the previous generation. The breadth of Charles Masterman's personal papers and correspondence also constitute a significant biographical

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resource encompassing material from his childhood to his death which illuminates his character and personal and professional relationships.

Administrative history: Charles Masterman (1873-1927) was a Liberal politician, who served as a Member of Parliament from 1906 to 1914 and again from 1923 to 1924. He held a series of government posts between 1908 and 1915 and played an important part in the preparation and implementation of the National Insurance Act of 1911 and in the organisation of British government propaganda during World War I. He was a prolific writer, publishing a number of books and contributing articles and reviews to several Liberal newspapers and periodicals of the time. He became literary editor of the Daily News in 1903 contributed regular articles for The Nation including a weekly column on Parliamentary proceedings from 1923 until near his death in 1927.

Lucy Masterman, Charles's wife, (1884-1977), was the daughter of General Sir Neville Lyttelton and Lady Katherine (née Stuart-Wortley). Before her marriage, Lucy had already earned a reputation as a poet. During her lifetime she published several volumes of verse, as well as contributing poetry, reviews and historical articles to newspapers and magazines over a period of 60 years. Her major literary work was her biography of Charles Masterman, published in 1939. After the death of her husband, Lucy continued to lead an energetic political life. She fought the Salisbury seat for the Liberal party unsuccessfully in the 1929 and 1931 General Elections and maintained an active correspondence with Liberal politicians until the 1970s. She had many interests, particularly the role of women, the plight of World War II refugees and prison reform.

Reference: Finding aid to the Masterman

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Papers (Reference: CFGM); Lucy Masterman's biography of Charles Masterman: 'C. F. G. Masterman' (London: Cassells, 1939)

Arrangement: These papers have been arranged into three sub-fonds: Papers of Charles Masterman; Lucy Masterman; Masterman and Lyttelton family papers.

3 boxes

Access: Open

Access conditions: Access to all registered readers

Physical description: Some items in this collection are in quite poor condition: brittle, fragile and appear to have suffered from water damage resulting in loss of text in some places

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Related material: Other collections held at Cadbury Research Library: Special Collections which relate to Charles Masterman and the wider Masterman family include the Masterman Papers (CFGM); Papers of Margaret Braithwaite (MS122); Papers of Lewis Braithwaite (MS123); Microfilm copy of Lucy Masterman's diary (MS159); Papers of

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Neville Masterman (MS195).

MS298/1 Papers of Charles Masterman 1907-1926

Papers and correspondence, specifically with his wife, Lucy, relating to his personal and family life, including also papers relating to his childhood and education. Also included is material relating to his literary life and political career.

16 files, 5 volumes

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MS298/1/1 Personal Papers of Charles Masterman 1883-1927

Personal and family letters and other papers

8 files, 5 volumes

Access: Open

MS298/1/1/1 Personal correspondence 1907-1927

During the 1920s Charles Masterman often stayed for prolonged periods on the Isle of Wight where he felt he could devote himself to his writing. In the summer months he participated in the activities organised by Yellow Sands camps, a summer school for boys run by Bembridge School. At these camps he met and befriended a number of boys with whom he kept in contact and who kept up a correspondence with Masterman, sometimes for many years afterwards. Masterman's personal correspondence consists mainly of letters from his wife, Lucy, to him on the Isle of Wight and letters from the school boys he met there. Also included are letters from parents of some of these boys, a letter from Masterman's mother and a letter from his friend Frances Chesterton.

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Letters to Charles Masterman from Lucy
Masterman (nee Lyttelton)

1907-1922

The first two letters in this series were written by Lucy in 1907 shortly after first meeting Charles Masterman. All the following letters date from the period 1920-1922 when Charles was separated from his family and staying in lodgings on the Isle of Wight. Here he tried to devote himself to his writing partly as a way to improve the family finances which were a continual worry to him. In her letters to Charles Lucy frequently tries to reassure him about the family finances, reminding him of expected cheques, money raised through the sale of household items and small amounts of savings. She constantly tried to encourage him in his writing, particularly through his frequent bouts of ill health, with suggestions for new ventures and by keeping up contacts in the literary world to whom there are frequent references.

/1: Mannington Hall, Aylsham, Norfolk [1907]: Part letter; the beauty of autumn; illness of Mrs Alfred L. and of Christopher Balfour; going to Lady Battersea's on Sunday 'a great disappointment as other people are going to be there so will have to be pleasant'.

/2: Mannington Hall, Aylsham, Norfolk, 6 September 1907: Letter with envelope addressed to Addington Square, starting, 'Dear Mr Masterman'; returning article with thanks; Christopher Balfour is dead; 'Charles Whibley is to write Henley's life! ...I met him once and never took against a man so much'; has been working on a sonnet' which won't do yet'; Geoffrey Lyttelton is staying with them before he goes to his regiment in South Africa (2 items).

/3: [June 1920]: Has sent off a parcel with a coat, assorted anthems and sets of photographs [of herself]; speech at Reading 'the whole organisation has gone to pieces since Rufus (Sir Rufus Isaac) ?

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left; on Thursday went to Kensington for the photographs, to Outlook to correct proofs and lunched at a vegetarian restaurant; description of [Herbert Samuel's] party; talked to [Sir Edward Troup and [Sir Claud] Schuster; thought Rufus might be there but he wasn't; has let Bungo [the Masterman's holiday home in Sussex] for five weeks from 24 July.

/4: 46 G[illingham] Street, [June 1920]: Took with the children to Kensal Rise on a bus; had tea with Pamela [McKenna]. 'Regy's [Reginald McKenna, former Chancellor of the Exchequer] latest outburst strikes me as rather hopeless...Are you impressed by his figures?'

/5: [June 1920]: Has sent films for camera, medication and musical scores as requested; Lucy's engagements include the Roffen's Golden Wedding; 'may go to V. B. Carter [Violet Bonham Carter] 'but feel lazy about going alone.'

/6: [June 1920]: Sorry about Masterman's neuralgia and advises he seeks out a dentist soon; went to see a George Sand play [Madame Sand at the Duke of York's Theatre]; 'Mrs Pat[rick Campbell] was really brilliant in a very ironic part and did not look so bad as she might have done in trousers!'

/7: 46 Gillingham Street, [12 July 1920]: Letter with envelope: 'I have not been able to find a 'special' photographer yet.'; went into the Anti-Slavery Office and heard gossip about Cozens-Hardy has gone back to Romania and until he returns no writ can be issued in the constituency; the Duke of Connaught has been cured of hay-fever by inoculation; death of Jacky Fisher [John Fisher, Admiral of the Fleet] (2 items).

/8: 46 Gillingham Street, [July 1920]: Letter with envelope addressed to Rose Cottage, Bembridge; Empress Eugenie [Eugenie de Montijo] has died; wonders if

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her recollections of Jacky Fisher would make an article (2 items).

/9: [July 1920]: Found a photographer who has taken photographs of Lucy; [Herbert] Asquith has written article for the WLM and has asked Lucy to send the proof to Charles to review.

/10: Bell Hall, Stourbridge, [7 September 1920]: Letter with envelope (/10a) addressed to Masterman at Gillingham Street: three photographs (/10b-d) of unidentified young boys on beach enclosed but no reference to them in the letter; has not been well; George Lyttelton expressed his concern over want of ideas in the governing body as to what to do with the £150,000 of the War Memorial Fund; Sextus [Masterman's brother, Walter] has asked if he can come and stay (5 items).

/11: 13 March [1921] Bertram Christian has asked if Charles would write the official biography of Lady Henry Somerset; during a visit to the Readings [Sir Rufus and Lady Isaacs] Lucy met Lord Northcliffe and [Claud] Lovat Fraser.

/12: Governor's House, The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, [August 1921]: Letter with envelope addressed to Masterman c/o Mrs Holbrook, South view Cottage, Bembridge: Sends Spectator article; Mary Trevelyan [b. 1905 daughter of George Macaulay Trevelyan and Janet Trevelyan] has demanded and is to be allowed to be baptised (2 items).

/13: Ashley Combe, Porlock, Somerset, [25 August 1921]: Letter with envelope addressed to Masterman at Yellow Sands : Concerns about finances and paying domestic bills; Lucy has some book reviews to do; by-elections in Lewisham and Louth; thoughts on the possible resurgence of the Liberal Party and the re-emergence of Edward Fox; plan by Runciman & Co [Walter Runciman, Viscount Runciman of Doxford] to run

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him [Edward Grey] against Asquith in the Spring'; has written to Beverley Baxter suggesting article on the effect of tourism on the countryside (2 items).

