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Summary information

Repository: Victoria University Archives
Title: Samuel Sobieski Nelles fonds
ID: 2038
Category [alternative]: Administrators / Faculty personal papers
Date: 1842-1962 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1.80 m of textual records

Dates of creation, revision and deletion: Added by MO: June 3, 2016 Updated by JT Dec 7 2018; July 11 2019

Note [generalNote]: See also fonds 2103 - Alida Martin fonds

Note [generalNote]: See also fonds 2090 - Victoria College (Cobourg, Ont.). President's Office fonds

Note [generalNote]: Those seeking further information on Samuel Nelles should consult the biographical file compiled by the Archives, the pamphlet collection, the Christian Guardian, and the personal papers of contemporaries such as J.G. Hodgins.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Samuel Sobieski Nelles was an educator and long-time academic administrator, who served various positions at Victoria College/University, Cobourg, 1850-1887. He was born in Mount Pleasant, Ontario in 1823, and received his earlier education in New York state, before spending two years at Victoria College under the tutelage of Egerton Ryerson. Following a year of home study he took his degree at the Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, 1846. After an interval of teaching and Methodist Church work he was named Principal of Victoria College in 1850, and then President in 1854, a position he held until his death in 1887. During the years 1852-1887 he was also a Professor; his titles included Professor of Mental Philosophy, with Logic, Ethics, Evidences of Religion, and Homeletics, 1856-1872.

Scope and content

During his thirty-seven years as a teacher and administrator at Victoria College, Samuel Nelles made an indelible imprint on both the ministry of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and the system of higher education in Ontario. Consequently, his papers possess significant research value for religious, intellectual, and educational historians. The collection held by the Archives is a fairly representative sampling of Nelles' correspondence, essays, articles, sermons, speeches, addresses, lectures, and notes. The earliest material dates from his student days in the early 1840's, and the last records were written only days before his death in 1887.

Fonds consists of the following series: Correspondence, 1856–1962; Diaries and journals, 1846–1887; Essays and articles, 1842–1896; Sermons, 1848–1888; Speeches and addresses, 1842–1887; Lectures, 1854–1887; Notebooks of sermons, addresses, lectures, essays and notes, 1847–1887; Writing and memorabilia, 1846–1902; and Material relating to Victoria College, 1851–1884.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition

Unknown

1991.197V - originally part of the United Church of Canada Archives Collections. Transferred to the Victoria Archives in 1992.

Arrangement

Not including Correspondence, the remaining records in the collection are divided according to type and then arranged chronologically whenever dates are available. Undated items have been placed in alphabetical order by their titles.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
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Series descriptions

Series 2038-1: Correspondence

Date: 1846-1962 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of incoming and outgoing general and specific correspondence, 1856-1887, re a wide range of academic and University administrative subjects, and family correspondence, 1887-1962, after Nelles' death. Correspondents include Egerton Ryerson, J.J. Maclaren, J.G. Hodgins and Isaac Brock Aylesworth.

Despite the fact that Nelles was apparently an avid letter writer, his correspondence comprises only one and a half boxes of the collection. As Nelles explained in a letter to J.G. Hodgins, he made a practice of discarding most of the letters which he received, making exceptions only for those of great personal significance. As a result, the bulk of the surviving correspondence was preserved by chance or through the efforts of other people. The letters span the years 1846–1887; they are organized chronologically and, when the volume warrants, by correspondents such as J.G. Hodgins, Egerton Ryerson, J.J. Maclaren, and Samuel Rose. An attempt has been made to document the thrust of each letter in the file listings. Although the letters touch on a number of subjects, the main theme of the correspondence is undoubtedly the "university question". The letters outline the development of the federation concept and the responses it evoked from the university community. One can gain insight into the day-to-day activities and tensions of Victoria College, and the precarious financial position of the college emerges clearly. Letters from old college friends such as Daniel Martindale, R.C. Pitman, and J.G. Hodgins reveal Nelles' interests as well as his capacity for warm and lasting relationships. The correspondence also includes several letters to Mrs. Nelles following her husband's death and the correspondence of Professors Nathanael Burwash and A.R. Bain regarding the Nelles Memorial Fund. In addition, there are several files of letters dated in the 1950's and 1960's which chronicle some of the research into the Nelles' family history carried out by a descendent, F.C. Gullen. A file of notes made by Gullen contains a sketch map of Mount Pleasant, a typescript of a family history, and assorted family trees. A photograph of Nelles' birthplace was transferred to the Nelles file in the Archives' photograph collection.

