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Fivepenny Letters

At Christie's to-day a collection of nineteen letters and eight poems of Kipling's made £1,600, although no copyright was sold with the documents. Against this, a collection of about a thousand autograph letters from such dignitaries as Cardinal Newman, John Wesley, Bishop Colenso and Henry Lyte fetched on £20—roughly fivepence a letter. Magical writing, dealing with the black arts and similar subjects, by Aleister Crowley, made a better impression, a total of thirty items, published and unpublished, commanding £257.