/14: Ashley Combe, Porlock, Somerset, [27 August 1921]: typed letter with envelope; concerns for Charles' continued ill health (2 items).

/15: Ashley Combe, Porlock, Somerset, [September 1921]: outings and activities with the children.

/16: [Ashley Combe, Porlock, Somerset, September 1921]: financial situation not as bad as thought; sends Charles some of Spectator money, some still left in savings bank and another cheque should come in soon; money Charles earned in August should come in September but considering selling some furniture and 'the pram and some oddments up for sale this week'.

/17: Iona, Tunbridge Wells, Kent: letter badly damaged; visiting their daughter, Margaret, at school.

/18: Part letter: Saw Hausi yesterday; Olly flourishes.

1 file (28 items)

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Correspondence with Lawrence Robson

1920-1926

Correspondence with Lawrence Keith Robson (Dolly), a school boy at Colfes School, South East London, who met Masterman at the Yellow Sands camps. Robson was one of a group of boys befriended by Masterman, a friendship which continued until Masterman's death in 1927 by which time Robson was a student at Guy's Hospital Medical School, but still involved with the annual camps for boys at Yellow Sands. A letter from Robson in 1921 to Masterman indicates that he lived in Eltham, South London.

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The letters from Masterman are from 46 Gillingham Street unless otherwise stated and all addressed to 'Dear Dolly'. Masterman took a great interest in Lawrence Robson, encouraging him in his football playing and his school work. The two of them had a 'contract' over Robson's school reports under which if they were good Masterman paid him an agreed sum of money.

Letters /22-/25 although undated, the content suggests they were written around 1925 to 1926 as there are references to Lawrence's career and that of his friend, Teddy and also to Lawrence driving an underground train, presumably during the General Strike of 1926. These letters are largely concerned with the future running of the Yellow Sands Camp which Masterman hopes Lawrence will play some part in. Masterman hopes to see the camps continue and to expand but feels the Warden is reluctant to give up any of his control but has not enough time to devote to the project. It is clear from these letters that despite his political commitments, his literary work and failing health he maintained his close connection with the boys from the camps and tried to play an active role in the organisation of activities right up to the year of his death.

/1: 21 January 1920: Glad he enjoyed the holidays; quite a lot of photos to send including ones of them on the beach after bathing in the sea in January; had lunch with H. G. Wells and Arnold Bennett today.

/2: 10 February 1920: Has photos of the holiday and sends Lawrence a souvenir book to put them in; having the boat done up and varnished; invites Lawrence to go out on the river in it when the weather is fine.

/3: 10 April [1920]: Thanks for letter and his school report; would like Lawrence and George (a school friend) to come to

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stay for a few days before the start of term so they can go out in the boat.

/4: 27 April 1920: Disappointed that the weather was not good enough for the boating trip when Lawrence was staying with them; glad to know he plans to work hard this term.

/5: Yellow Sands, Bembridge, Isle of Wight, 7 June 1920: Looking forward to the next camp and swimming in the open sea; has the photos of their outings on the river and is going to stick them in the 'big book'; if Lawrence comes to stay again before the next camp, he may choose whichever he wants to have copies made; Mrs Masterman has just received Lawrence's letter and sends her love.

/6: Yellow Sands, Bembridge, Isle of Wight, 11 July 1920: Hoping for better weather for the next camp opening soon; heard from Geoffrey Simpson who is shooting for Dulwich at Bisley; has been practising some snap shots with a new Brownie camera; hopes Lawrence will be able to come and stay again after camp and before the beginning of term.

/7: Yellow Sands, Bembridge, Isle of Wight, 24 July 1920: Decided to go back to London before going to camp and wonders if Lawrence would like to come over to Gillingham Street and then travel down to Bembridge a day or two early, stay at the Warden's house and help with the preparations.

/8: 26 July 1920: Sorry that Lawrence will have to miss the first week of camp but is still invited up to Gillingham Street before Masterman and Peter leave for Bembridge if he can make it.

/9: 29 September 1920: Glad Lawrence enjoyed his visit and thanks for the photos; must try and get one more excursion together before the boat is put up for the winter.

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/10: 14 November [1920]: Glad Lawrence enjoyed the half term holiday with the Mastermans, 'You must come in the Xmas holidays unless I go down to Yellowsands (Where I should like to take you ALSO!).

/11: December [1920]: Is going to spend Christmas at Yellow Sands and is going to take one boy as his guest and wants Lawrence to have first offer although he is sure Lawrence's parents will want him to stay at home for Christmas.

/12: 16 December [1920]: Understands and approves of Lawrence's decision to spend Christmas at home; will take Teddy as he has been ill for some weeks and will benefit from the sea air.

/13: 9 January [1921]: Has been in ill bed for a week but hopes to be better for the reunion; expects to see him there with his report.

/14: 4 March [1921]: Ought to have written but has been very busy and hoped to see Lawrence at the reunion 'but there seems to be no reunion!!!'; as soon as the holidays begin he is invited up for a few days and they can go out on the boat; has not seen him for five months and has not heard from the other boys; asks why [Ramsay] Macdonald did not get in at Woolwich [East] by-election.

/15: Lawrence Robson , 46 Westmount Rd, Eltham S.E.9, 12 March 1921: Letter with envelope: Replying to Masterman's letter of 4 March 1921; answers his questions about how he has changed since he last saw him and also his feeling about the candidates for the Woolwich East by-election.

/16: Yellow Sands, Bembridge, Isle of Wight, 23 March 1921: In reply to Lawrence's letter to Masterman of 12 March; amazed he will soon be fifteen.

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/17: 15 April [1921]: Inviting Lawrence to stay at the weekend even if there is a transport strike he could come up by bicycle and they can go out on the river.

/18: 20 September 1921: Had a 'topping time' on Lawrence's last visit; must try and come up for a Sunday during term time or, if that's not possible, during the Christmas holidays; urges Lawrence to work hard and play hard and keep a sunny temper and 'don't have any of the vulgar jokes and talk which some of you young Colfs - and others- think funny'.

/19: 3 October 1921: Thanking him for sending the photographs, 'You are the best photographer in Camp (next to me!) and I must get you a larger camera next year...'; had a day out on the river with three others but were too heavy for the boat and had to bale out but managed to get the boat up past Kingston.

/20: 12 November 1921: Lawrence now in the Second XI football team so cannot spend Saturdays with Masterman, 'I'm awfully glad the footer is going well - I knew that you would make a player under my system of kindness and ferocity.' If he has a Saturday without a match they could go and see a League one if Lawrence could get up to town from school.

/21: 27 December 1921: Has been down to Yellow Sands for the school play and breaking up; they are shutting up the house for Christmas 'else I should take you down to make you break the ice in the sea'; will all meet at the reunion next week and asks Lawrence to bring his report so they can settle their contract.

/22: Yellow Sands, Bembridge, Isle of Wight, 22 May 1922: Has gone down to Bembridge to recover his health; not seen Lawrence since the Christmas holidays; 'Write and tell me all about yourself. You seem to have had a good term for work...It's horrible to think of you leaving

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this term , it was much better time when you were all kids together, playing for Junior Lions or Tigers.'

/23: [December 1925]: Glad Lawrence is going to Bembridge and urges him to gently suggest to the Warden that he could relieve him of some of the administrative work in organising the camp and recruiting new boys and officers.

/24: Friday 12 [1926]: Thanks for the invitation to 'Suburbia' but is booked up this weekend with Lloyd George; letter from the Warden [of Bembridge School] is disappointing 'he will not give up complete control over camp affairs that he has no time carry out...If you go down to stay with him at Easter...get him to let you take charge...at Yellow Sands. Also scheme about privately for officers like McLeish, Frank Taylor etc and as jolly a lot as we had last year.'

/25: [1926]: Letter written in Lucy Masterman's hand; On the subject of the organisation of the Yellow Sands Camp for that year 'I think you have been perfectly splendid in wrangling and stirring up things in a manner fully worthy of the great reputation you have obtained in driving an underground train... We want an officer for every ten boys...So if your pals are of A1 type...write to the Warden at once and book them in as officers.'