Physical description: 24 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2038-1-1991.197V-1-1	File - General Correspondence	1856-1867		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-2	File - General Correspondence	1868-1872		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-3	File - General Correspondence	1873		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-4	File - General Correspondence	1874		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-5	File - General Correspondence	1875-1876		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-6	File - General Correspondence	1877-1879		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-7	File - General Correspondence	1880-1882		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-8	File - General Correspondence.	1883-1887		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-9	File - Correspondence Between Isaac Brock Aylesworth and S.S. Nelles.	1864-1869		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-10	File - Correspondence Between J.G. Hodgins and S.S. Nelles.	1854-1865		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-11	File - Correspondence Between J.G. Hodgins and S.S. Nelles.	1866-1875		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-12	File - Correspondence Between J.G. Hodgins and S.S. Nelles.	1876-1880		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-13	File - Correspondence Between J.G. Hodgins and S.S. Nelles.	1881-1883		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-14	File - Correspondence Between J.G. Hodgins and S.S. Nelles.	1884		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-15	File - Correspondence Between J.G. Hodgins and S.S. Nelles.	1885-1887		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-16	File - Correspondence Between Joshua H. Johnson and S.S. Nelles.	1876-1879		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-17	File - Correspondence Between J.J. Maclaren and S.S. Nelles.	1883-1887		
2038-1-1991.197V-1-18	File - Correspondence Between Daniel Martindale and S.S. Nelles.	1846-1849		
2038-1-1991.197V-2-19	File - Correspondence Between Samuel Rose and S.S. Nelles.	1879-1885		
2038-1-1991.197V-2-20	File - Correspondence Between Egerton Ryerson and S.S. Nelles.	1852-1861		
2038-1-1991.197V-2-21	File - Correspondence Between Egerton Ryerson and S.S. Nelles.	1862-1874		
2038-1-1991.197V-2-22	File - Draft of Letter to the Editor of the Globe re: University Federation. Written Prior to Nelles' Departure for England. (Spring)	1886		
2038-1-1991.197V-2-23	File - Family correspondence Addressed to Mary B. Nelles.	1887-1888		
2038-1-1991.197V-2-24	File - Family correspondence Addressed to A.R. Bain re: Nelles Memorial Fund	1898-1901		
2038-1-1991.197V-2-25	File - Family Correspondence Addressed to Nathanael Burwash re: Nelles Memorial Fund.	1899		
2038-1-1991.197V-2-26	File - Family correspondence of Frederick Cecil Gullen re: Nelles Family.	1953-1961		
2038-1-1991.197V-2-27	File - Family correspondence from Margaret E. Smyth re: Nelles Family.	1953-1962		

2038-1-1991.197V-2-28	File - Family correspondence. Notes Made by Frederick Cecil Gullen re: Nelles Family	[ca.1854]
2038-1-1990.121V-TR	File - Family correspondence retrieved by Nelles, primarily from Alfred H. Reynar	1865-1868

Series 2038-2: Diaries and journals

Date: 1846-1887 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of journals and diaries, 1846-1887, containing reflections/essays on various topics, predominantly religious and spiritual; daily activities and quotations .

The box of diaries and journals covers the period between 1846 and 1887, with most of the entries being made before 1870. The early diaries tend to be more reflective, revealing Nelles' reaction to his reading material and his inner spiritual thoughts; the later journals focus more on daily activities.

Physical description: 12 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2038-2-1991.127V-3-29	File - Journal. "Book of Random Thoughts."	1846-1849		
2038-2-1991.127V-3-30	File - Journal. "Book of Random Thoughts on Speech. Public, or Private Conversation."	June 27, 1847- March 30, 1850		
2038-2-1991.127V-3-31	File - Journal. "Random Thoughts and Mental Records." Toronto.	October 24, 1848-February 3, 1849		
2038-2-1991.127V-3-32	File - Journal. "Random Thoughts and Mental Records." vol.2.	February 5, 1849-July 19, 1849		
2038-2-1991.127V-3-33	File - Journal. "Random Thoughts."	March, 1850- February, 1854		
2038-2-1991.127V-3-34	File - Journal. "Random Thoughts." London, Victoria College.	August 10, 1850-December 28, 1859		
2038-2-1991.127V-3-35	File - Diary. Cobourg.	January 1, 1866- January 13, 1867		
2038-2-1991.127V-3-36	File - Rowsell's Diary.	January 30, 1867-December 31, 1867		
2038-2-1991.127V-3-37	File - Daily Journal.	1868		
2038-2-1991.127V-3-38	File - Journal Fragment.	May 11, 1881- May 23, 1881		

2038-2-1991.127V-3-39	File - Journal. "Notes by the Way."	January 1, 1886- September 4, 1887
2038-2-1991.127V-3-40	File - Journal. "Index Rerum."	n.d.

Series 2038-3: Essays and articles

Date: 1842-1896 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of predominantly religious essays and articles, 1842-1896, including those written as a student.

