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William Dean Howells letter to Mr. Underwood
1874 September 22

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Biographical Note

American author, editor, and critic, William Dean Howells was born on March 1, 1837, in Martin's Ferry, Ohio and died May 11, 1920, in New York, New York. Howells was an editor for over forty years, beginning work as writer and/or editor for several Ohio journals and newspapers. In 1861 President Lincoln arranged Howells's appointment as the United States Consul to Venice, Italy, which he continued until 1865. During this tenure he authored of the column "Letter from Venice." In 1866 he began as an assistant editor for Atlantic Monthly, becoming its chief editor in 1871 and continue as such until 1881. He joined Harper's Monthly (New York City) in 1886, where he was the author of the column "Editor's Study" (1886–1891) and later the column "Editor's Easy Chair" (1900–1920).

In addition to editing, Howells wrote poetry, novels, short fiction, biographies, plays, essays and criticism, travel narratives, as well as autobiographies and reminiscences. He was as a lecturer in Italian literature at Harvard University from 1869–71 and a founding sponsor of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). In addition to honorary degrees granted by Harvard University, Yale University, Oxford University, Columbia University, Princeton University, and Adelbert College, Howells received the Gold Medal for fiction (now known as the Howells Medal) from the National Institute of Arts and Letters in 1915.

Sources:

Scope and Content Note

One letter handwritten by William Dean Howells to Mr. Underwood, dated September 22, 1874, in which Howells declines to serve on a book committee.
Selected Search Terms

Topical Terms

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