

Christ Church Library, Carroll Collection

The Harcourt/Dodgson Papers

Digitised images: *Letter from Dodgson to Mrs. Harcourt* (BXB-09-LE)

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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-09-LE. This item is a manuscript **letter from Dodgson to Mrs. Rachel Mary Harcourt née Bruce**, wife of A. G. V. Harcourt (they married in 1872). The letter is dated 10 May (no year). This was probably sent in 1874 since Mrs. Harcourt gave birth to twins (Mildred and Mabel) that year. The enquiry was probably related to her forthcoming or recent motherhood. The full text of the letter follows:

Christ Church [Oxford]

May 10 [1874?]

My dear Mrs. Harcourt,

“National Nursery Rhymes and Nursery Songs. Set to music by J. W. Elliot.

London.

George Routledge & Sons

The Broadway, Ludgate.

Novello, Ewer, and Co.

1. Berner Street, W.

and 35. Poultry, E.C.”

Yours sincerely,

C. L. Dodgson