Many of the essays in the collection were written by Nelles during his school days, allowing the researcher to acquire some insights into the nature of a nineteenth-century education as well as an understanding of Nelles' interests and abilities as a young man. Other essays authored by Nelles may be found in manuscript copies of student newspapers located in the Victoria College Archives. Many of the articles included in the collection were printed after Nelles' death, giving some indication of the lasting impact of Nelles' work.

Physical description: 12 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2038-3-1991.197V-4-41	File - Essay. "The Deity, as Seen in his Works."	March 30, 1842		
2038-3-1991.197V-4-42	File - Notebook of School Essays and Poems. 1842 to 1844.	1842-1844		
2038-3-1991.197V-4-43	File - Essay. "Sympathy - Its Influence on Character and Happiness." Victoria College. Spring of 1844.	1844		
2038-3-1991.197V-4-44	File - Essay Written in an Album. "The Bitter Fountain." Toronto.	May, 1849		
2038-3-1991.197V-4-45	File - Essay. "Fragments."	February 24, 1856		
2038-3-1991.197V-4-46	File - Essay. "Catholicity."	January 20, 1857		
2038-3-1991.197V-4-47	File - Essay on Mystery of Life Written in Miss Wright's Album	July 3, 1858		
2038-3-1991.197V-4-48	File - Essay. "On Brevity."	November 19, 1858		
2038-3-1991.197V-4-49	File - Essay for Ministerial Association of Cobourg on Farrar's "Free Thought."	December 6, 1869		
2038-3-1991.197V-4-50	File - Essay. "Fallacies."	February 14, 1872		
2038-3-1991.197V-4-51	File - Autobiographical Essay on Student Days at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, Lima, New York.	n.d		
2038-3-1991.197V-4-52	File - Essay re: Dangers of Fame	n.d		

2038-3-1991.197V-4-53	File - Essay re: Development of the Hebrew Mind.	n.d
2038-3-1991.197V-4-54	File - Essay. "History."	n.d
2038-3-1991.197V-4-55	File - Essay re: "Power of the English Language."	n.d
2038-3-1991.197V-4-56	File - Essay. "Shall We Hinder the Gospel of Christ?" (Distinction Between Actual Christianity and the Christianity of the New Testament)	n.d
2038-3-1991.197V-4-57	File - Essay. "Shall We Hinder the Gospel of Christ?" (Distinction Between Actual Christianity and the Christianity of the New Testament)	n.d
2038-3-1991.197V-4-58	File - Galley Proof of Article. "Christianity - Ideal and Actual." Canadian Methodist Magazine. vol.XIV.	November, 1881
2038-3-1991.197V-4-59	File - Article. "Whittier - the Quaker Poet." Canadian Methodist Magazine. vol. XVI.	July-December, 1882
2038-3-1991.197V-4-60	File - Article. "Concerning Emphasis." The Toronto Mail.	December 22, 1883
2038-3-1991.197V-4-6	File - Article. "Christianity - Ideal and Actual." The Methodist Magazine. vol. XXXIX.	January-June, 1894
2038-3-1991.197V-4-6	File - Article. "The Need of the World." The Methodist Magazine. vol. XL.	July-December, 1894
2038-3-1991.197V-4-62A	File - Article. "True Emphasis in Religion." Methodist Magazine and Review. vol.XLIV.	July-December, 1896

Series 2038-4: Sermons

Date: 1848-1888 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of manuscripts of sermons, 1848-1887 (some undated), delivered at Victoria College and at other Ontario places.

The two and a half boxes of sermons were delivered between 1848 and 1887, although a majority of them were composed during the 1840's and 1850's. Unfortunately about half the sermons are undated. They vary in form from extremely rough notes to polished drafts and are identified in the finding aid by their given title, their text, or their main theme. Naturally enough, many of the sermons focus on education, frequently dealing with the question of the relationship between intellect and religion.

