

## Christ Church Library, Carroll Collection

### The Harcourt/Dodgson Papers

Digitised images: *Notes by an Oxford Chiel: The Dynamics of a Parti-cle* (BXB-01-WK)

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#### Introductory notes:

The Harcourt/Dodgson Papers, containing various Carrollian items, was donated to Christ Church Library by Robert Vernon Harcourt in 1984. He was the second cousin of Augustus George Vernon Harcourt (1834-1919), Lees Reader in Chemistry at Christ Church, who was a good friend of Dodgson. Many of these items were presented to A. G. V. Harcourt by Dodgson. The items are:

BXB-01-WK, Notes by an Oxford Chiel: The Dynamics of a Parti-cle

BXB-02-WK, The Blank Cheque

BXB-03-WK, The Game of Logic

BXB-04-WK, A Method of Taking Votes on more than Two Issues

BXB-05-LF, Scenes from an Unfinished Drama entitled Phrontisterion

BXB-06-WK, A Discussion of the Various Methods of Procedure in Conducting Elections

BXB-07-WK, The Vision of the Three T's

BXB-08-LE, Letter from Dodgson to Harcourt

BXB-09-LE, Letter from Dodgson to Mrs. Harcourt

BXB-10-LE, Letter from Dodgson to Harcourt written as a poem

BXB-11-WK, A Tangled Tale Knot II, Mad Mathesis

BXB-12-WK, A Tangled Tale, Answers to Knot II

BXB-01-WK. *Notes by an Oxford Chiel* was a collection of pamphlets written by Dodgson between 1865 and 1874, issued as in 1874 as a single book in green cloth, and also issued separately with red-brick paper covers.

This is the separate re-issue of *Dynamics of a Parti-cle*, first published in 1865, and the second item in this combined edition. It contained a satire on the Oxford election in 1865 in which William Ewart Gladstone, William Heathcote, and Gathorne Hardy contested two seats in Parliament to represent Oxford University. It was also a parody of Euclid's geometrical text known as *The Elements* but using humorous political versions of the definitions, postulates, and axioms contained within. Heathcote and Hardy were elected. The full text, with notes, was published in *The Oxford Pamphlets, Leaflets, and Circulars of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson*, edited by Edward Wakeling (University Press of Virginia, 1993, pp.26-37).