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The notice of Mr. Charles Reade is printed here for the first time.

Since my review of Mr. T. W. Robertson appeared, that genial dramatist has left us. This sad event has not, however, caused any modification in my views as to the value of his work.

I had thought to correct my notice of Mr. Tom Taylor in accordance with that gentleman's direc-



tion ; but, on consideration and by advice, I have determined to print the correspondence between us, so that Mr. Taylor now speaks in his own words.

LONDON, *September*, 1871.

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