

# Sir Stanley Unwin Letters, 1888, 1914-1966

## Overview of the Collection

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| <b>Creator</b>             | Unwin, Sir Stanley  |
| <b>Title</b>               | Sir Stanley Unwin Letters   |
| <b>Dates</b>               | 1888, 1914-1966 (inclusive)<br>1914 1966  |
| <b>Quantity</b>            | 1 containers., (.25 linear feet of shelf space.), (41 items.)   |
| <b>Collection Number</b>   | Cage 4032   |
| <b>Summary</b>             | Business and private correspondence written by noted writers of the twentieth century to Sir Stanley Unwin.   |
| <b>Repository</b>          | <a href="#">Washington State University Libraries, Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections.</a><br>Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections<br>Terrell Library Suite 12<br>Pullman WA<br>99164-5610<br>Telephone: 509-335-6691<br><a href="mailto:mascref@wsu.edu">mascref@wsu.edu</a> |
| <b>Access Restrictions</b> | This collection is open for research use.   |
| <b>Languages</b>           | English   |
| <b>Sponsor</b>             | Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.  |

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## Biographical Note

Sir Stanley Unwin (1884-1968) was an author and head of the English publishing house of George Allen and Unwin, Ltd. which he established in 1914. A strong proponent of international cooperation in book matters, he served as president of the International Publishing Association, 1936-1938 and 1946-1957, and traveled extensively throughout the world collecting information on organization and publishing techniques from booksellers and publishing houses.

## Content Description

These letters were, for the most part, received through the firm of George Allen and Unwin Ltd. and concern publishing matters. It may be assumed that Sir Stanley chose to separate them out from his business files (note, for example, the pencilled instructions on Priestley's letter to make a copy for the file) because these were letters from the now or soon-to-be famous and he wished to keep them in his personal files.

## Use of the Collection

### Preferred Citation

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

The letters are arranged in a single sequence, alphabetically by the last name of the writer of the letter.

### Acquisition Information

The letters of Sir Stanley Unwin (1884-1968) were acquired by Washington State University Library by purchase through the Sotheby sale of July 23, 1976 (lot 24).

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

| Container(s) |        | Description   | Dates             |
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| Box          | Folder |   |                   |
| 1            | 1      | Aldington, Richard, 1892-1962. Letter, Montpellier, Herault, France, to Sir Stanley Unwin [London] concerning the publication of his poems by another publishing house and praise of the firm George Allen and Unwin, Ltd.<br>1 l. typescript signed. | June 6 1952       |
| 1            | 2      | Belloc, Hilaire, 1870-1953. Letter, Shipley, Horsham, to Sir Stanley Unwin, London, informing him that he has no essays on a subject about which Unwin had previously written him.<br>1 l. holograph signed.  | September 25 1935 |
| 1            | 3      | Bennett, Arnold, 1867-1931. Letter [London] to Sir Stanley Unwin, asking for a copy of Union's new translation of "Oblomov."<br>1 l. typescript signed.   | November 5 1929   |
| 1            | 4      | Blunden, Edmund Charles, 1896. Letter, Hawstead Nr. Bury St, Edmunds, to Sir Stanley Unwin, concerning correspondence about a second edition of the Home-Reading Union's List of War Rooks.<br>1 l. holograph signed.                                 | March 14 1930     |

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| 1            | 5  | Cope-Hennesey, James. Letter [London] to Sir Stanley Unwin [London] making a luncheon appointment with him to discuss Cope-Hennesey's new book.<br>1 l. typescript signed.   | October 30 1959   |
| 1            | 6  | de la Mare, Walter, 1873-1956. Letter, Taplow, Buckinghamshire, to George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., London, thanking the firm for the two copies of Miss Eileen Duggan's Poems.<br>1 l. typescript signed.  | December 1 1937   |
| 1            | 7  | Dickinson, W N. Postcard, London, to Sir Stanley Unwin, London, thanking him for his assistance.<br>1 l. holograph signed.   | December 2 [1915] |
| 1            | 8  | Dunsany, Edward John Moreton Drax Plunkett, baron, 1878-1957. Letter, Meath, to Sir Stanley Unwin, London, giving information about George Allen and Unwin, Ltd.'s previous business dealings in the publishing of Lord Dunsany's books.<br>1 l. holograph signed. | May 3 1946        |
| 1            | 9  | Ervine, St. John, 1883. Letter, Seaton, Devonshire, to Sir Stanley Unwin, regarding the manuscript of his play "The First Mrs. Fraser."<br>1 l. holograph signed.  | 1929              |
| 1            | 10 | Forster, Edward Morgan, 1879. Letter, West Hackhurst, Dunking?, to George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., London, concerning a quotation which the firm have asked him to identify and which he does not attribute to Dickinson.<br>1 l. holograph signed.                  | September 3 1946  |
| 1            | 11 | Fry, Roger Elliott, 1866-1934. Postcard, London, to George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., London, thanking the firm for suggestions regarding the publishing of some materials but stating that he has already made such arrangements.<br>1 l. holograph signed.           | December 15 1929  |
| 1            | 12 | Galsworthy, John, 1867-1933. Letter, London, to Sir Stanley Unwin, thanking him for a book which he has received.<br>1 l. holograph signed.  | August 16 1925    |

