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Corson, Hiram, 1828-1911.
 Papers, 1842-1956.
 4.8 cubic ft.

Organization: Correspondence arranged chronologically.

Professor of English literature. Hiram Corson taught literature courses at Girard College, St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, and at Cornell University.

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Summary: Thirty scrapbooks containing letters, clippings, photographs, and printed materials relating to Corson's travels, life, and career; correspondence exchanged between Corson and colleagues on Shakespeare, Chaucer, Tennyson, Browning, and other figures of English literature; reviews of books and articles by Corson and other scholars; announcements, programs, letters, notes, and reviews pertaining to Corson's activities as public lecturer and reader; letters from friends and family members dealing chiefly with personal matters: health, progress of career, daily activities; one scrapbook devoted to spiritualism, including letters from and about Madame Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, co-founder of the American Theosophical Society. Unbound material includes large numbers of family letters with extensive comments on the early days of Cornell University and life in Ithaca, New York, accounts of the travels of Corson, his wife, Caroline, and their son Eugene, their daily work and activities; clippings, pamphlets, reprints of articles relating to Corson's work in the field of English literature and that of his son in medicine; drafts of lectures and articles; anatomical, physiological, and surgical drawings; photographs; a syllabus; and miscellaneous books. Also, a tape recorded interview with Signe Sjoegren conducted by Gould P. Colman concerning the activities of Corson during the last seven years of his life.

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Correspondents include Louise Andrews, Matthew Arnold, Henry Ward Beecher, Madame Blavatsky, Edwin Booth, Robert Browning, Francis James Child, Mary Conder-Clarke, George William Curtis, Edward Everett, Willard Fiske, Jessie Fothergill, Horace Howard Furness, Frederick J. Furnivall, Daniel Coit Gilman, Samuel Stehman Haldeman, Edward Everett Hale, James Orchard Halliwell-Phillipps, Bret Harte, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Oliver Wendell Holmes, William Dean Howells, Clement Mansfield Ingleby, William James, Pierre Janet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, James Russell Lowell, John M. D. Meiklejohn, J. Parker Norris, Baldwin Smith, Andrew D. White, Walt Whitman, John Greenleaf Whittier, and Woodrow Wilson.

Finding aids: Box list; correspondence list.

Described in REPORT OF THE CURATOR AND ARCHIVIST, 1954-56.

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Related collection: Pauline Corson Coad. Reminiscences, #14\12\559.

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1. Andrews, Louise. 2. Arnold, Matthew, 1872-1888. 3. Baconer, Henry Ward, 1813-1887. 4. Biavetsky, H. F. (Helena Petrovna), 1831-1891. 5. Booth, Edwin, 1833-1893. 6. Browning, Robert, 1812-1889. 7. Browning, Robert, 1817-1889--Criticism and interpretation. 8. Chaucer, Geoffrey, J. 1400--Criticism and interpretation. 9. Child, Francis James, 1825-1896. 10. Clarke, Mary Cowden, 1809-1898. 11. Corson, Caroline. 12. Corson, Eugene. 13. Curtis, George William. 14. Everett, Edward. 15. Fiske, Willard. 16. Follenhill, Jessie, 1831-1891. 17. Furness, Horace Howard, 1833-1912. 18. Furnivall, Frederick James, 1825-1910. 19. Gillman, Daniel Coit. 20. Haldeman, Samuel Stehman, 1812-1890. 21. Hale, Edward Everett, 1822-1909. 22. Halliwell-Phillipps, J. O. (James Orchard), 1820-1889. 23. Harte, Bret. 24. Hawthorne, Nathaniel, 1804-1864. 25. Holmes, Oliver Wendell, 1809-1894. 26. Howells, William Dean, 1837-1920. 27. Ingelby, Clement Mansfield, 1823-1886. 28. James, William, 1842-1910. 29. Janet, Pierre, 1839-1947. 30. Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth, 1807-1882. 31. Lowell, James Russell, 1819-1891. 32. Meiklejohn, John M. D. 33. Morris, Joseph Parker, 1847-1916. 34. Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616--Criticism and interpretation. 35. Sjogren, Signe. 36. Smith, Goldwin, 1823-1910. 37. Tennyson, Alfred Tennyson, Baron, 1809-1892--Criticism and interpretation. 38. White, Andrew Dickson, 1832-1918. 39. Whitman, Walt, 1819-1892. 40. Whittier, John Greenleaf, 1807-1914. 41. Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924. 42. American Theosophical Society. 43. Cornell University--Faculty.