Physical description: 36 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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2038-4-1991.197V-5-63	File - Sermon. "For the Redemption of their Soul is Precious."	January 9, 1848
2038-4-1991.197V-5-64	File - Sermon. "Sin and Folly of Delay."	January 30, 1848
2038-4-1991.197V-5-65	File - Sermon. "Progressive Piety."	October 20, 1848
2038-4-1991.197V-5-66	File - Sermon. "The Self-Sufficiency of Virtue."	October 31, 1848
2038-4-1991.197V-5-67	File - Sermon. "Things Temporal and Things Eternal."	November, 1848
2038-4-1991.197V-5-68	File - Sermon re: Errors of the Church. Toronto.	December 24, 1848
2038-4-1991.197V-5-69	File - Christmas Sermon. Toronto.	[December 25, 1848]
2038-4-1991.197V-5-70	File - Sermon. "Not in Work But Power."	December 30, 1848
2038-4-1991.197V-5-71	File - Sermon. "Earnest Use of Probation."	December 31, 1848
2038-4-1991.197V-5-72	File - Sermon. "Confession of Christ."	December, 1848
2038-4-1991.197V-5-73	File - Sermon. "Entire Consecration."	December, 1848
2038-4-1991.197V-5-74	File - Sermon. "Providence - Narrative of Joseph."	December, 1848
2038-4-1991.197V-5-75	File - Sermon. "Individual Judgement in Religion."	January 7, 1849
2038-4-1991.197V-5-76	File - Sermon. "Adorning the Doctrine."	January 14, 1849
2038-4-1991.197V-5-77	File - Sermon. "Divine Desertion."	January 28, 1849
2038-4-1991.197V-5-78	File - Sermon. "Duty of Attending to the Poor."	January 28, 1849
2038-4-1991.197V-5-79	File - Sermon. "The Temptation of Jesus."	February 4, 1849
2038-4-1991.197V-5-80	File - Sermon. "Pray Without Ceasing."	February 14, 1849
2038-4-1991.197V-5-81	File - Sermon. "Full Personal Persuasion."	March 18, 1849
2038-4-1991.197V-5-82	File - Easter Sermon. "Resurrection of Christ."	April 8, 1849
2038-4-1991.197V-5-83	File - Sermon. "Knowledge of Christ."	July 4, 1849
2038-4-1991.197V-5-84	File - Sermon. "Love to God - Keeps his Commands."	July 10, 1849
2038-4-1991.197V-5-85	File - Sermon. "Doing What We Can."	July 11, 1849
2038-4-1991.197V-5-86	File - Sermon. "Justice, Mercy, and Humility."	August 30, 1849
2038-4-1991.197V-5-87	File - Sermon. "The Fashion of this World Passeth Away."	[1849]
2038-4-1991.197V-5-88	File - Sermon. "Man Needs Atonement."	March 2, 1850
2038-4-1991.197V-5-89	File - Sermon. "Adorning the Doctrine."	July 14, 1850
2038-4-1991.197V-5-90	File - Sermon. "The Righteous Scarcely Saved."	August 10, 1850
2038-4-1991.197V-5-91	File - Sermon. "Victory Over the World By Faith."	October 5, 1850
2038-4-1991.197V-5-92	File - Sermon. "Diversities of Christian Life."	November 16, 1850

2038-4-1991.197V-5-93	File - Sermon. "o, that they were wise."	December, 1850
2038-4-1991.197V-5-94	File - Missionary Sermon re: Paul's Success as a Missionary.	January 9, 1851
2038-4-1991.197V-5-95	File - Sermon. "Atonement of Christ Viewed as a Declaration of God's Righteousness."	April, 1851
2038-4-1991.197V-5-96	File - Sermon. "Propitiation of Christ."	April, 1851
2038-4-1991.197V-5-97	File - Sermon. "No Counsel Against the Lord."	July, 1852
2038-4-1991.197V-5-99	File - Sermon on Methodism. Cobourg.	July 10, 1854.
2038-4-1991.197V-5-98	File - Sermon. "The Lord Reigneth, Let the Earth Rejoice."	July 11, 1853
2038-4-1991.197V-5-100	File - Sermon. "Self-Sacrifice."	November 26, 1854
2038-4-1991.197V-5-101	File - Sermon. "Loss of the Soul."	November 4, 1855
2038-4-1991.197V-5-102	File - Sermon. "Faith the Victory."	November 18, 1855
2038-4-1991.197V-5-103	File - Sermon. "One day as 1000 years."	Fall of 1855
2038-4-1991.197V-6-104	File - Sermon. "Be Thou Faithful Unto Death."	February 16, 1856
2038-4-1991.197V-6-105	File - Sermon. "Christ - Witness, Leader, Commander."	June, 1856
2038-4-1991.197V-6-106	File - Sermon. "Days of Darkness."	March, 1858
2038-4-1991.197V-6-107	File - Sermon. "Grow in Grace."	May 9, 1858
2038-4-1991.197V-6-108	File - Sermon. "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."	November 14, 1858
2038-4-1991.197V-6-109	File - Sermon. "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain."	December 25, 1859
2038-4-1991.197V-6-110	File - Notebook of Sermons.	1865-1867
2038-4-1991.197V-6-111	File - Notebook of Sermons.	1871-1878
2038-4-1991.197V-6-112	File - Sermon. "Fellow-helpers to the truth."	April 22, 1877
2038-4-1991.197V-6-113	File - Sermon. "Eternal Life."	September, 1878
2038-4-1991.197V-6-114	File - Sermon. Fashion of the World Passeth Away. Cobourg.	March 16, 1879
2038-4-1991.197V-6-115	File - Educational Sermon re: Emancipation of Thought. Peterborough and Elm Street, Toronto.	March, 1879
2038-4-1991.197V-6-116	File - Sermon. "Passing Away."	June, 1879
2038-4-1991.197V-6-117	File - Sermon. "Helpers to the Truth."	February, 1881
2038-4-1991.197V-6-118	File - Newspaper Report of Sermon Given at Metropolitan Church, Toronto. "Many-Sided Religion."	April 25, 1881
2038-4-1991.197V-6-119	File - Educational Sermon. "New and Old"	April 25, 1881
2038-4-1991.197V-6-120	File - Newspaper Report of Anniversary Sermon.	1881-1888
2038-4-1991.197V-6-121	File - Newspaper Report of Baccalaureate Sermon.	1887
2038-4-1991.197V-6-122	File - Dedicatory Sermon. "But the Word Preached Did Not Profit Them"	n.d.