/26: [1926]: Difficulties in finding enough officers for the camp and reduced numbers of boys attending , 'I think you and I had better start running a camp together next year, somewhere.'; complains about his left arm which is still no better ten weeks after his being run over by a motor; would like to see Lawrence before camp and also suggests after camp they might get a gang together for a holiday in a cottage or go abroad.

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Physical description: Letters /23-/25 have sustained damage and part of the script has been lost.

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Letters from Ralph Bolton

1919

Letters from Ralph Bolton, a boy who attended Yellow Sands camps, both letters from 24 Mundania Road, Honor Oak, London S.E.22:

/1: 5 September 1919: thanks Masterman for his letter and for his invitation to the Football League match at Crystal Palace or Chelsea which is pleased to accept.

/2: 22 November 1919: asking about arrangements to meet Masterman to go to the 'N.S.C.'; results of school First XI and Second X1 [football] matches in which he played.

2 items

Access: Open

MS298/1/1/1/4

Letter from Ernest Boynett

c 1920

Letter from Ernest Boynett, a boy who attended Yellow Sands camps, Coldershaw Rd, West Ealing, London W. 13: Thanks for the happy time at camp; is keeping up the swimming and learning to dive

1 item

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MS298/1/1/1/5

Letter from 'Debbie'

c 1920

'Debbie' being a boy who attended Yellow Sands camp; 7 Coverdale Road, Shepherds Bush W.12: Has written to others at the camp and has had letters from some; going down to Brighton in

November for half term; asks about Dorrie and the Warden

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MS298/1/1/1/6

Letters from Frank Heath

1919-1922

Letters from Frank Heath, a boy who attended Yellow Sands camps, both letters from The Laurels, St John's, Bedford:

/1: 7 November 1919: Thanks for the letter; enclosing all the photographs he has which were taken at camp; results of school [rugby union] matches.

/2: [1922]: Hopes Masterman is better and ready for the 'Parliamentary scrap which seems imminent'; fed up with the transport strikes; getting on quite well at school and football; failed to get into the School Musical Society.

2 items

Access: Open

MS298/1/1/1/7

Letter from Edward (Ted) Houghton

1919

Letter from Edward Houghton, a boy who attended Yellow Sands camps; 79 Lansdowne Road, Seven Kings, 26 October 1919: Thanks for the photograph which he is having framed; shall be delighted to have an album of mounted photographs; is enjoying school but not getting on very well with French or Mechanics.

1 item

Access: Open

MS298/1/1/1/8

Letters from Geoffrey Simpson

1919

Letters from Geoffrey Simpson, a boy who attended Yellow Sands camps, from

12 Inchmery Road, Bromley Road, Catford S.E.6:

/1: Will be pleased to come and is

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meeting Edgley at Waterloo; not sure about being 'whacked'.

/2: 8 April 1919: Glad to come to Yellow Sands; asks about arrangements for meeting and what equipment to bring.

/3: 2 November 1919: Sorry the leap frog photo was a failure; now in the Modern Upper Fourth at school; played a good many games of rugby this term; fives courts have all been renewed; learning to box at school and taking up gymnastics; a German field gun has been presented to the school; whole school has had their photo taken by a revolving camera and he has a copy which is so long it 'goes round the dining room about five times'; had a field day in Richmond Park; spending Christmas in Tunbridge Wells.

3 items

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MS298/1/1/1/9

Letters from Edith Simpson

1919

Letters from Edith Simpson, mother of Geoffrey, 12 Inchmery Road, Bromley Road, Catford S.E.6

/1: 3 May 1919: Thanks for the interest shown in Geof [Simpson]; regarding the boarding school, Geof would very much like to go but his father is against it; they would like him to go to Dulwich College like his older brother.

/2: 27 October [1919]: Thanks for the photograph of Geof; the family have all been ill but improving now.

2 items

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MS298/1/1/1/10

Letters from Frank du B. Wilson

1919-1921

Frank du B. Wilson was known to Charles Masterman as Peter and this is how he is

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referred to in the correspondence:

/1: St John's College, Hurstpierpoint, East Sussex: Thanks for the five shillings, the stamps and letter; has been in the (school) infirmary with a chill; Chaplain has sent him books and oranges.

/2: St John's College, Hurstpierpoint, East Sussex: Thanks for letter 'Certainly I would receive a tuck-parcel with pleasure.'; sends a list of favourite food Masterman could send him if he wishes; Influenza has broken out worse still and pneumonia in some cases.

/3: St John's College, Hurstpierpoint, East Sussex, 19 November 1919 (2 items): Thanks for the photographs; parents have been on a visit; asks if Masterman will be able to come down to see him before the end of term.

/4: 'Rosenan', Bushey Hall Road, Watford, 6 January 1921: Sorry to hear Masterman has been ill; has had a razor for Christmas so 'I shan't have to be shaved by you again.'; going back to school 21 January.

/5: 'Rosenan', Bushey Hall Road, Watford, 12 January 1921: will come up on Thursday; possible reunion on Friday or Saturday; had a party and had Jack and Leslie over from Harrow.

/6: St John's College, Hurstpierpoint, East Sussex, 7 February 1921: news of school sports.

/7: St John's College, Hurstpierpoint, East Sussex, 7 March 1921: news of school sports.

/8: St John's College, Hurstpierpoint, East Sussex, 14 March 1921: school

news; Bishop of Lewes has been to confirm about forty boys.

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MS298/1/1/1/11 Letter from A. du B. Wilson 1919

Letter from A. du B. Wilson, the father of Frank du B. Wilson (known to Masterman as Peter): see MS298/1/1/1/10 for the son's correspondence with Masterman

68 Lombard Street, London, E.C.3, 22 April 1919: Enclosing Frank's school report; had a long talk with Mr Packard [School Chaplain]

1 item

Access: Open

MS298/1/1/1/12 Letter from student at Balliol College, Oxford c 1920

First page only of letter, dated 12 October, from unknown student at Balliol College, Oxford, asking if Masterman would be able to give a talk to the students and suggesting two dates in October or November, the former date would help a lot in making recruits among the freshers before the Labour Club 'gets hold of them.'

1 item

Access: Open

MS298/1/1/1/13 Letter from Ernest Le Bas 1919

Letter from Ernest Le Bas dated 26 October 1919 on going up to Jesus College, Cambridge; Le Bas thanks Masterman for his long letter and advice; 'Luckily I know a great many awfully good fellows from Charterhouse including three or four in my own college...so that I feel almost as if I were still at Charterhouse in some ways.'; going to play cricket but cannot stand football 'with all due respects to your thoughts on the game.'; finding the work fairly easy and managing to do the necessary reading; has joined

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the Union but not as yet attended any of the debates.

1 item

Access: Open

MS298/1/1/1/14 Letter from Frances Chesterton [1914]

Letter from Frances Chesterton, wife of G. K. Chesterton, dated 25 August [1914], on their feelings on the outbreak of the First World War

1 item

Access: Open

MS298/1/1/1/15 Letter from his mother, Margaret Masterman 1909

Iona, St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells, 9 November 1909: Has heard that Charles has been ill and is anxious to know how he is; desperate plea for help with debts; asks Charles to lend her some money as she does not want to borrow from the bank and pay interest at 6% as she did before; she believes Bertram [John Howard Bertram Masterman, Charles' older brother] would help if he had some money and 'will do so...if the Bishoprich [sic] comes. Meanwhile the debts increase and I know no means of obtaining money and we must have food and clothes...The workhouse will not take us and I cannot earn money in any way.'

1 item

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MS298/1/1/2 Papers relating to Masterman's childhood and education 1883-1892

These papers include examples of the magazines produced by Masterman and his siblings and friends as children, school exercise books with projects and essays, his university notebooks and his academic certificates

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MS298/1/1/2/1 'OVMC' Magazine 1886-1887

Issues of the 'OVMC' (Oakfield Villas Magazine Club) magazine 4 January, 11 January (Parts 1 and II), 18 January, 1 March, 5 April, 19 April, 3 May, July and August 1886 and August 1887; compiled by Charles Masterman, his siblings and friends as children during the school holidays. One manuscript version of the magazine was compiled, at first, weekly, during the holidays but possibly more intermittently later. Charles was at first the editor but after 'sundry small squabbles' in January 1886, he resigned and his sister, Margaret was elected editor. The magazines contain illustrated stories, poems and articles. Some of the issues appear to be complete but there are also some loose pages from other issues. All the pages are fragile.