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44. Cornell University--History. 45. Authors. 46. English literature. 47. Medicine. 48. Spiritualism. 49. Women mystics. 50. Ithaca (N.Y.)--Description. 51. Drawings. 52. Photoprints. 53. College teachers. 54. Lohman, Harold H. (Louis Patchin), 1926-

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For general description, see 1954-1958 Report and description prepared by J. Olson, 1958.
Hiram Corson card entries:

Allen, George (1808-1876)
Apthorp, H[] O[]
Arnold, Matthew (1822-1888)
Bacon, Roger (1214?-1294)
Blavatsky, Helen(a) Petrovna (1831-1891)
Browning, Robert (1812-1889)
Burke, Charles
Campbell, J. Dykes (1838-1895)
Child, Francis James (1825-1896) — Cleveland, Charles Dexter (1802-1869)
Cleveland, Samuel M[]
Gluck — ~~Gluck~~, James Fraser
Corson, Caroline Rollin, -1901
Corson, Eugene (1876-1946)
Corson, Hiram (1828-1911)
✓ Corson, (Dr.) Hiram, -19 — Craig, (Colonel) Henry Knox, -1869
Crosby, Joseph
Crosby, Margaret
Curci, Carlo Maria (1809-1891)
Dowden, Edward (1843-1913)
Fothergill, Jessie (1856-1891)
Furness, Horace Howard (1833-1912)
Furnivall, Frederick (1825-1910)
Gluck → ✓ Gilman, Daniel Coit (1831-1908)
Haldeman, Samuel Steman (1812-1880) — Harrison, (Reverend) Hall (1837-1900)
Harris, James Rendel (1852-1941)
Hart, John Seely (1811-1877)
Harte, Bret (1836-1902)
x Henry, Joseph (1797-1878)
Hodell, Charles (1872- ?)
Holmes, Oliver Wendell, Sr. (1809-1894)
Howells, William Dean (1837-1920)
Ingleby, Clement Mansfield (1823-1886)
James, William (1842-1910)
Janet, Pierre (1859-1947)
Leypoldt, Frederick (1835-1884)
Lounsbury, Thomas Raynesford (1838-1915)
Lowell, James Russell (1819-1891)
Norris, J[] Parker
Olcott, Henry Steel (1832-1907)
Porter, Charlotte (-)
Putnam and Sons
Short, Charles
✓ Smith, Goldwin (1823-1910)
Tolstoi, (Countess) Sophia (1844-1919)
✓ Watson, John William (1808-1890)
Webster, Daniel (1782-1852)
✓ White, Andrew Dickson (1832-1918)
White, Richard Grant (1821-1885)
Whitman, Walt (1819-1892)
✓ Whittier, John Greenleaf (1807-1892)
Wilson, Woodrow (1856-1924)

Hiram Corson card entries:

Woodford, Stewart Lyndon (1835-1913)
Wordsworth, William (1770-1850)
Literature (English)
Medicine
Slavery (teaching re, public schools)
Spiritualism

✓ 37-11-68 pulled from cards

Cards made by E. Hansen from J. Olson's checklist
and from papers themselves, 1957.

K.G., 12-22-60.

grams, letters, notes, and reviews pertaining to Corson's activities as public lecturer and reader; letters from friends and family members dealing chiefly with personal matters: health, progress of career, daily activities; one scrapbook devoted to spiritualism, including letters from and about Madame Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, co-founder of the American Theosophical Society. Unbound material includes large numbers of family letters with extensive comments on the early days of Cornell University and life in Ithaca, accounts of the travels of Corson, his wife, and their son, Eugene, their daily work and activities; clippings, pamphlets, reprints of articles relating to Corson's work in the field of English literature and to that of his son in medicine; drafts of lectures and articles; anatomical, physio-

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Hiram Corson, 1828-1911. Papers.