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| 1 13         | Hogben, Lancelot, 1895. Letter, Birmingham, to Sir Stanley Unwin [London] extending New Year's wishes to him.<br>1 l. holograph signed.  | January 1 1951   |
| 1 14         | Hodgson, Ralph, 1871-1962. Letter, Madison, Wisconsin, to Sir Stanley Unwin, making arrangements to meet with Sir Stanley the next time Hogben travels to London.<br>1 l. holograph signed.  | December 17 1938 |
| 1 15         | Joad, Cyril Edwin Mitchinson, 1891-1953. Letter [London] to Sir Stanley Unwin, asking if he might invite friends to use Sir Stanley's tennis court.<br>1 l. holograph signed.  | undated          |
| 1 16         | Laski, Harold Joseph, 1893-1950. Letter, London, to Sir Stanley Unwin, explaining why a pamphlet he had written for the Fabian Society had not been submitted to George Allen and Unwin, Ltd. for publication and Leonard Woolf's role in all of this.<br>1 l. holograph signed. | August 11 1932   |
| 1 17         | Lewis, Clive Staples, 1898-1963. Letter, Cambridge, to Mr. Breckman [London] asking that he not put in a word for Lewis' work, as people might think it "mutual backscratching, like Shanks and Squire."<br>1 l. holograph signed.   | November 6 1962  |
| 1 18         | Macaulay, Dame Rose, 1889?-1958. Postcard, London, to Sir Stanley Unwin, London, thanking him for his letter and accompanying report.<br>1 l. holograph signed.  | July 30 1942     |
| 1 19         | McCarthy, Desmond. Letter, London, to Sir Stanley Unwin [London] thanking him for the check and asking what he thinks about a new preface.<br>1 l. holograph signed.   | June ? 1941      |
| 1 20         | MacDonald, George, 1824-1905. Letter, Ewill, to S. Unwin, responding to a request that he lecture on October 6, delineating his fees, and indicating that he would prefer not to lecture in England in October.<br>2 l. holograph signed.  | July 4 1888      |

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| 1 21         | Mackenzie, Compton, 1883. Letter, Berkshire, to Sir Stanley Unwin (London) thanking him for his letter to congratulations.<br>1 l. in part typescript and holograph signed.   | June 9 1952       |
| 1 22         | Masefield, John, 1878-1967. Letter, Berkshire, to [George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., London] regarding "sacrificing 2000 copies of the American edition of Shakespeare, in the Home University Library.<br>1 l. holograph signed. | September 20 1914 |
| 1 23         | Montague, Charles Edward, 1867-1928. Letter, Burford, Oxfordshire, to Sir Stanley Unwin, in which he stresses that he will keep in mind Sir Stanley's offer to publish what he may write.<br>1 l. holograph signed.           | December 30 1925  |
| 1 24         | Muir, Edwin, 1887-1959. Letter, Dalkeith, Midlothian, to Sir Stanley Unwin, thanking him for his letter of congratulations.<br>1 l. holograph signed.   | June 5 1953       |
| 1 25         | Murray, Gilbert, 1866-1957. Letter, , to Mr. Beard, indicating what corrections need to be made in the references of Murray's manuscript.<br>1 l. holograph signed.   | September 14 1947 |
| 1 26         | Nehru, Jawaharlal, 1889-1964. Letter, New Delhi, to Sir Stanley Unwin, London, thanking him for sending a copy of Lord Beveridge's book.<br>1 l. typescript signed.   | April 19 1948     |
| 1 27         | Nevinson, Henry W. Letter, London, to Sir Stanley Unwin, London, thanking him for his letter which commented favorably on some of Nevinson's writing.<br>1 l. holograph signed.   | January 7 1940    |
| 1 28         | Nicolson, Harold, 1886-1968. Letter, London, to Sir Stanley Unwin [London] concerning a Mr. Baldwin who had been chastized by Nicolson for not showing an interest in "foreign politics.<br>1 l. typescript signed.           | November 5 1958   |
| 1 29         | Ollivant, Alfred, 1874-1927. Letter, London, to Sir Stanley Unwin, concerning a scandal, possibly connected with The  | 1926              |

