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LOT 3092

MORRIS, William. *The Roots of the Mountains*. London: Reeves and Turner, 1890. Limited edition, this being one of 250 copies printed on Whatman paper, 4to (195 x 157mm.) (Browning to the uncut fore-edge.) Original 'honeysuckle' Morris designed cloth, especially for this edition, gilt lettering to spine (slight browning to spine). Provenance: David Whitelaw (bookplate to front pastedown and a gift inscription on the front-free endpaper addressed to him). Note: in his introduction to a later edition of this book, Graham Seaman suggests that Morris's fantasy novel was a direct influence on Tolkien's 'Lord of the Rings'. Morris himself was pleased with the look of it, writing to his daughter that 'it was the best looking book produced since the seventeenth century'.

Estimate: £500 - £700

Condition Report

3092. There is some spotting to the uncut fore-edge and to the bookplate. A gilt inscription in ink on the front-free endpaper, no spotting to rear past down. Slight browning to the spine and to margins of the cloth. Otherwise a right and attractive copy.

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