1 bundle

Access: Open

MS298/1/1/2/2 'Jelly (Quivering)' and 'Fiend' Magazines 1887-1888

/1 Two manuscript versions of the same issue of 'Jelly (Quivering)' magazine May 1887.

/2 Manuscript issue of 'The Fiend' January 1888, both magazines compiled by Charles Masterman (editor), his brother Henry and friends. The magazines contain illustrated articles, stories and items of news.

3 items

Access: Open

MS298/1/1/2/3 The Railway Society, St Aubyn House, School, Brighton 1888-1889

Papers relating to the Railway Society started at St Aubyn House School by

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Charles Masterman when he was a pupil there. He continued as 'Out Secretary' of the Society after he left the school and started at Weymouth College. The papers consist of:

/1: Programme of the Railway Society Autumn Session 1888 with list of members, programme of lectures and mechanical drawing classes.

/2: New Locos brought out 1889 by Charles Masterman with drawings of locomotives.

/3: 'Unrivalled' magazine (manuscript) February, March, April, Summer, August & September, Autumn 1888: the 'official organ' of the Railway Society.

2 items, 1 bundle

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MS298/1/1/2/4

School exercise books

1884

/1: Exercise book labelled Tunbridge Wells Collegiate Preparatory School, Bedford House: 6 May 1884.

/2: Exercise book belonging to Charles Masterman, dated 1884, containing 'A Short History of America' with maps; also filled up from the back with notes on the composition of the Cabinets in the administrations of Prime Ministers and notes on the rise of various political figures.

2 volumes

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MS298/1/1/2/5

Academic certificates

1886-1890

Academic certificates awarded to Charles

Masterman when a pupil at University School, Hastings:

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/1: College of Preceptors, Midsummer 1886.

/2: University of Cambridge examination for Junior Students December 1886.

/3: College of Preceptors, Midsummer 1887.

/4: College of Preceptors, Midsummer 1887 Special Certificate.

/5: University of London Matriculation certificate July 1890.

5 large items

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University notebooks

1892-1897

Notebooks containing short stories, notes on moral philosophy and text of sermons or addresses directed at school pupils even though all appear to date from Masterman's time as a student at Cambridge:

/1: Coverless exercise book containing short stories mostly written in the first person; some dated 1892-1893.

/2: Notebook containing sermons or addresses apparently directed at school pupils dated 1895-1897.

/3: Notebook containing notes on moral philosophy with page references.

3 volumes

Access: Open

MS298/1/1/2/7

Notes on Christianity and philosophy

c 1897

Pencil notes on philosophy, one page written on the back of a letter written to Masterman from Queen's Hotel, Leeds 1897 (2 pp)

1 item

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	Access: Open	
MS298/1/1/2/8	Weymouth College	c 1910
	Weymouth College School verse written out by Masterman on Gillingham Street notepaper	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS298/1/1/3	Other personal papers	1908-1927
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS298/1/1/3/1	Solemnization of Matrimony	1908
	Masterman's own copy of the Solemnization of Matrimony used at his wedding, inscribed 'Charles F. G. Masterman Westminster Abbey June 2nd 1908'	
	1 volume	
	Access: Open	
MS298/1/1/3/2	Bank books of Charles Masterman and Lucy Masterman	1912-1928
	/1: Barclay's bank book for Charles Masterman 1912-1914.	
	/2: Lloyd's bank book for Charles Masterman and Lucy Masterman 1927-1928.	
	2 items	
	Access: Open	
MS298/1/1/3/3	Award of the Croix de Commandeur de l'Ordre de la Couronne	1919
	Letter and citation, in French, of award to Masterman of the Croix de Commandeur de l'Ordre de la Couronne by the Belgian government 1919	

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- 3 items
Access: Open
- MS298/1/1/3/4 Menu of 'The Other Club' dinner 1926
- Menu of 'The Other Club' dinner, Savoy Restaurant, 18 March 1926, with unidentifiable pencil portrait on reverse
- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS298/1/1/3/5 Photograph c 1920
- Photograph in mount of Masterman and boy holding squash racquets and captioned 'The winning pair others 0 these 15'
- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS298/1/2 Papers relating to Charles Masterman's literary career c 1898-1926
- Examples of Masterman's writings including manuscript drafts and typescript proofs of articles, correspondence relating to literary works, contracts with publishers and cuttings of literary reviews
- 3 files
Access: Open
- MS298/1/2/1 Draft of short story c 1900-1914
- Draft of short story about failed suicide attempt (6 pp)
- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS298/1/2/2 Draft of essay 'From the Abyss - by an inhabitant' and 'Of the Silence of Us' c 1900-1902
- Draft of essays forming part of 'From the Abyss' written while Masterman was living

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in Albany Dwellings, South London and published in 1902 (6 pp)

1 item

Access: Open

MS298/1/2/3

Notes on English literature

c 1899

Pencil notes on English literature with attached printed pages on Congreve and Addison and Thackeray's 'The Newcomes' (6 pp)

1 item

Access: Open

MS298/1/2/4

Typescripts and proofs of articles

c 1906-1926

/1: 'An Island of Memories': Typescript of article on visit to Sicily which Masterman made in 1906 (10 pp).

/2: Typescript of article on Girgenti in Sicily (5pp).

/3: Article on travellers memories (12pp).

/4: 'A Final Word on the Macedonian Tragedy': Typescript of article on Masterman's journey through the Balkans, circa 1907 (15 pp).

/5: 'The Turkish Provinces in Asia 5. The Kurdish Mountains': First page only of typescript of article on Masterman's travels in the Turkish provinces of Asia.

/6: 'Picturesque Great Britain': Page proofs with corrections of the introduction, written by Masterman, to 'Picturesque Great Britain' by E. O. Hoppe (22 pp large).

/7: 'Picturesque Great Britain': Typescript list of plates (32pp large).

/8: Typescript of pp 69-71 of article on philosophy.

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8 items (including 2 large items)

Access: Open

MS298/1/2/5

Papers relating to Masterman's biography of Frederick Denison Maurice c 1907

Correspondence relating to Masterman's biography of Frederick Denison Maurice which was published in the series 'Leaders of the Church' by Charles Masterman and George Russell (1907). F. D. Maurice (1805-1872) was a Victorian theologian and Christian Socialist. He had two sons, (John) Frederick Maurice, an army officer and writer who wrote a biography of his father in 1884 and Charles Edmund Maurice, also a writer.

/1: Frederick Maurice, 9 Gwendwr Road, West Kensington, 9 July 1907, to Masterman: expresses pleasure at reading Masterman's biography of his father; 'truthful, vigorous, understanding and...interesting to anyone as a study of at least a unique personality admirably portrayed.'; proposes that they meet for lunch so they can have a talk about it.

/2: [Charles] Edmund Maurice to Masterman: Part letter with arrangements for a lecture Masterman has apparently planned to deliver; 'had hoped to have a lecture from Mr Macdonald on Haldane's Bill but he declined to undertake it' asks if Masterman could suggest anyone who could do it; encloses two letters relating to the biography of his father, which may be the letter from his brother, Frederick and the part letter from an unknown writer (see /3 and /4 below).

/3: Frederick Maurice, 9 Gwendwr Road, West Kensington, 8 July 1907, to [Charles] Edmund Maurice: praises Masterman's biography of their father

which he read on Edmund's recommendation.

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/4: Part of letter to Edmund, from anonymous writer, with reference to Masterman's biography of F. D. Maurice.

4 items

Access: Open

MS298/1/2/6

Letters from Masterman to A. G. Gardiner 1903-1921

Letters written by Masterman to Alfred George Gardiner, Editor of the Daily News until 1919:

/1: 21 Albany Dwellings, Albany Road, Camberwell, 19 February 1903: 'Canon Barnett agrees so I am writing to accept your offer.' ; concerned to live up to the standards expected and make a success of the role; is keen to start as soon as possible.

/2: Local Government Board, Whitehall, 8 February 1909: place for a protoge of G. M. Trevelyan; thanks for report of speech at Yarmouth; 'Naval Crisis on top of House of Lords controversy. Poor old Lib Party, floating like a mess of blubber on unquiet seas'.

/3: 1 Devonshire Terrace, Sandgate, 'Tuesday 12th ' [1909]: Congratulations on the success of the northern edition [of the Daily News]; suggests possible articles for the Spring, a critical examination of the House of Lords and reports from the constituencies in run up to an election.

