

De Lury (Alfred Tennyson) Collection

Correspondence with Anglo-Irish writers, with friends and book-dealers. Card files and notebooks relating to De Lury's Collection of Anglo-Irish literature. A few diaries from the 1920's.

Extent: 12boxes, 1 bound vol. (4 ft. 5")

Acquired from Dr. De Lury's estate through the good offices of Professor Norman Endicott and members of the De Lury family, 1955-56.

Biographical note:

De Lury, Alfred Tennyson (1864-1951), mathematician and bibliophile, was born at Manilla, Ontario, of 1st generation Irish parentage on May 13, 1864, and died at Lindsay, Ontario, on November 12, 1951. He was educated at the University of Toronto (B.A., 1890, M.A., 1902), and in 1892 was appointed a lecturer in mathematics in this university. He became head of the department in 1919, and dean of the faculty of arts in 1922; and he retired on pension in 1934. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1918; and he was the author of several text-books in algebra and arithmetic. After his death his extensive collection of Irish literature came to the University of Toronto Library.

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Container Listing:

- Box 1 Material relating to the University of Toronto, especially the reunion of the class of 1890.
Introduction into the study of the theory of functions.
Lectures delivered at J.H.U. in 1895-96 by Alexander Chessin.
Reproduced from manuscript.
Dr. De Lury's diaries, 1923-25, 1927-28, 1930. 6 v.
- Box 2 Correspondence from friends and associates re De Lury's text book, Arithmetic for High Schools.
Souvenirs of De Lury's trips to Europe, 1900 and 1903.
- Box 3 Correspondence from booksellers and publishers.
Notebook itemizing De Lury's purchases of books.
Notebook containing copies of poems.
- Item 4 Bound volume of De Lury's memoranda: Yeats's works.
- Boxes 5 & 5A Correspondence some of which is with Anglo-Irish writers catalogued individually. (See ms. card catalogue).
- Boxes 6-9 Card file of Alfred De Lury's library, compiled by himself.
Includes many books not in present collection.
- Box 10 Manuscript catalogue of De Lury's library, compiled by himself. 12 notebooks.
- Box 11 Newspaper clippings relating to George Bernard Shaw, ca 1916-41.
Gift of Professor Harcourt Brown.
- Note: Much of DeLury's correspondence received from Irish writers is in Trent University, Peterborough.
- Box 12 Xeroxes of some DeLury correspondence at Trent University.
Photocopies were given by Professor M.J. Sidnell.