



Rare Books, Manuscripts, Maps & Photographs ft. the Library of the Late William St Clair (683)

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Ada Lovelace (née Byron) interest Commonplace Book, 1828

Commonplace book dated 1828, belonging to J.H. Stampe, entitled "Extracts &c., Bifrons, Christmas 1828", including a transcribed poem probably in Stampe's hand, "Ada to her Cat", attributed to "A. Ada Byron, Christmas day 1828" and seemingly narrated to Stampe by "Lady N.B." [Lady Noel Byron, Anne Isabella Noel Byron, née Milbanke], with an illustration of the cat ("The lovely Puff in a Sweet Slumber") drawn by Lady Byron, with a note on the image in Lady Byron's hand, pasted to the reverse, which Sharpe has captioned: "Given me by Ada - Decmbr 1828 at Bifrons I.M.S.", a total of 56 MSS. leaves, several with poems and writings by I. Noel (a relation of Lady Byron), and extracts from the romantic poets, contemporary red straight-grained morocco gilt, 19 x 24cm, much of the album seems to be written in Stampe's hand or that of friends and relatives