2038-4-1991.197V-6-123	File - Dedication Sermon. "Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-124	File - Missionary Sermon. "All of One Blood."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-125	File - Sabbath School Sermon. "All Taught of God."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-126	File - Sabbath School Sermon. "A Great Bereavement."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-127	File - Sabbath School Sermon. "Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-128	File - Sermon to Christian Ministers. "Be Not Partaker of Other Men's Sins."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-129	File - Sermon. "Christ Precious to Believers."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-130	File - Sermon. "Christ the Light of the World."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-131	File - Sermon. "Christian Stability."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-132	File - Sermon. "Christians - the Workmanship of God."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-133	File - Sermon. "Come Apart and Rest Awhile."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-134	File - Sermon. "The Common People Heard Him Gladly."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-135	File - Sermon. "For the Joy of the Lord is Your Strength."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-136	File - Sermon. "Former Days Better Than These."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-137	File - Sermons. "God's Work."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-138	File - Sermon. "Good Unto All Men As We Have Opportunity."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-139	File - Sermon. "Guard thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-140	File - Sermon. "I beseech you therefore Brethren."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-141	File - Sermon. "I will arise and go to my father."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-142	File - Sermon. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-143	File - Sermon. "Laws of the Spirit."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-144	File - Sermon. "Leaving Power of the Gospel."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-145	File - Sermon. "Love of God and Man."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-146	File - Sermon. "Patience."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-6-147	File - Sermon. "Paul in Phillipians."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-7-148	File - Sermon re: Providential Care.	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-7-149	File - Sermon. "Remembrance of God."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-7-150	File - Sermon. "Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep It Holy."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-7-151	File - Sermon Notes. "Saints."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-7-152	File - Sermon re: Salvation.	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-7-153	File - Sermon. "Saving a Soul from Death."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-7-154	File - Sermon. "Softness of Heart."	n.d.

2038-4-1991.197V-7-155	File - Sermon. "Sorrowful Yet Rejoicing."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-7-156	File - Sermon. "Thanks be unto God that always causeth us to triumph in Christ."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-7-157	File - Sermon. "True Piety All Pervading."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-7-158	File - Sermon. "Use of the Tongue."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-7-159	File - Sermon Notes. "Work Out Salvation."	n.d.
2038-4-1991.197V-7-160	File - Sermon. "Workers Together With Him."	n.d.

Series 2038-5: Speeches and addresses

Date: 1842–1887 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of speeches and addresses on religion and education, 1842-1887, given at Victoria College as well as other educational institutions, predominantly in Ontario.

The speeches and addresses fill one box and run from 1842 until Nelles' death. Several of these were given by Nelles while he was still a student, and many of the later speeches were addressed to student audiences. The most common themes were, once again, the relationship between education and religion, although the importance of the Church's mission work is also stressed.

Physical description: 12 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2038-5-1991.197V-8-188	File - Notebook of Speeches	1879		
2038-5-1991.197V-8-193	File - Notebook of Speeches and Addresses.	1880-1883		
2038-5-1991.197V-8-161	File - Address. "Character of the Psalmist." Delivered at the Lima Exhibition.	March 31, 1842		
2038-5-1991.197V-8-162	File - Address at the First Annual Exhibition of Victoria College. "Spirit of Inquiry."	April 20, 1843		
2038-5-1991.197V-8-163	File - Address. "On Reading the Holy Scriptures." Toronto.	October 13, 1848		
2038-5-1991.197V-8-164	File - Address. "Preaching and Teaching." Toronto.	October 21, 1848		
2038-5-1991.197V-8-165	File - Outlines for Missionary Addresses. Toronto.	December, 1848		
2038-5-1991.197V-8-166	File - Address. "Regeneration." Toronto.	January 18, 1849		
2038-5-1991.197V-8-167	File - Missionary Notes. "Home Allusions."	January 23, 1851		