/4: Walton Heath, Surrey, 14 February 1915: Marked Private: thanks for letter of sympathy; an article by Gardiner on the danger of militarism was 'exactly the thing that must be said if the soul of the nation is not to perish and militarism imported from Prussia to take its place.' Masterman urges Gardiner to have the article

published in France and America and, in pamphlet form, in Britain.

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/5: 16 July 1915: Marked 'Private': regarding Morning Post leader, Northcliffe and the Yellow Press, 'I don't know who has blown the gaff - I suppose they hate Harmsworth and L. G. even more than they hate us.'

/6: Yellow Sands, Bembridge, Isle of Wight, 17 March 1921: Marked 'Private': Part letter; regarding Gardiner's position as writer for (no longer editor at this date) the Daily News 'dismal decision - for the Daily News!

/7: Envelope marked 'Letters from C. F. G. M. to A. G. Gardiner' in Lucy Masterman's hand.

6 items

Access: Open

MS298/1/2/7

Publishers agreements

1908-1909

Agreements between Charles Masterman and his publishers, Methuen & Co. for:

/1: 'Impressions of Travel' February 1908.

/2: 'The Condition of England' March 1909.

2 items

Access: Open

MS298/1/2/8

Review of 'How England is Governed' by Charles Masterman

1921

Newspaper cutting of review of 'How England is Governed' by Charles Masterman

1 item

Access: Open

MS298/1/2/9

Review of J. A. Spender's biography of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman

1923

Printed copy of a review, by Masterman, of J. A. Spender's biography of Sir Henry

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Campbell-Bannerman

1 item

Access: Open

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| MS298/1/2/10 | List of essays by Charles Masterman | c 1920 |
| | List of essays by Charles Masterman in Lucy Masterman's hand divided into biographical, topographical and general and where published (2 pp) | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS298/1/2/11 | Envelope containing miscellaneous jottings by Masterman | c 1925 |
| | Envelope of Methuen & Co. containing various jottings made by Masterman possibly relating to his work on an abridgement of J. Morley's biography of William E. Gladstone | |
| | 4 items | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS298/1/2/12 | Draft verse by Charles Masterman | c 1900 |
| | Draft verse by Charles Masterman on Albany Dwellings notepaper | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS298/1/2/13 | Notes for talk on school life | c 1898 |
| | Notes for talk on school life on Horsmonden School notepaper | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS298/1/2/14 | Letter to Masterman from J. B. Hobman | 1923 |
| | Letter to Masterman from J. B. Hobman, editor of the Westminster Gazette, dated 7 March 1923, concerning Masterman's | |

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review of [A. G. Gardiner's Life of Sir William] Harcourt. Hobman also expresses his personal views on the issue of Liberal reunion.

1 item

Access: Open

MS298/1/3 Political papers of Charles Masterman 1901-1923

Papers including drafts of articles by Masterman's on social reform and Liberal party policy, correspondence with political colleagues, official reports and publications, papers relating to Masterman's election expenses

5 files

Access: Open

MS298/1/3/1 Political correspondence 1912-1923

1 file

Access: Open

MS298/1/3/1/1 Letter from Arthur Ponsonby 1912

Letter from Arthur Ponsonby, Shulbrede Priory, Lynchmere, Haslemere, dated 15 June 1912, congratulating Masterman on his appointment as Financial Secretary to the Treasury

1 item

Access: Open

MS298/1/3/1/2 Letter from J. H. Crabb 1921

Letter with envelope to Masterman from J. H. Crabb, dated 25 January 1921, writing in support of Masterman as his former constituency MP and his policies

as expressed in an article by Masterman in the 'Westminster Gazette'

2 items

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- Access: Open
- MS298/1/3/1/3 Telegram relating to the National Health Insurance Bill 1913
- Telegram to Masterman at Selsey, Sussex, dated 29 August 1913; last page is missing so the sender is unknown but the telegram relates to the proposal to introduce a scheme to provide cover for travelling workers under the National Health Insurance Bill. (10 pp)
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS298/1/3/1/4 Letter from Ramsay MacDonald 1923
- Letter from Ramsay MacDonald, House of Commons notepaper, dated 24 April 1923: advising Masterman on line to take in the case of a Mr Cox on the issue of Capital Levy. MacDonald refers Masterman to an article by A. C. Pigou in the 'Economic Journal' which he has at home; gives Masterman his address and home telephone number in case he needs to borrow the article.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS298/1/3/2 Other political papers 1901-1923
- Papers including drafts of articles by Masterman's on social reform and Liberal party policy, correspondence with political associates, papers relating to election expenses and official government reports
- 4 files
- Access: Open
- MS298/1/3/2/1 Article on Tariff Reform 1910
- Proof article on Tariff Reform in 'The Nation' 8 January 1910 (2 pp)

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1 item

Access: Open

MS298/1/3/2/2 Letter on Liberal - Reunion by Masterman c 1922

/1: Manuscript letter headed 'Liberal-Reunion' by Masterman in Lucy Masterman's hand

/2: Typescript of same letter heavily corrected in Masterman's hand

2 items

Access: Open

MS298/1/3/2/3 Text of article submitted to the 'Daily News' c 1922

Draft of article on the failure of the Liberal Party in the 1922 General Election with letter signed 'J. S. H.' of the Daily News [? Stuart Hodgson, editor] returning text to Masterman

2 items

Access: Open

MS298/1/3/2/4 Draft typescript headed 'Preface' 1901

Draft typescript, with corrections, of the preface to *The Heart of the Empire*, a collection of essays, edited by Masterman on problems of modern city life in England. Other contributors were Reginald A. Bray and F. W. Head with whom Masterman was living in Albany Dwellings, Camberwell, at the time of the book's publication (6 pp)

1 item

Access: Open

MS298/1/3/2/5 Typescript draft pages from 'England After War: A Study' c 1922

Pages numbered 82 to 93 of typescript draft of part of Masterman's book,

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- 'England After War: A Study', published 1922 (12 pp)
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS298/1/3/2/6 Typescript page on post war economic and social reform c 1918
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS298/1/3/2/7 Pages of draft manuscript on Liberal Party policy c 1909
- Pages of draft manuscript numbered 21 to 29 on Liberal Party policy on social and tariff reform (9 pp)
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS298/1/3/2/8 Parliamentary election expenses 1911
- Papers relating to C. F. G. Masterman's expenses incurred during the parliamentary election 2 December 1910 drawn up by chartered accountant, W. Leslie Booth, The Broadway, Finchley:
- /1: receipts and expenditure account made up to 6 January 1911.
- /2: summary of expenditure and schedules of details.
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- MS298/1/3/2/9 Invoice relating to election expenses 1914
- Invoice for hire of furniture and decorating election campaign venue made out to Mr Hawes, Liberal Agent, Ipswich 10 June 1914
- 1 item

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- Access: Open
- MS298/1/3/2/10 Letter from R. H. Broad to Sir Francis Hopwood 1914
- Letter from R. H. Broad, 13 December 1914 on Admiralty notepaper, to Sir Francis Hopwood, then Civil Lord of the Admiralty. Broad suggests Hopwood might propose to the Chancellor ways in which the City might be able to help in cutting off credit and financial facilities to Germany and in working with shipping and insurance houses so as not to facilitate trade with Germany. (3 pp)
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS298/1/3/2/11 Report of Government Committee on the Prevention and Relief of Distress c 1914-1918
- Report of Government Committee on the Prevention and Relief of Distress detailing the allocation of grants to regional groups during the [First World] War (4 pp)
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS298/1/3/2/12 Miscellaneous Report No. 6 Correspondence respecting the European Crisis 1914
- Printed Miscellaneous Report No. 6 Correspondence respecting the European Crisis July - August 1914 including list of contents with precis of letters
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS298/1/3/2/13 Daily Review of the Foreign Press 1916
- Daily Review of the Foreign Press issued by the General Staff, War Office 5 December 1916 Series 2 No. 216

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- including Economic Supplement
1 item
Access: Open
- MS298/1/3/2/14 Canadian War Records Office 1917
Report on the work of the Canadian War Records Office by W. M. Aitken, 11 January 1917
1 item
Access: Open
- MS298/1/3/2/15 A Guide to the Press of the United States 1918
A Guide to the Press of the United States (Revised Edition) issued by the Department of Information, Foreign Office
1 item1 item
Access: Open
- MS298/1/3/2/16 Economic Survey of Certain Countries 1920
Specially Affected by the War
Economic Survey of Certain Countries Specially Affected by the War at the close of the year 1919 issued by the Department of Overseas Trade, HMSO, 1920
1 item
Access: Open
- MS298/1/3/2/17 Statement of Liberal resolutions on 1921
economic and industrial policy
Statement of Liberal resolutions on economic and industrial policy to be submitted by the Executive Committee of the National Liberal Federation to the General Committee of the Federation at a Special Meeting in Nottingham 24-25 February 1921
1 item

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Access: Open

MS298/1/3/2/18 Papers relating to a meeting of the Industrial Policy Committee of the National Liberal Federation, 8 December 1920

/1: Letter from Harold Storey, dated 3 December 1920, giving notice of a meeting of the Industrial Policy Committee of the National Liberal Federation to be held at Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, London.

