Christ Church Library, Carroll Collection

The Harcourt/Dodgson Papers

Digitised images: A Tangled Tale, Answers to Knot II (BXB-12-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-12-WK. Preliminary off-print from The Monthly Packet containing A Tangled Tale, Answers to Knot II. This appeared in the September 1880 issue of The Monthly Packet, pp. 281-283, but again this differs in content and pagination, making it another rare item, probably the only known version. Dodgson discussed in detail the solutions received from forty-five (forty-six in The Monthly Packet) people who responded (most using pseudonyms) with only 9 getting the right solution.