Shelf listing 11 boxes (4.8 cu. ft.):

<u>Box</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1 (.4 cu. ft.)	1843-1876
2 (.4 cu. ft.)	1877-1880
3 (.4 cu. ft.)	1881-1894
4 (.4 cu. ft.)	1895-1902
5 (.4 cu. ft.)	1903-1907
6 (.4 cu. ft.)	1908-1956, n.d., misc.
7 (.4 cu. ft.)	Printed Material; Photos; Writings of H. Corson
8 (.4 cu. ft.)	Special letters (Louise Andrews, Mme. Blavatsky) Printed Material, Pictures
9 (.4 cu. ft.)	Lecture Notes -- Eugene Corson
10 (1.1 cu. ft.)	Clippings, Photos., Printed Material
11 (.1 cu. ft.)	Selected letters (listed on separate sheet).
tr. 5143	Signe Sjoegren interview, 1954.

Hiram Corson Papers.

Letters to H. Corson from Louisa Andrews 1874-75 (originally in Scrapbook #6) 23 dated letters, 6 undated letters

Nov. 20, 1874

Dec. 2, 1874

Dec. 4, 1874

Dec. 8, 1874

Dec. 15, 1874

Dec. 22, 1874

Dec. 28, 1874

Jan. 16, 1875

Jan. 27, 1875

Feb. 19, 1875

Feb. 26, 1875

Mar. 16, 1875

Mar. 23, 1875

Apr. 13, 1875

Apr. 25, 1875

Aug. 12, 1875

Aug. 20, 1875

Oct. 6, 1875

Oct. 11, 1875

Dec. 1, 1875

Dec. 29, 1875

Jan. 9, 1876

Jan. 17, 1876

Feb. 11, 1876

Feb. 25, 1876

Undated letters:

Dec. 22, no year

Mar. 25, no year (1875?)

Oct. 16, no year (1875?)

Dec. 14, no year

Dec. 15, no year (postcard)

Dec. 26, no year (1875?)

Also 2 letters to HC from Emilie G. Your, Springfield, 5-21-1875 & completely undated Letter to Mrs. Andrews 8-9-1875 from J. M. Robert

N. Dean

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Letters to or from Madame Helena Petrovna Blavatsky in the Hiram Corson Papers:

Letter from S. P. Stephens, Philadelphia, January 30, 1875, to HPB, concerning alleged spiritualist frauds of Henry T. Child. Refers to a couple named Holmes, to a Katie King, and a Mrs. White. Also signed by Francis J. Lippitt as witness. 3 sides

From Francis J. Lippitt, Boston, March 3, 1875, to HPB, concerning the authenticity of the "materializations" in which Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and Dr. Child were involved; mentions the "deep disgrace" of Katie King; also refers to Professor Corson, Mrs. Andrews of Springfield, and Colonel Olcott. 2 sides

From J. R. Buchanan to HPB, no place given, August 29, (1875?), concerning articles on science and religion. 1 side

To Caroline Rollin (Mrs. Hiram) Corson from HPB, New York City, August 28, 1878, saying that she has written to M. Aksakov and referring to her friend, Mrs. Louisa Andrews. Typescript copy with pencilled corrections; in French. 4 sides

To N. (M.?) Alexander N. Akozokof (Aksakov), St. Petersburg, Russia from HPB, August 28, 1878, introducing Mrs. Corson. Typescript copy with pencilled corrections; in French. 2 sides

Letters and other manuscripts pertaining to Madame Blavatsky:

Letters to Hiram Corson from Louisa Andrews, no place given (Springfield?, [Mass.]) March 16, December 1, 1875; January 9, 1876. 16 sides

Letter to Louisa Andrews from J. M. Roberts, Burlington, New Jersey, August 9, 1875, calling into question the motives of HPB and Colonel Olcott. 4 sides

Statement of William H. Westcott, Philadelphia, January 31, 1875, concerning the séances of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes; witnessed by Francis J. Lippitt. } 1 side

Postcard sent to Hiram Corson in Ithaca from G. L. Ditson, Albany, New York, October 22, 1875, asking whether he had received item sent him by HPB. }

NOTE: The papers, especially for the years 1874-1876, may contain other letters referring to Madame Blavatsky. Researchers are welcome to examine the entire collection in person.

Olcott, Henry Steel (1832-1907)

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Corson, Hiram, 1828-1911. Papers, 1852-1946.