/2: Copy of the meeting agenda 8 December 1920.

/3: Report of the Finance Sub-committee.

/4: Report of the Land Sub-committee.

/5: Report of the Industry Sub-committee.

5 items

Access: Open

MS298/1/3/2/19 Report of the Industrial Policy Committee 1920

Report of the Industrial Policy Committee presented to the Executive Committee of the National Liberal Federation 15 December 1920 (10 pp)

1 item

Access: Open

MS298/1/3/2/20 Letter to Masterman from Harold Storey and copy of the Liberal Magazine March 1923

/1: Letter to Masterman from Harold Storey at the offices of the Liberal Magazine.

/2: Copy of the March issue containing notes on Liberal reunion of which Storey writes 'It is a real grief to me to look at this blasted question of reunion from an angle that is different from yours.'

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2 items

Access: Open

MS298/1/3/2/21 South Midlothian and Peebles constituency contest in General Election 1922

Cutting from the Scotsman newspaper relating to the contest in the constituency of South Midlothian and Peebles in the 1922 General Election involving Sir Donald Maclean, the anti-coalition Liberal candidate

1 item

Access: Open

MS298/1/4 Miscellaneous papers collected by Charles Masterman during his political and literary career 1863-1933

1 box

Access: Open

MS298/1/4/1 Miscellaneous papers 1863-1933

This collection of otherwise unattributable papers appears to have been collected by Charles Masterman in relation to his political and literary career:

/1: Unidentified letter from 'J. W.' writing from Tours, France, to his brother 'W. W.' received 9 March 1863.

/2: Letters relating to references for Dermot G. Spence, production manager at Lovat Dickson Ltd, publishers, dated 7 April 1933 and 10 May 1933.

/3: Typescript of talk to the boys of the Duke of York's School, Chelsea, 'The

Story of My Own Life' by T. J. Macnamara, 22 January 1908.

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/4: School exercise book with essay written in French in three different hands; cover missing and first page loose.

/5: Accounts of May Festival held at Liverpool Police Athletic Club ground /1: 1898 and /2: [1889] (2 items)

/6: Musical score 'The Silver Robe' written by R. A. Bray composed by H. Lloyd Millner; dedicated to the teachers and children of Westmoreland Road Girls School.

/7: Musical score 'Carol' by H. Lloyd Millner dedicated to R. A. B. (1 page).

/8: Typescript copy of the preface to 'The Breaking Point' by Edward Garnett (July 1907).

/9: Duplicated copies of the 'Irish Bulletin': Volume 5 Number 20, 29 June 1921 and Volume 5 Number 78, 19 September 1921 (2 items)

/10: Manuscript draft of part of 'The Old Irish Parliament' by Michael MacDonagh c 1915

/11: Typescript of pages from 'The Old Irish Parliament' by Michael MacDonagh with manuscript corrections and amendments

/12: Loose printed pages of part of 'The Old Irish Parliament' by Michael MacDonagh

/13: Pamphlet 'The Limerick Curfew Murders of 7 March 1921'

/14: Pages from 'The Lady of the House' Christmas 1917 including article 'The Last Parliament of Ireland' by Crawford Hartnell

1 box

Access: Open

Physical description: Several of these

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items are fragile or damaged and in some cases part of the script is missing

MS298/2 Papers of Lucy Masterman 1911-1933

Papers mainly consisting of her personal correspondence with her husband, Charles, 1917-1920 and correspondence with others relating to Charles Masterman's life and career.

4 files

Access: Open

MS298/2/1 Correspondence 1911-1933

Lucy Masterman's correspondence with, or relating to, Charles Masterman.

3 files

Access: Open

MS298/2/1/1 Letters to Lucy Masterman from her husband, Charles 1917-1920

With the exception of the first two letters written during the First World War when he was Director of the War Propaganda Bureau, all are written from the Isle of Wight. Once the war was over Masterman installed himself there in order to devote himself to his writing, principally two books, 'The New Liberalism' and 'How England is Governed', the latter often referred to in his letters as the 'Civics'. He hoped that away from the expensive distractions and unhealthy lifestyle of London he would be able to concentrate his efforts and be more productive. Post war prices and the high cost of living combined with the loss of his Government position and income put pressure on the Mastermans' finances and forced them to depend solely on their income from writing. Anxiety about their personal debts dominated Charles's letters to Lucy at this time together with complaints about his ill health, particularly debilitating hay fever and bouts of depression. His worsening

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health caused him to become dependent on alcohol and self medicated drugs for which he made frequent requests in his letters to Lucy. He frequently expresses his concern for their mounting debts, the reduction in available work, his unreliable health but also his strong reluctance to return to London. All these letters to Lucy are addressed ' Dere Childe'.

/1: 4 August 1917: Water and electricity companies have threatened to cut off supplies; won 7/6 at bridge; looked at casualty lists issued at the War Office, Sextus [his brother, Walter Sidney Masterman] not in them.

/2: Hotel Westminster, Paris, [April 1917]: In Paris with Colonel John Buchan to meet with Eric Maclagan, of the Ministry of Information Bureau in Paris and then to British GHQ.

/3: Yellowsands, Isle of Wight, 9 January 1919: Asked Lucy to send him films for his camera so that he can take photographs of the little community as, he feels, it will be a subject of interest in the future; is sending her another film and asks her to get it printed so that he can show the children; enjoying the fresh air and exercise and finding it easier to write here than in London; done a fair amount of work; sent off article to the Contemporary [Review] for which should get £25 but will probably get £10 plus a £5 article for Caird. (2 pp).

/4: Yellow Sands, Isle of Wight, 23 July 1919: Arrived safely; Howard [John Howard Whitehouse] still not well and has seen the doctor today; the tents are up and it promises to be an enormous camp; hopes Lucy 'had a good time' with Donald Maclean (Liberal Leader of the Opposition 1918-1920) and 'told him the truth for his soul's good.' [referring to response to Maclean's speech in the Commons accepting the Treaty of Versailles with enthusiasm] (2pp).

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/5: [Yellow Sands, Isle of Wight, Jul-Aug 1919]: Glorious weather; sleeping better as has moved into a tent; one hundred and sixty boys at the camp 'varying in quality and attraction but all as easy to manage as anything.' (2 pp).

/6: Yellow Sands, Isle of Wight, 21 August 1919: Is staying at Yellow Sands until 5 September, 'after that I suppose the intolerable life of London.' Received an urgent invitation to stand for the St Albans Division which looked as though it was to become vacant but in the end the choice was avoided (2 pp).

/7: Yellow Sands, Isle of Wight, 16 March 1920: Part letter; pleased Lucy is feeling better and she is reassured about Neville's operation; will stay in Yellow Sands to try and get his 'jagged nerves right'.

/8: Yellow Sands, Isle of Wight, 1 June 1920: reports on his state of health; 'the days are fairly good...the nights or early morning are a dilerium...series of extraordinarily vivid dreams; getting regular work done although of poor quality; encloses a list of goods and things wanted; to let him know by return if she is coming down to Bembridge at the weekend so that he can make arrangements (2 pp).

