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920 JOW JOSEPH WHITE 1872-1931

Papers relating to the prolific literary career of Joseph White.

Born in Wavertree, this writer's poems, short stories and articles appeared regularly in Liverpool newspapers during the latter part of the nineteenth century. His work illustrates many Victorian social and political preoccupations, as well as the exploration of the individual consciousness.

Although the collection includes some personal papers, it is difficult to clarify biographical detail. However, Joseph White was the son of Charles White, a member of the "Daily Post" printing staff, and was himself an employee of the Bridgewater Navigation Company. Married to Agnes Kinnimont, with two children, much of Joseph White's working life appears to have been spent in Runcorn, although he was buried in Smithdown Cemetery, Liverpool.

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Summary of Records

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1 Poetry

(all MSS unless stated)

/1	"A Mother's Pride"	16 May 1872
/2	"A Mother's Love" (fragile)	15 Nov 1877
/3	"Graveyard Thoughts" (fragile)	29 Nov 1877
/4	"Reminiscences of Childhood"	19 March 1878
/5	"A Dream" (two copies, fragile)	Aug. 1878
/6	"The Convict's Dream" (one print copy, one written; fragile)	March 1879
/7	"The Old Clerk" (fragile)	27 April 1887
/8	"To the Rev. James Bell on his Imprisonment" (fragile)	6 May 1887
/9	"Jubilee Verses" (fragile)	12 May 1887
/10	"England and Ireland" (fragile)	19 May 1887
/11	"The Proposed Jubilee Grant to the Mayor, The Disconsolate Alderman's Wail" (written under pseudonym of Septimius Caractacus)	1 June 1887
/12	"The River Mersey: Or Liverpool Past and Present, Descriptive Sketches"	June 1887
/13	"The Evil That Men Do Lives After Them" (fragile)	19 Oct 1887
/14	"On the Death of the Earl and Countess of Dalhousie" (fragile)	29 Nov 1887
/15	"To Eighteen Eighty Seven" (fragile)	30 Dec 1887
/16	"Fame" (fragile)	Jan 1888
/17	"The City Council and the Opening of Museums on Sunday" (inscribed to the Sunday Society)	21 March 1888
/18	"Life" (fragile)	28 March 1888

/19	"The Late Rev. Charles Beard in Memoriam"	April 1888
/20	"Seaside Reverie"	April 1888
/21	"The Lay of the Liberal Unionist"	June 1888
/22	"The Convict's Dream" (revised)	1888
/23	Untitled Song: "A blithe life is the hardy tar's" (fragile)	1888
/24	"On a Late Tory Leader"	July 1889
/25	<i>The Welsh Revolt, a Satire</i> (newspaper cutting)	23 May 1894
/26	<i>Saint Lubbock's Day</i> (newspaper cutting)	6 Aug 1894
/27	"Never Again"	Dec 1894
/28	<i>Reminiscent Musings</i> (newspaper cutting)	May 1895
/29	<i>Halton Castle by Night</i> (newspaper cutting)	28 Aug 1896
/30	"The Laureate and his Critics, A Satire" (fragile)	17 Jan 1896
/31	<i>India's Hour of Woe</i> (newspaper cutting)	11 Feb 1897
/32	<i>Heroic Greece</i> (newspaper cutting)	11 March 1897
/33	<i>Victoria the Good</i> (newspaper cutting)	22 June 1897
/34	<i>Absent Faces</i> (revision of /28, newspaper cutting)	15 Sept 1897
/35	<i>An Invocation To Eighteen Ninety Eight</i> (newspaper cutting)	31 Dec 1897
/36	"A Birthday Wish" (fragile)	1897
/37	<i>William Ewart Gladstone</i> (newspaper cutting)	1898

