MY VICTORIAN ADVENTURE

Transcribing 19th Century Letters at the Armstrong Browning Library
The Armstrong Browning Library

About the Armstrong Browning Library:
Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning

- How do I Love Thee? (Sonnet 43) by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of being and ideal grace.
I love thee to the level of every day’s
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.
I love thee with the passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood’s faith.
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.

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Andrew Joseph Armstrong (1873 – 1954) was an English Professor at Baylor. Loved Robert Browning’s poetry. It was his dream to create a Browning Library at Baylor. With a lot of hard work his dream came true in 1951!
About the Armstrong Browning Library: Building
I looked beyond the world for truth and beauty:  
Sought, found, and did my duty.

In tribute to CLYDE L. and IRENE M. KING  
and to C. RANDALL and TRUDY K. DECKER
About the Armstrong Browning Library: Mission

- “The primary mission of the Armstrong Browning Library is to serve as ‘library of record’ of research materials relating to Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning; to acquire, preserve, and provide access for effective use of these materials and its other collections; and to promote opportunities for the study, appreciation, and understanding of the Brownings and the wider field of 19th-century literature and culture by the Baylor community, the larger academic community, and the general public.” – Armstrong Browning Library

- Collecting focus: The Brownings and 19th century literature and culture.
Victorian Letters Digitization Project

- Main Project - Transcribe and prepare Victorian letters to be digitized
- Jennifer Borderud: Director of the Armstrong Browning Library
- Melinda Creech: Manuscript Specialist
Transcribing Victorian Letters
Sir Edward Thornton to Samuel A. Ward
December 11, 1875

My dear Ward,

Many thanks for your kind present of Yarmouth Bloaters which look very
good and will, I have no doubt, be very pleasant to the palate.

Believe me,

Very truly yours,

Edw. Thornton

Samuel Ward Esq.
George Reid to Mrs. Tom Taylor (nee Laura Wilson Barker)
February 18, 1879

I hope I may have an opportunity of being of some use to your son by putting him in the right way of doing things. I have had to much, that a little good advice, given at the right time, would have – one has to pick up their art education as best they may in this country. Whenever he is ready to go abroad, don't hesitate to send him –

We have had a trying and tedious winter here. For weeks the snow lays a foot and a half deep – it vanished at last slowly and led me to think that the winter was over. Yesterday and today it is back to the old story – snow has fallen steadily since morning and now lies 6 or 8 inches deep –

Macdonald on the road this afternoon. He looked like the from Moscow and Captain Burnaby's ride to Khiva rolled into one. His language when referring to the weather was more forcible than polite.

Mr. Macdonald has been rather poorly all winter but seems now in a fair way towards recovery. I saw a good deal of Sir John when in Edinburgh last week. He is wonderfully well – all things considered.

With kinder to all the members of your family. Believe me yours very truly

G W Reid.
Favorite Things!

Letter from Queen Victoria to Henrietta Montagle
1 September 1860

Queen Victoria is writing a letter to thank Henrietta for sending a foot of Dr. Marsh's, a cousin friend they saw in America. The doctor had helped her and her husband recently. She has heard that Henrietta is in Sweden. The Queen says that she will be going to Gothenburg soon and that Henrietta should visit. Queen Victoria would be staying at Count Snickshy's house.
Preparing Letters to be Digitized
Future Online Exhibit

- [http://digitalcollections.baylor.edu/cdm/ablhome](http://digitalcollections.baylor.edu/cdm/ablhome)
The Armstrong Browning Library Blog

- https://blogs.baylor.edu/armstrongbrowning/2017/06/13/
  reflections-from-a-summer-intern-stories-from-victorian-letters-john-forster-and-percy-fitzgerald/
I learned about...
Victorian Culture and History, and Archives!
THANK YOU!

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