2038-5-1991.197V-8-168	File - Address. "Thoughts on the Great Exhibition." Read Before the Hamilton Merchants' Association.	April 14, 1851
2038-5-1991.197V-8-169	File - Educational Speech re: Importance of Religion to Education . (Appeal for Endowment)	October 27, 1851
2038-5-1991.197V-8-170	File - Educational Address re: Importance of Religion to Education. Plea for Endowment.	November, 1851-October 27, 1851
2038-5-1991.197V-8-171	File - Address. "Introductory Remarks to Summer Session." Victoria College.	1852
2038-5-1991.197V-8-172	File - Address to Victoria College Students re: Planning One's Education.	October 28, 1853
2038-5-1991.197V-8-173	File - Address. "On Love." Victoria College.	February 26, 1854
2038-5-1991.197V-8-174	File - Address to Victoria College Students re: Love of Learning and Love of Goodness. Winter Session.	1854-1855
2038-5-1991.197V-8-175	File - Missionary Address re: Evangelization of the World.	December 31, 1855
2038-5-1991.197V-8-176	File - Missionary Speech re: Importance of Wesleyan Mission Work to Growth and Prosperity of Canada.	January, 1856
2038-5-1991.197V-8-177	File - Address. "Have Faith in God."	September, 1856
2038-5-1991.197V-8-178	File - Address. "Have Faith in God."	October, 1856
2038-5-1991.197V-8-179	File - Address. "Reasons for Sustaining Victoria College."	November 21, 1856
2038-5-1991.197V-8-180	File - College Speech re: Religion and Learning.	November, 1857
2038-5-1991.197V-8-181	File - Address. "Have Faith in God."	March 10, 1859
2038-5-1991.197V-8-182	File - Address. "Religious Life."	March 10, 1859
2038-5-1991.197V-8-183	File - Address. "Religious Sensibility."	March 10, 1859
2038-5-1991.197V-8-184	File - Address. "God's Care Over the World." Victoria College.	July 10, 1859
2038-5-1991.197V-8-185	File - Notes for Address to Christian Association re: Importance of Lay Workers. Cobourg.	February 11, 1870
2038-5-1991.197V-8-186	File - Educational Speech. Montreal General Conference.	1878.
2038-5-1991.197V-8-187	File - Address to Teachers' Convention re: Value of Teacher's Work. Cobourg.	February 28, 1879
2038-5-1991.197V-8-189	File - Watchnight Address.	December 31, 1879
2038-5-1991.197V-8-190	File - Address re: John Bascom and Epistemology.	May 22, 1880
2038-5-1991.197V-8-191	File - Address re: Methodist Education. Hamilton.	June 3, 1880
2038-5-1991.197V-8-192	File - Address for Closing Exercises of Wesleyan Female College. Hamilton. .	June 22, 1880
2038-5-1991.197V-8-194	File - Watchnight Address. Cobourg.	December 31, 1882
2038-5-1991.197V-8-195	File - Address at Opening of Wesleyan Theological School. Montreal.	November 16, 1883

2038-5-1991.197V-8-196	File - Newspaper Report of Address to Fraternal Delegates re: State of Methodism in Canada. General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Daily Christian Advocate. .	May 20, 1884
2038-5-1991.197V-8-197	File - Newspaper Report of Address to Toronto Conference re: Personal Salvation. Toronto Mail.	June 16, 1884
2038-5-1991.197V-8-198	File - Newspaper Report of Commencement Address re: Past and Future of Victoria College. Toronto Globe.	October 3, 1884
2038-5-1991.197V-8-199	File - Address of President Nelles at Victoria University Convocation. Cobourg.	May 13, 1885
2038-5-1991.197V-8-200	File - Draft of Convocation Address. Cobourg.	May 4, 1886
2038-5-1991.197V-8-201	File - Address Notes. "The Life Eternal." Mount Forest.	December 19, 1886
2038-5-1991.197V-8-202	File - Newspaper Report of Farewell Address to Members of Graduating Class re: Life of the Cross. Cobourg World.	May 12, 1887
2038-5-1991.197V-8-203	File - College Speech re: Need for Methodist University.	n.d.
2038-5-1991.197V-8-204	File - Newspaper Report of Convocation Address re: State of Higher Education in Ontario.	n.d.
2038-5-1991.197V-8-205	File - Convocation Address. n.d.	n.d.
2038-5-1991.197V-8-206	File - Missionary Address. "Conversion of the World."	n.d.
2038-5-1991.197V-8-207	File - Missionary Speech.	n.d.
2038-5-1991.197V-8-208	File - Address re: Christian Education.	n.d.
2038-5-1991.197V-8-209	File - Address. "The Church and the School."	n.d.
2038-5-1991.197V-8-210	File - Address. "Doubting."	n.d.
2038-5-1991.197V-8-211	File - Addresses. The Gospel Commandment. The Power of Example.	n.d.
2038-5-1991.197V-8-212	File - Address. "Methodism and Education."	n.d.
2038-5-1991.197V-8-213	File - Address. "On Physical Force in Aid of the Gospel."	n.d.
2038-5-1991.197V-8-214	File - Address. "Patriotism." (Victoria and the Need for Christian Education)	n.d.
2038-5-1991.197V-8-215	File - Address. "Taught of God." (Intellectual Age)	n.d.

