

R E Woodberry

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My dear Mr. North:-

I am obliged by your
compliments, on the occasion
of my new Poem, & would
assist you in your wish.
Mrs. Gurnod is a lady of
means, & told me she desired
to keep her manuscripts for
her children, & did not wish
to be troubled with correspond-
ence about them. The
gentleman is Richmond, J. H.

of any of the letters published
in the Century under my editing
except at \$25. a piece; but
he wanted me to take a com-
mission of a large sum to
persuade another author to
pay a large sum for the
use of the mss., or to assist
him in a sale; but I fancy
his figures for actual sale
would be ridiculous. He is
the most mercenary man I ever
encountered in literary ways.
I declined his offers, & advised
him to try to sell to the

St. Louis millionaire whose name
I forget & who has so many
mss. I know nothing further.

One thing rather surprises
me. I never saw a no. of "The
Raven". There must have been
several. Where are they all?

Believe me sincerely yours
G. Woodson

Whitty (no other address) seems
to know both the whereabouts
of Mrs. Hunt & in the neigh-
borhood; but he is also well
off, as are the Valentines,
& does not seem anxious to
sell; he would, I think, serve
as an agent & would witness
conspicuously of a business
sort. I think I note you

that the owner of the church
papers was Perry T. Adams 404
Prudential Bldg. Atlanta Ga;
he is agent (he says), not the
owner, & refused me the use