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Carroll-MS 2 - Logic Papers

Introductory notes:

These papers come from the Warner Bequest. William Warner (1851-1921) matriculated at Balliol in 1870, BA 1874, MA 1877, ordained deacon 1877, priest 1879. He was made a senior student of Christ Church in 1874 which he held until 1910. In that time he held the positions of lecturer 1875, tutor 1877-1910, and censor 1887-92. He was examining chaplain to the Bishop of Ely 1905, controller of lodging houses 1906, delegate of local examinations, of Non-Collegiate Students, for the Training of Elementary Teachers, and for the Supervision of Women Students. He was a governor of Lady Margaret Hall and president of the Oxford College Servants' Society. He retired on a pension in 1910. As a member of the Senior Common Room at Christ Church, he came into contact with Dodgson, and clearly collected various items in the latter’s hand which were presented back to the college. It is possible that Dodgson consulted Warner about some of his logical ideas.

Most of these items concern Dodgson’s work on logic and may have been intended for the two last volumes of Dodgson’s Symbolic Logic, which were never published in Dodgson’s lifetime.

Professor William Warren Bartley III reconstructed much of Symbolic Logic, Part 2, Advanced from galley proofs and manuscript notes, and published it as Lewis Carroll’s Symbolic Logic in 1977. Some of the manuscripts listed below were incorporated into this work.

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Paper on Fallacies, probably intended for Symbolic Logic, Part III, Transcendental, Book XII. Although “Fallacies” occurs in the reconstruction of Symbolic Logic, Part II, Advanced, the contents of this page is not included.

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Dodgson re-used a printed sheet from his time as Curator of the Common Room in which the consumption of wine by members was recorded. The sheet is dated 23 February 1884, suggesting that the manuscript on logic is after this date. Symbolic Logic, Part I, Elementary was published in 1896, but the other two parts were never published in Dodgson’s lifetime. He died in 1898 without completing this work.
Continuation of Dodgson’s paper on Fallacies (see above), listing the premises from which a fallacy occurs – given in words and in Dodgson’s more symbolic form.

Bartley includes this as part of book XI, chapter III (see pp. 260-262).

Bartley includes this as a continuation of book XI, chapter III (see pp. 262-263).

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Dodgson’s inscription suggests that he intended these pages on Fallacies to form part of book XVI, but had previously allocated them to book XV and XII.