Series 2038-6: Lectures

Date: 1854-[188?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of lectures, 1854–1887, predominantly concerning religion, but including philosophy, metaphysics and ethics.

The three boxes of lectures range in date from 1854 to 1887. Most are contained in notebooks, and they tend to be in the form of brief notes and questions rather than fully realized drafts. Usually the academic lectures are constructed around the texts which have been chosen for a particular course. Also included in this series are several lectures of a more popular or informal nature which were designed to appeal to student audiences or to the general public. Following the lectures are those notebooks which contain some combination of record types such as essays, sermons, addresses, and lectures.

Physical description: 36 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2038-6-1991.197V-9-216	File - Lecture. "Formation of Character."	February 18, 1854		
2038-6-1991.197V-9-217	File - Lecture re: Books. Mechanics Institute. Cobourg.	1857		
2038-6-1991.197V-9-218	File - Notes for Inaugural Lecture Before Victoria College Literary Association.	October 5, 1860		
2038-6-1991.197V-9-219	File - Lectures on Logic.	August 27, 1863–January 24, 1865		
2038-6-1991.197V-9-220	File - Moral and Religious Lectures. (Butler and Stewart)	1864		
2038-6-1991.197V-9-221	File - Lecture on Ethics.	January 11, 1865		
2038-6-1991.197V-9-222	File - Lecture. "Relation of Morality and Religion."	January 28, 1865		
2038-6-1991.197V-9-223	File - Lectures. "Questions on Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations and Butler's Sermons." Examination Questions on Whately's Morals and Evidences.	1865		
2038-6-1991.197V-9-224	File - Lectures. "Questions on Adam Smith's Theory of Moral Sentiments."	May, 1865		
2038-6-1991.197V-9-225	File - Lectures. "Questions in Ethics". (Jouffroy)	August, 1865		
2038-6-1991.197V-9-226	File - Sunday Lectures.	1865-1868		
2038-6-1991.197V-9-227	File - Notebook of Ethical Lectures.	1866-1871		
2038-6-1991.197V-9-228	File - Notebook of Lectures on Butler's Sermons.	October, 1866		
2038-6-1991.197V-9-229	File - Lectures.	1866		
2038-6-1991.197V-10-230	File - Lectures on Logic.	November, 1866		
2038-6-1991.197V-10-231	File - Notebook of Lectures.	1870-1877		
2038-6-1991.197V-10-232	File - Notebook of Lectures	1867-1876		
2038-6-1991.197V-10-240	File - Lectures on Metaphysics.	1877–1878		
2038-6-1991.197V-10-233	File - Notebook of Lectures.	1868-1870		

2038-6-1991.197V-10-234	File - Saturday Lecture re: Importance of Being Oneself.	November, 1866
2038-6-1991.197V-10-235	File - Notebook of Lectures.	1868-1875
2038-6-1991.197V-10-236	File - Notebook of Lectures.	1871-1879
2038-6-1991.197V-10-237	File - Notebook of Lectures.	1871-1880
2038-6-1991.197V-10-238	File - Lectures in Stewart.	1873
2038-6-1991.197V-10-239	File - Lecture Notes. Hamilton.	January, 1874
2038-6-1991.197V-10-240	File - Lectures on Metaphysics.	1877-1878
2038-6-1991.197V-11-241	File - Notebook of Lectures on Ethics. (Kant) Fall	1878
2038-6-1991.197V-11-242	File - Lectures in Ethics. (Wuttke, Plato, Aristotle, Kant, Bascom)	October, 1880- March, 1881
2038-6-1991.197V-11-243	File - Lectures in Philosophy. (Hamilton, Schwegler)	October, 1881- March, 1882
2038-6-1991.197V-11-244	File - Lectures in Ethics. Examination Questions in Back of Notebook.	March 12, 1885- November 3, 1886
2038-6-1991.197V-11-245	File - Lectures on Ethics.	1886-1887
2038-6-1991.197V-11-246	File - Lectures on Political Economy, Ethics, Evidences, and Logic.	[188?]
2038-6-1991.197V-11-247	File - Lecture. "Latest Advices."	[188?]
2038-6-1991.197V-11-248	File - Lecture. "Latest Advices."	[188?]
2038-6-1991.197V-11-249	File - Lecture. "Latest Advices."	[188?]
2038-6-1991.197V-11-250	File - Lecture to Students re: Need for Specialization.	[188?]
2038-6-1991.197V-11-251	File - Lecture to Students re: Objects of Education.	[188?]

