



## The Collector: Objects to Clocks (30 Mar 2021 A)

Tue, 30th Mar 2021

### Lot 1

**Estimate:** £800 - £1200 + Fees

#### **D. DAVIS (ENGLISH, 19TH CENTURY): A LATE 19TH CENTURY MARBLE BUST OF CHARITY DATED 1878**

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This bust depicts a girl from H.W. Longfellow's poem on slavery, 'The Good Part, that shall not be taken away', which describes her thus:

"Her soul, like the transparent air  
That robes the hills above,  
Though not of earth, encircles there  
All things with arms of love.

And thus she walks among her girls  
With praise and mild rebukes;  
Subduing e'en rude village churls  
By her angelic looks."

Longfellow, H.W. (1866) *The Complete Works of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow* Boston, Massachusetts: Ticknor & Fields.