

Christ Church Library, Carroll Collection

The Harcourt/Dodgson Papers

Digitised images: *A Discussion of the Various Methods of Procedure in Conducting Elections* (BXB-06-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-06-WK. A Discussion of the Various Methods of Procedure in Conducting Elections is a very rare document dated December 1873 which marks the beginning of Dodgson's investigation into methods of voting. There are only two known copies of this publication (the other, Dodgson's own copy, is in the Parrish Collection, Princeton University). Dodgson accidentally omitted the Method of Nomination in his haste to publish his paper, and this was printed on a separate sheet which is missing from this copy presented to Harcourt. The full text, with notes, was published in *The Political Pamphlets, Leaflets, and Circulars of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson*, edited by Francine F. Abeles (Lewis Carroll Society of North America and the University Press of Virginia, 2002, pp.33-42).