/9: Yellow Sands, Isle of Wight, 12 June 1920: Depressed at state of their finances and particularly agitated having received notice of their overdraft from the bank; 'at the end of the Summer we must have a serious confabulation on the situation - where we can economise; whether we must give up Gillingham Street or somehow refuse food: or expenses on food... ; or in any way get down to the standard of the 'New Poor".' Feels that he should stay down in Bembridge for the sake of his health which 'is of the first importance'. 'The only chance of health is a prolonged stay in some such state as this...'; also it is

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cheaper to live there than in London; he is able to work there 'on the two books which alone can save us from immediate ruin'. The down turn in their income he feels is largely due to reduction in Daily News articles losing over £80 a year; fewer regular articles for 'The Nation', cutting down of Lucy's columns for 'Outlook' and failure to get opportunities to write for other publications. He writes that it is essential that they tackle their overdraft problem and makes suggestions as to what they could sell such as silver and furniture; 'Consider the sale of everything of which we have no immediate use' (4 pp).

/10: Yellow Sands, Isle of Wight, circa 20 June 1920: Thanks for sending all his requirements so quickly; first class atomiser arrived today and cricket balls; requests more films for the cameras and a copy of Farmers 'Christ and his Soldiers'; has been suffering from

neuralgia (2 pp).

/11: Yellow Sands, Isle of Wight, 18 July 1920: 'I haven't quite finished 'Liberalism' ['The New Liberalism'] and am very dissatisfied with it - would not produce it but for the cash; asks Lucy to copy out a passage from Gladstone's diary and send it to him as he needs it for his book.

11 items

Access: Open

MS298/2/1/2

Letters of condolence on the death of Charles Masterman

1927

Letters of condolence sent to Lucy Masterman on the death of her husband, Charles in 1927:

/1: Florence North, 28 Culcombe Road, Coldharbour Lane, Camberwell, S.E. 5, 21 November 1927: will be remembered for 'the great interest he took in us when it was specially welcome. For many years

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we had a wonderful holiday through the kindness of him and his mother.'

/2: 'Netty', 17 West Eaton Place, S.W.1, 22 November 1927: addressed to 'Meesie dearest'.

/3: Mary Fowkes Ridley, Town View, Horsecroft Road, Out Westgate, Bury St Edmunds, 22 November 1927.

/4: Mary Henessy, Buckleigh Cottage, Westwood Ho!, 23 November 1927.

/5: William Bellows, Tuffley Lawn, Gloucester, 23 November 1927: Worked with Masterman at Wellington House, where he was attached to the French Department, during the War, 'I came gradually to pass from respect for him to affection: and it is in that spirit that I shall treasure his memory.'

/6: Margaret Becker, Newstead, Godalming, Surrey, 24 November 1927: Addressed to 'My dear Meessee'.

/7: Mary Ford, The Deanery, York, 28 November [1927]: Mary Ford, the wife of Lionel Ford, Dean of York and former Headmaster of Harrow School.

/8: 'Cecil', 39 Grosvenor Square, 7 December 1927: Knew Masterman in 1906 in the House Of Commons, 'at one time Charlie and I were great friends'.

/9: Margaret Bathurst, 35, Pembroke Square, W8, 15 December [1927].

/10: Harcourt Johnstone, 1 Great Greoge Street, S.W.1, 16 December 1927: encloses typed copy of the Chairman's tribute to Masterman spoken at the Annual General Meeting of the Liberal and Radical Candidates Association 13 December 1927 (2 items).

11 items

Access: Open

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- MS298/2/1/3 Letter from Beatrice Webb and syllabus of lectures 1911
- /1: Letter from Beatrice Webb to Lucy Masterman regarding a course of lectures at one of which Charles Masterman was to preside. The lecture is on 'How best to use Voluntary Agencies in the Prevention of Destitution' and she invites Lucy to attend and also asks if they may use Lucy's name and contacts in distributing the syllabus; would like to arrange dinner or lunch with the Masterman's before the Webbs leave for the Far East; will send Charles a copy of 'The Crusade' for February.
- /2: Printed syllabus of lectures to be given by Sidney and Beatrice Webb for the National Committee for the Prevention of Destitution beginning 20 February 1911 at Caxton Hall.
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- MS298/2/1/4 Letter from J. L. Hammond 1928
- Letter, dated 10 June 1928, from J. L. Hammond, Oatfield, Piccot's End, Hemel Hempstead, former editor of 'The Speaker', in reply to Lucy Masterman's letter, apparently, asking about articles Charles had written for 'The Speaker' as part of her research for a book she was planning to write
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS298/2/1/5 Letter from Clement Edwards with papers relating to Masterman 1915-1933
- Clement Edwards (1869-1938) lawyer and Liberal Party politician sent these papers to Lucy Masterman possibly for use in her research for her biography of her husband:

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/1: Letter, with envelope, dated 13 March 1933, from Clement Edwards to Lucy Masterman sending her his papers relating to Charles Masterman's resignation from the Cabinet 1915 and the draft typescript of his memories which refer to Masterman.

/2: Letter from Clement Edwards MP, dated 29 January 1915, 17 St George's Square, to H. H. Asquith, Prime Minister, offering to resign his seat in favour of Masterman so that he may remain in the Cabinet at a time of 'great national crisis'.

/3: Reply, dated 4 February 1915, from M. Bonham Carter, Downing Street, on behalf of the Prime Minister thanking Edwards for his offer but regrets he is unable to accept.

/4: Draft typescript of Chapter VIII of Clement Edwards memories 'I Become a Special Commissioner of The Daily News' in which he refers to Masterman's resignation from the Cabinet in 1915 and Edwards offer to Asquith of resigning his own safe seat in favour of Masterman. 'So strongly did I feel that the vendetta was being unfairly waged against him and so useful did I consider Masterman's services to the future of social reform...'
(25 pp).

5 items

Access: Open

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Other personal papers

1919-1927

2 items

Access: Open

MS298/2/2/1

Receipt Arcade Studios Ltd

1919

Receipt, dated 14 March 1919, for photographic sepia prints from Arcade Studios Ltd

1 item

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Access: Open

MS298/2/2/2

Order of Service for the funeral of Charles Masterman 1927

Order of Service for the funeral of Charles Masterman, St Margaret's, Westminster, 21 November 1927

1 item

Access: Open

MS298/3

Papers of the Masterman, Lyttelton and related families 1875-1943

Papers consisting of Masterman family correspondence including letters from Charles to his mother and to his sister-in-law and mother-in-law, Lucy to their son, Neville and Margaret Masterman as a child to her Aunt Lucy as well as a collection of letters written by Mary Gladstone, between 1875-1880, to her cousin Spencer Lyttelton, Lucy Masterman's uncle and also a short note written to Mary Gladstone by her sister, Helen.

3 files

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Letters to Margaret Hanson Gurney Masterman from her son, Charles 1899-1908

Letters to his mother from distinct periods in Masterman's life contain references to significant events. Shortly after leaving Cambridge he was invited to live at Dean's Yard, Westminster with a small group of like minded young men and his friend Armitage Robinson who had just been appointed Canon of Westminster and Rector of St Margaret's. Here he started writing and lecturing. In 1903 he was asked to join the staff of the Daily News as Literary Editor and his interest in politics took shape. By 1908 and his engagement to Lucy he was a Member of Parliament having won the seat of West

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Ham for the Liberal Party in the 1906 General Election. Letters /2 - /4 have original envelopes.

/1: 17 Dean's Yard, Westminster, 31 October 1899: One page letter, written in continuous winding line, underlined in pencil and punctuated with drawings of stick men and skeleton like figures; is going to Horsmonden to play football and will come over to her on Thursday morning; should go to the convalescent home and see his friend, Clare and might bring her back to tea.

/2: The Daily News Office, London, 23 March 1903, with envelope: Birthday greetings; ending with 'I am going to stand for Parliament!!! Ha! Ha!'

/3: The Daily News Office, London, June -July 1903, with envelope: Writing to his mother on holiday in Eastbourne and sending a cheque for £6; when she wants another holiday there is still cash left so she is not to mind asking; went to Horsmonden on Sunday; ravaged by hay fever.

/4: 10 Addington Square, Camberwell, 24 February 1908: Writing to tell his mother that he is to be married; 'She hasn't got a penny of money but she is rather a dear. Shall I bring her down to see you and Daisy on Saturday?'

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Other Masterman family letters

1914-1943

Letters from Charles to other family members, from Lucy to her son, Neville during the Second World War and from their daughter, Margie to 'Aunt Lucy':

/1: Charles Masterman, Church Field, Walton on the Hill, Surrey, 29 May 1914 to his sister-in-law, Hilda Grenfell nee

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Lyttelton: expresses his sympathy for her and admiration at her courage.