/38	<i>The Queen's 80th Birthday</i> (newspaper cutting)	24 May 1899
/39	<i>Heroic Mafeking</i> (two newspaper cuttings)	11 May 1900
/40	<i>Victorious Mafeking</i> (newspaper cutting)	18 May 1900
/41	<i>To Nineteen Hundred</i> (newspaper cutting)	27 Dec 1900
/42	<i>To Nineteen Hundred, a Retrospect</i> (newspaper cutting)	27 Dec 1900
/43	"Grief-Stricken England"	22 Jan 1900
/44	"At Rest"	2 Feb 1901
/45	<i>The Dead President</i> (one printed copy, one newspaper cutting)	14 Sept 1901
/46	"Glencoe"	Sept 1924
/47	"Song"	n.d.
/48	"To a Child"	n.d.

2. PROSE MANUSCRIPTS

/1	Essay: "Yes, What was the Cause" of it?"	10 July 1872
/2	Essay: "A Great Liverpool Worthy" (W.E. Gladstone); 8pp	c1889
/3	Essay: "John Bunyan" a. paper no.1, 26pp b. paper no.2, 29pp	25 Feb 1898 4 March 1898
/4	Short story: "A Chat With My Uncle" 9pp	n.d.
/5	Essay: "Robert Burns" (fragile)	n.d.
/6	Short story: (untitled, written on Bridgewater Navigation Co. paper, 8pp)	n.d.

- /7 Short story: (untitled, written on Bridgewater Navigation Co. headed paper, 11pp). n.d.
- /8 Short story: "A Repentant Wife" (typed synopsis, 4pp) n.d.
- /9 Short story: "A Bank Holiday Jaunt" by Jeremiah Squirk (pseudonym) 20pp. n.d.
- /10 Handwritten lecture notes on eleven thin strips of paper n.d.

3. NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

- /1 Bundles of paper with newspaper cuttings of J.W.'s short stories, poems and articles pasted on. Many incomplete, but may be duplicated in newspaper cuttings (see 3/2 below). n.d.
- /2 Newspaper cuttings of J.W.'s short stories, poems and articles (includes part of the *Daily Post* centenary issue 1955 and *The Liverpool Courier* vol.1, no.1 1808) n.d.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

1882-1902

- /1 Letter from J.W. to Agnes Kinnimont (his future wife) 7 Sept 1882
- /2 Telegram notifying J.W. of the birth of his son to Agnes White. 21 Aug 1885
- /3 Letter from J.W. to the Rt. Hon. W.E. Gladstone asking him to accept enclosed verses of poetry (fragile) 5 April 1887
- /4 Letter to J.W. from J.Lovall of the *Liverpool Mercury* protesting against his description of editors as "irresponsible autocrats". 19 Feb 1888
- /5 Letter to J.W. from J. Lovall of the *Liverpool Mercury* informing him that he cannot print his work. 11 June 1888

- /6 Letter to J.W. from W.E. Grey of the *Liverpool Halfpenny Weekly* informing him that his work will be included in the Christmas material. 12 Dec 1888
- /7 Letter to J.W. from J.Lovall thanking him for his sympathy and lines dedicated to his late father. 9 April 1890
- /8 Letter to J.W. from *The People's Journal* sent with a watch as a prize for his poem "Temperance v. Abstinence". 7 May 1890
- /9 Letter to J.W. from the *Courier* asking him how much he expects to receive for his story "The Web Of Fate". 6 July 1891
- /10 Letter to J.W. informing him that his story "The Web Of Fate" will probably appear in the *Courier* on 1 August. 22 July 1891
- /11 Letter to J.W. from the *Courier* informing him that his story had not been printed on 1 August as a story with a similar title had recently been published. 17 Aug 1891
- /12 Letter to JW from the *Courier*: his story will be printed in December. 22 Sept 1891
- /13 Note to JW from *Courier* enclosing cheque for £5.00. 24 Sept 1891
- /14 Letter to JW from *Courier*: his story will be printed on 12 March 1892. 2 Feb 1892
- /15 Letter to JW from *Courier*: his story "The Parted Lovers" begins that week. 18 Aug 1892
- /16 Note to JW from *Courier* enclosing cheque for £10.2s.6d. 17 Sept 1892
- /17 Letter to JW from *Courier*: he has won £1 prize money for a Christmas short story. 13 Dec 1892
- /18 Letter to JW from R J Casson (editor of *Courier*: asks him to make alterations to his article "Modern Fiction". 1 April 1892
- /19 Note to JW from *Courier* enclosing cheque for £2.8s.9d. 12 Jan 1893

