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NAME OF COLLECTION: LAFCADIO HEARN (1850-1904) - letters.

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SUBJECT: Hearn's letters to Basil H. Chamberlain.

DATES COVERED: 1893 - 1894 NUMBER OF ITEMS: 15

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DESCRIPTION:

A group of fifteen letters from Lafcadio Hearn to Basil Hall Chamberlain (1850-1935), Professor of Japanese and Philology at the Imperial University in Tokyo and Hearn's closest Western friend in Japan. The letters cover a tremendously varied range of subjects, some of which are:

- Hearn's opinion of his own writing, his methods of work and use of language.
- his discontent as a teacher at the government college at Kumato.
- his views on religion, philosophy, and music.
- Japanese customs, mythology, art and language.
- the Oriental character vs. the Occidental.
- critical opinion of Paul Bourget's Le Disciple and of Lewis Carroll.

The letters are bound in six Japanese bindings of wrappers and cloth.

See ALSO: Hearn notebooks (X 812 H 35) listed in
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