/2: Charles Masterman, Church Field, Walton on the Hill, Surrey, 30 May 1914 to his mother-in-law, Lady Lyttelton: thanks her for her sympathetic note on the [Ipswich] bye-election result and commiserating with her on the anxious time she has had recently with regard to both her daughters.

/3: Margaret Masterman, 46 Gillingham Street, Friday 18 [April] 1919 to 'Aunt Lucy': thanks her for the book; looking forward to going to Bell Hall during the holidays; went to the National Gallery yesterday and going to the zoo with their cousins tomorrow (2pp).

/4: Lucy Masterman, 77 Overstrand Mansions, S.W.11, 13 January 1943 to her son, Neville: hitch about his application form so she is going to get Reginald Bray as a J. P. to fill it in; has been to Christ's College Cambridge and got them to update Neville's details on their card index; envelope addressed to Gunner N. C. Masterman, Aberdeen (2 items).

/5: Lucy Masterman, 77 Overstrand Mansions, S.W.11, 23 January 1943 to her son, Neville: rather an adventurous week; two raids on Sunday night and then an unexploded bomb in the park nearby caused the police to order an evacuation of the flats so had to go and stay with Aunt Hilda for two nights; had dinner with Reginald Grenfell who explained the reason for so many 'dud' German bombs; Joyce [Grenfell] is acting in a film to explain us to the Russians; Neville's sister Dorothy has had chickenpox but is getting better now.

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Letters from Mary Gladstone to Spencer Lyttelton

1875-1880

Letters from Mary Gladstone (1847-1927), daughter of William Ewart Gladstone and cousin to Lucy Masterman's father, Sir Neville Lyttelton and his brother, (George William) Spencer Lyttelton to whom these letters are addressed. Mary wrote to Spencer Lyttelton regularly during a long trip abroad he undertook with Arthur Balfour following the death of his sister, Mary, in March 1875. Their journey took them across America, across the Pacific Ocean and India and Mary's letters kept her cousin up to date with Lyttelton family news and her own social activities. Mary Gladstone acted as her father's political secretary and confidante. She kept diaries and copious notes on her father's meetings and was considered a significant political influence. Spencer Lyttelton held the position of William Gladstone's Assistant Private Secretary 1871-1874 and 1882-1885. The two families were very close and Mary spent a lot of her time at the Lyttelton family home of Hagley Hall, Worcestershire with her cousins and other relatives and family friends. The Gladstone family home was Hawarden castle , North Wales and Carlton Gardens (next door to the Balfours) in London. She also travelled with her father on political business and reports her impressions of political and society personalities she meets. Spencer and Mary shared a love of music and she often writes about concerts and recitals she has attended and, as quite an accomplished musician herself, of performances in which she has taken part.

/1: Hawarden Castle, Flintshire, 10-18 September: Thanks Spencer for his letter from America; wonders whether Niagara came up to his expectations; his letters have a sober tone about them which the Pacific voyage won't tend to improve;

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Mary and her cousin Gertrude (Glynne) who is to be married to George Pennant in October have just returned from a visit to the Pennant home of Penrhyn where they had a delightful time; Spencer's brother, Edward, has been very successful at cricket, the only Lyttelton representative in the Hagley eleven against Worcestershire; refers to Schluter, nurse to the Gladstone children.

/2: Hawarden, 30 December 1875: Spencer's sister, Lavinia has had a baby girl 'quite an old story now...it will be a respectable object by the time you come back'; news from the 'musical world' including report of Carl Rosa Opera performances by Santley [Charles Santley]; astonished at the news of the engagement of Eleanor Balfour to Henry Sidgwick 'certainly the most wonderful piece of news I have heard.'; has been to visit Gertrude and George 'and found them sedately serene.'; 'Papa is in great vigour and health and happiness. Still idealizes his children and the other day said, 'I don't think such a set of fellows exists as our boys and the Lyttelton boys except perhaps the Balfours.'; has spent a week at Keble College, Oxford in November; visit to Ashridge for a concert in honour of Princess Mary [Adelaide], '[Madame] Neruda stayed in the house and was enchanting, played all day long.' Of her meeting with Disraeli who was also there she writes 'oily in his manner to me and very obsequious.'

/3: Hawarden, February 1876: 'Papa has bought a house in Harley St - beastly but one must endeavour to bear it with philosophic calm.' Family gathering at Hagley which, 'considering all things...was very pleasant, one couldn't help dreading it a great deal as it was impossible not to be continually comparing the days with those last year (when Spencer's sister, Mary Catherine Lyttelton, died) We had a gigantic amount of music'; 'you can see the cross (to Mary) in the churchyard from

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the house ...I expect Lav [Lavinia] will have told you all about the [memorial] window.'; Additional page in which Mary describes in more detail the memorial window to Mary Lyttelton (2pp).

/4: Part letter possibly written on journey to London as part way through Mary writes from the home of the Balfour family, '4 C .G. [Carlton Gardens] 4 Feb: Just arrived, am going with Frances (Lady Frances Balfour) to Exeter Hall tonight.'

/5: Hillside, Chesterton Road, Cambridge, 12 March 1877: Writing to Spencer in Rome about her stay in Cambridge and meetings with Oscar Browning, Joseph Joachim, Sir Charles Stanford, Sir George Grove and Robert Browning of whom Mary says 'I liked less than ever.'

Of her visit to Kings College she writes 'My breath was taken away by Kings - being utterly unprepared for its size.' (2 pp).

/6: Woodlands, Clonsilla, Sunday [11 November 1877]: Letter begun while on a visit to Ireland with her father during which they have stayed with the de Vesce family at Abbey Leix; they have been mobbed in Dublin; '[Gladstone's] speeches made a most favourable impression all over Ireland.' The letter is continued at home at Hawarden on Tuesday [13 November 1877] with an account of the stormy Irish sea crossing during which their ship was called upon to go to the aid of a ship in distress, 'a New Brunswick merchant vessel, her masts gone and sails flapping helplessly in the gale.' After waiting for another steamer to tow the damaged vessel and crew back to Dublin their own ship was able to continue, 'I retired at last and from then till we landed I draw a veil over the wretched misery we went through.' On finally landing at Holyhead in near darkness and 'hardly able to stand' were received with 'frantic cheers, dragged to the Town Hall,

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Papa making one of his most spirited speeches.'

/7: Mentmore, Leighton Buzzard, 18 April 1879: Spencer's brother, Edward Lyttelton, has written to tell Mary he has been offered a post at Eton College but has declined; spent Easter in London; went to St Paul's Cathedral and sat near [Henry] Irving 'I hope he was impressed. Hamlet was quoted in the sermon which was on death.'; news of the death of Kitty Claughton's husband in the Zulu wars in South Africa.

/8: Hawarden, 20 November 1879: Writes about her Continental journey with her father, mother and brother Herbert and Lord Acton from which they returned 21 October having spent ten days in Venice, a week in the Dolomites, a week in Paris, five days in Munich and a week in Tegernsee in a Swiss chalet belonging to Lord Acton's family. While at Tegernsee her father spent a lot of time talking with Dr Dollinger, theologian and historian while Mary and Herbert sat up late into the night talking with Lord Acton. 'We lived out of doors, in the garden, on the lake or the hills and I became an experienced oar.' In Venice Mary admits she spent as much time as possible in Lady Marion Alford's gondola rather than looking at pictures and churches with the exception of St Mark's which she visited every day. From Venice they travelled on to Munich which she 'hated and detested'; Gertrude and Agnes have both had baby girls since Spencer left; Lavinia and little May are coming to stay for a week after the Midlothian [Campaign] is over.

/9: 23 September 1880: Spencer's account, in his last letter to her, of the Gloucester [Three Choirs] Festival made her regret not having gone; Mr Grove [George Grove] has written to her with an account of the premier of 'Prometheus'.

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Note from Helen Gladstone to her sister, Mary Gladstone c 1886

Undated note headed 'Private (comparatively)' to Mary Gladstone signed H. G. [her sister, Helen Gladstone]. The content of the note suggests it might date from the summer of 1886 when Mary is known to have been seriously ill after suffering a miscarriage. Her sister ends the letter with 'best love to Mama and to Harry [Mary's husband, Henry Drew]'. Helen appears to be away from home, but with her father, and is concerned for the suitability of the clothes she has brought with her.

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