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Letter from Helen Simpson to Dorothy L. Sayers, February 2, 1942. Dorothy L. Sayers Papers, Folder 239, Marion E. Wade Center, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL.

Transcript letter* from Charles Williams to Raymond Hunt, July 7, 1937. Charles Williams Papers, Folder 48, Marion E. Wade Center, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL.

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