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|              | Athenaeum, with a postscript about a manuscript which he was sending under separate cover.<br>1 l. holograph signed.  |                       |
| 1 30         | Phillpotts, Eden, 1862-1960. Letter, Broadclyst, Devonshire, to Sir Stanley Unwin [London] thanking Unwin for his letter and deploring the conditions under which young writers have to endure.<br>1 l. holograph signed.   | January 13 1951       |
| 1 31         | Priestley, John Boynton, 1894. Letter, Stratford-on-Avon, to Sir Stanley Unwin, London, thanking him for his letter and the book <i>On Crowing Old</i> by Dr. Vischer.<br>1 l. typescript signed.   | August 27 1966        |
| 1 32         | Rajagopalachari, Chakravarti, 1879. Letter, Madras, to George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., London, acknowledging receipt of the book <i>Sermon on the Mount</i> by Swami Prabhavananda.<br>1 l. typescript signed.  | December 30<br>1964   |
| 1 33         | Sitwell, Dame Edith, 1887-1964. Letter, Renishaw, Nr. Sheffield, Derbyshire, to George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., London, asking permission to quote from Ernest Boyd's translation of Jean Cocteau's <i>Opium</i> in her book <i>A Poet's Notebook</i> .<br>1 l. holograph signed. | December 1<br>1942    |
| 1 34         | Squire, Sir John Collings, 1884-1958. Letter, London, to Sir Stanley Unwin, concerning a publishing matter.<br>1 l. holograph signed.   | September 22<br>1919? |
| 1 35         | Stacpoole, H. de Vere. Postcard, Bonchurch, Isle of Wight, to Sir Stanley Unwin [London] thanking him for his previous letter.<br>1 l. holograph signed.  | November 13<br>1947   |
| 1 36         | Swinerton, Frank Arthur, 1884. Letter, Cranleigh, Surrey, to Sir Stanley Unwin, thanking him for his kind remarks and for the book <i>Cuckoo Narrow</i> . He mentions Viola Garvin choosing books for him to review.<br>1 l. holograph signed.                                  | April 17 1937         |
| 1 37         | Tagore, Sir Rabindranath, 1861-1941. Letter, Bengal, to Mr. Bhabani Bhattacharyna, London, giving permission to publish the volume of poems which Bhattacharyna translated into English from the original Bengali.  | December 24<br>1931   |

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|              | 1 l. in part typescript and holograph signed.  |                  |
| 1 38         | Toynbee, Arnold Joseph, 1889. Letter, Westmorland, to Sir Stanley Unwin [London] expressing thanks for Sir Stanley's "settling [his] query so promptly ...<br>1 l. holograph signed.   | August 27 1960   |
| 1 39         | Trevelyan, S M. Letter, Cambridge, to Sir Stanley Unwin [London] apologizing for the "fuss" over the sale, which has turned out to be on most generous terms, of something, possibly a manuscript, belonging to Janet.<br>1 l. holograph signed.   | May 2 1956       |
| 1 40         | Walpole, Sir Hugh, 1884-1941. Letter, London, to Sir Stanley Unwin, London, in which he politely refuses to do a book on a topic suggested by Sir Stanley because he has certain novels, belles lettres, and criticism in mind to write in the time he has left.<br>1 l. holograph signed. | November 18 1940 |
| 1 41         | Woolf, Leonard, 1880. Letter, London, to Sir Stanley Unwin, London, in which he asks that his writings, if possible, not be included in a book which George Allen and Unwin, Ltd. intend to publish.<br>1 l. typescript signed.  | December 12 1931 |
| 1 42         | Sotheby Sale Catalogue, page 9, containing description of Lot 24.<br>1 p. photocopy.   | July 23 1976     |

## Names and Subjects

### Personal Names :

Blunden, Edmund, 1896-1974.  
 Laski, Harold Joseph, 1893-1950.  
 Lewis, C. S. (Clive Staples), 1898-1963.  
 Macaulay, Rose, Dame.  
 Sitwell, Edith, Dame, 1887-1964.  
 Unwin, Stanley, Sir, 1884-1968 -- Correspondence  
 Unwin, Stanley, Sir, 1884-1968--Archives  
 (creator)  
 Woolf, Leonard, 1880-1969.

### Occupations :

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