Letters to Olcott from Emma Britten, October 4, 1875; J. M. Peebles concerning current spiritualism controversy, September 25, 1875(?). Letters to Hiram Corson from V. A. Taylor, violently anti Olcott, January 12, 1876; Louisa Andrews, primarily about spiritualism, 1874-1876, Springfield, Mass. Also letters to Corson from Emilie Jones, sister of Louisa Andrews, reporting

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Olcott, Henry Steel (1832-1907) (card 2) 14/12/449

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on latter's health, May 21, 1875, Springfield; Luther Colby, editor of the Banner of Light, accepting for publication an article by Corson attacking the American Theosophical Society, January 2, 1876, Boston. A single letter from J. M. Robert, to Louisa Andrews expressing strongly anti-Olcott and anti-Blavatsky views, August 9, 1875, Burlington, New Jersey.

Spiritualism: photographs, biographical sketches of Madame Helen Petrovna Blavatsky, co-founder of the American Theosophical Society; three letters of Madame Blavatsky (*one photostatic copy, two typescript copies, both 2/28/1878, ^{draft?} or ^{with corrections} one to ~~Madame~~ Corson, one to Monsieur Alexokof); letters to Madame Blavatsky 3 pp. from S. F. Stephens, 1/20/75, Francis F. Higitt, 3/3/75, J. K. Buchanan, 1 p. 3/29/75; S. L. Wilson, 10/22/75, Berlin with spiritualism controversy of 1874-1875, when Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Holmes, mediums of Philadelphia, were exposed as frauds; letters to Colonel Henry Steel Olcott, partner of Madame Blavatsky, from Ezra H. Britton, 10/4/75, and J. H. Seables, 9/25/no year; letters to Hiram Corson from V. A. Taylor, 1/12/76, letters, 1874-1875, from Louise Andrews of Springfield, [Mass.], concerning spiritualism, merits of various mediums, spread of the faith, and Olcott-Blavatsky partnership; also, miscellaneous clippings on theosophy; 7/19/1878 letter from David Hinman? to Eugene Corson re pictures to appear in Blavatsky book.

post card

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* Positive photostat of undated letter in English from Madame Blavatsky to Professor Corson. 2/28, 80

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ferences to Corson's reminiscences of Robert Browning:

Letter from Hiram Corson to son Eugene R. Corson, Feb. 16, 1906:

"On Wednesday evening, I read to my spiritual visitors my reminiscences of Browning, who had asked for them at the previous sitting [i.e., séance]. There were present Ma, Pauline and the boys, Browning, Tennyson, Whitman, Longfellow, J. W. H. Myers, ~~and~~ Mrs. Browning, and Mrs. White---eleven in all. I read for an hour and a quarter. . . . Browning did the rapping during the reading. . . [His] raps were very loud, and sometimes there was a rapid succession of them, which I took to signify a special approval of what I was reading at the time At the close of the reading there were loud raps by Browning which I took to signify his approval of the paper. It will make a chapter in my book of about 25 pages . . ." 4 pp.

Letter, HC to ERC, February 19, 1906:

This letter refers again to his reading his Browning reminiscences at the séance and mentions that he has also read them to his "Sage Class" at Cornell. 8 pp.

Letter, HC to ERC, November 8, 1907:

Mentions receiving a letter from Lillian Whiting in Boston, informing him that the Authors' Club rooms would be opened for the first time on his birthday and asking him for a photograph to be framed "(along with an autograph page of some lines of my own about Browning's ideal of the great function of poetry)." Adds that the next day he sent the photograph and "wrote on a page of my large letter paper what I understand to be Browning's ideal . . ." No reference to reminiscences, published or MSS. 8 pp.

Letter, HC to ERC, November 2, 1909:

Mentions that Miss Lillian Whiting is in Ithaca and that he has had to give her much attention. Again no Browning reference. 8 pp.

See also xerox copies of the reminiscences appearing in the Era, April and May 1908; placed with other printed material in the Corson Papers, 11/66.

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Hiram Corson. Papers.

Letters from Horace Howard Furness to Hiram Corson, 1872-1892, 1898, 1899, 1901-1903, 1909. 68 letters and 1 photograph.