- /20 Letter to JW from R J Casson (editor of *Courier*: thanks for invitation to go up the 'Ship Canal'. 1 April 1892
- /21 Letter to JM from R J Casson (as /20): requests loan of £4 (fragile: in 2 parts) 4 July 1892
- /22 Letter to JM from R J Casson (as /20): request return of enclosed proofs. 17 July 1893
- /23 Letter to JW from R J Casson (as /20): encloses his "jotting". 4 Dec 1893
- /24 Letter to JW from G Wynne, Liverpool *Mercury*: he does not know why JW has not received money owed. 12 Jan 1894
- /25 Letter to JW from R J Casson (as /20): tells of his progress in London and asks for loan of one sovereign. 6 Jan 1894
- /26 Letter to JW from G Wynne: his poem "On the Death of a Child", will appear in the *Weekly Mercury*. 6 Nov 1894
- /27 Letter to JW from T West of the *Guardian*: no explanation can be given as to why his letter was not printed. 17 March 1898
- /28 Letter to JW from R J Casson (as /20): asks for loan of £2. 12 Nov 18(90s)
- /29 Letter to JW from R J Casson (as /20): his story cannot appear that week, but will be printed for the 24 Feb. Feb 18(90s)
- /30 Letter to JW from G Wynne (as /24): re Miss Manning's wedding. 11 Aug 1902

5 PERSONAL PAPERS

1882-?

- /1 Marriage certificate: JW and Agnes Kinnimont 3 Dec 1882
- /2 Short birth certificate: Joseph White (son of JW). 11 Nov 1889

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| /3 | Short birth certificate: Edgar White | 29 April 1898 |
| /4 | Reference for JW from the Bridgewater Navigation Co Ltd, Dukes Dock, Liverpool. | 27 June 1874 |
| /5 | Papers relating to burial of JW and Agnes White; grave grant 7374, Toxteth Park Cemeteries (5 Dec 1894); receipts and expenses account. | 1894 |
| /6 | Obituaries (three newspaper cuttings and 2pp typescript). | 1931 |
| 6 | MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS AND EPHEMERA | 1877-1908 |
| /1 | <i>The Register of the Size of the Phrenological Organs of the Brain</i> by F Bridges; (publ. George Philip & Son, Liverpool) 12pp, pamphlet. | 1877 |
| /2 | <i>The Irish Question</i> by W E Gladstone (publ. National Press Agency, London) 32pp, pamphlet. | 1886 |
| /3 | Manchester Ship Canal Co annual dinner programme (dinner held at Duke of Clarence Hotel, Norton St, Liverpool). | 6 Feb 1892 |
| /4 | <i>The Canary Islands as a Health Resort</i> by John Hayward MD (reprint from <i>Monthly Homeopathic Review</i> , Jan 1893); (publ. E Gould & Son, London) 19pp, pamphlet. | 1893 |
| /5 | Handbill for lecture by JW on Walter Scott at meeting of Pickwick Literary Club (held at Brunner Guildhall). | 11 Jan 1898 |
| /6 | Runcorn Cycle Parade and Battle of Confetti (in aid of the Cottage Hospital Fund) programme. | 17 Aug 1898 |
| /7 | Receipt, Crane & Sons Ltd. | 4 June 1901 |
| /8 | <i>Liverpool Courier</i> centenary brochure. | 6 Jan 1908 |
| /9 | Clothes and linen catalogue (incomplete) | n.d. |