Autographed photograph of Horace Howard Furness, n.d.

October 10, 1872	November 18, 1876
October 21, 1872	November 28,[1876?]
November 3, 1872	November 28,[1876?]
* January 21, 1873	March 16, 1877
[Between January 21 and February 9, 1873]	May 13, 1877
February 9, 1873	May 13, 1877 (to Fleay <u>re</u> Corson)
August 20, 1873	May 13, 1877 (to Wright <u>re</u> Corson)
September 7, 1873	May 13, 1877 (to Collier <u>re</u> Corson)
[Between September 7 and 19, 1873]	April 24, [1879]?
September 19, 1873	November 16, 1879
December 19, 1873	December 14, 1879
January 17, 1874	November 28, 1881 (to Dr. Barnard of of Columbia U. <u>re</u>
February 17, 1874	November 28, 1881 Corson)
March 3, 1874	November 14, 1883
April 20, 1874	September 15, 1884
June 14, 1874	October 1, 1884
November 22, 1874	December 29, 1884
April 30, 1875	February 4, 1885
May 30, 1875 (2 pp.)	October 2, 1885
September 6, 1875	October 6, 1885
January 16, 1876	October 7, 1885
September 3, 1876	April 30, 1886
October 3, 1876	May 6, 1886

* Addenda, on reel after June 2, 1909 letter.

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Letters from Horace Howard Furness to Hiram Corson, 1872-1892, 1898, 1899, 1901-1903, 1909. (cont'd)

July 10, 1886

April 26, 1909

December 25, 1886

June 2, 1909

c. December, 1886

February 6, 1889

March 31, 1889

March 31, 1889 (to Dr. Leo re Corson)

September 10, 1890

November 2, 1890

January 11, 1891

March 16, 1891

March 30, 1891

April 9, 1891

March 23, 1892

January 18, 1898

November 30, 1899

October 18, 1901

November 17, 1901

January 14, 1902

December 22, 1902

January 6, 1903

November 15, 1903

See #3745 for microfilm copy of H.H. Furness letters.

E. Bazy, 12-76

G. Solomon, 3-80

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4 letters from Henry W. Longfellow
to Mde. Caroline R. Corson

Cambridge Nov 30, 1854 Gratified to learn she is
translating "Hyperion" into French.
would like to read it all if his eyes
in better condition - but to send part
for his perusal.

Cambridge MAR. 9, 1855 Regrets his publisher
declined the translation on grounds
of expense of printing in foreign
language. Information about certain
poems. Grieved about misfortune
which has befallen Ham. Hopes
her school will flourish.

Cambridge May 15, 1855. Glad she found publisher
in N.Y. for "Hyperion", will gladly
look at proof sheets

Cambridge, June 15, 1855. Offers use of his name
if it will be of any service

B. Shepherd

Hiram Corson Papers.

The following letters have been placed in Box 11 (2" ltr.):

Nathaniel Hawthorne Feb. 17, 1864 letter

Hawthorne thanks Corson for gift of Chaucer's "Legende of Goode Women" edited by Corson with hopes expressed for American edition of Chaucer's "Canterbury Pilgrims" edited in same manner.

James Russell Lowell to "My Dear Child," Oct. 24, 1867

Regrets delay in publishing Mr. Corson's work and gladly would double subscription if it would help. (torn and mended)

Robert Browning, July 14, 1881 letter

Writes to set convenient time to call.

Robert Browning, June 22, 1882

Invitation to Prof. and Mrs. Corson to lunch with only Robert and sister.

Robert Browning, Dec. 28, 1886

Letter of thanks probably re INTRODUCTION, explanations of two notes and expresses sincere appreciation.

Robert Browning, November 5, 1889

Autographed photograph.

Fannie Barrett Browning, undated

Postponing an engagement with Mrs. Corson on account of husband's headache.

Walt Whitman, April 13, 1886

Acknowledging letter, sending J. Burroughs NOTES to C., mentions Woodruff's visit to him.

Woodrow Wilson, Nov. 18, 1908

Birthday congratulations.

John Burrough's Notes on Walt Whitman (2nd ed.) 1871

Sent to Corson by Whitman, see April 13, 1886 letter.

5 envelopes (4 stamped, 1 stampless)