Series 2038-7: Notebooks of sermons, addresses, lectures, essays and notes

Date: 1847-1887 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of notebooks of sermons, addresses, lectures, essays and notes, 1847-1887; contents are predominantly sermons.

Physical description: 24 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2038-7-1991.197V-12-252	File - Notebook.	1847		
2038-7-1991.197V-12-253	File - Notebook of Lectures, Speeches, and Sermons. Lecture on Books.	1858		
2038-7-1991.197V-12-254	File - Notebook.	1862-1869		
2038-7-1991.197V-12-255	File - Notebook.	1863-1867		
2038-7-1991.197V-12-256	File - Notebook	1864-1866		
2038-7-1991.197V-12-257	File - Notebook.	1865-1871		

2038-7-1991.197V-12-258	File - Preparation Book.	1866-1869
2038-7-1991.197V-12-259	File - Notebook	1866-1875
2038-7-1991.197V-12-260	File - Notebook.	1867-1879
2038-7-1991.197V-13-261	File - Notebook.	1867-1873
2038-7-1991.197V-13-262	File - Notebook.	1867
2038-7-1991.197V-13-263	File - Notebook	1869-1879
2038-7-1991.197V-13-264	File - Notebook	1873-1884
2038-7-1991.197V-13-265	File - Notebook	1885-1887

Series 2038-8: Writing and memorabilia

Date: 1846-1902 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of various writings, including extracts, notes and reflections, 1848–1886; and personal memorabilia, including Victoria College programmes and material after Nelles death, 1846–1902. Box 14 holds written material which does not fall into any of the previously mentioned categories. It includes scripture studies, religious meditations, selected extracts from a variety of sources, and miscellaneous notes. The box also contains an assortment of personal documents and memorabilia, including a scrapbook on Nelles completed after his death by J.G. Hodgins.

Physical description: 12 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2038-8-1991.197V-14-266	File - Scripture Studies. Letter to Romans, Toronto, Mark's Gospel. London. The New Testament.	September 18, 1849 - July 16, 1850.		
2038-8-1991.197V-14-267	File - Scripture Studies. Letter to the Romans.	[1850]		
2038-8-1991.197V-14-268	File - Religious Reflections.	October 15, 1848		
2038-8-1991.197V-14-269	File - Religious Meditations. Toronto.	1849–1850		
2038-8-1991.197V-14-270	File - Religious Commentaries.	1850–1851		
2038-8-1991.197V-14-271	File - Notebook. "Religious Meditations."	April 30, 1865– July 9, 1871		
2038-8-1991.197V-14-272	File - Ethical Memoranda.	1886–1887		
2038-8-1991.197V-14-273	File - Notebook. "Poetic Extracts." Port Hope. Includes lists of books to be purchased.	January, 1848		
2038-8-1991.197V-14-274	File - Notebook. Proverbs, Precepts, Rules, and Principles. Toronto.	March, 1850		
2038-8-1991.197V-14-275	File - Selected Extracts. "Fellow Voices." Toronto.	May 10, 1850		
2038-8-1991.197V-14-276	File - Selected Extracts. Victoria College.	December, 1850		
2038-8-1991.197V-14-277	File - Notebook. "Select Sentences from Various Authors."	February 8, 1854		
2038-8-1991.197V-14-278	File - Notebook. "Notes in Reading."	1863–1865		

2038-8-1991.197V-14-279	File - Selected Extracts. "Scraps." Victoria University.	December 28, 1880
2038-8-1991.197V-14-280	File - Notebook of Selected Extracts.	1885
2038-8-1991.197V-14-281	File - Notebook of Selected Extracts.	[188-]
2038-8-1991.197V-14-282	File - Notebook of Selected Extracts.	[188-]
2038-8-1991.197V-14-283	File - Fragment of Notebook. "Wesleyan Positions."	[188-]
2038-8-1991.197V-14-284	File - Notebook. "Wesleyana, being brief extracts from Wesley's Writings."	n.d.
2038-8-1991.197V-14-285	File - Review of the Reverend Baptist Noel's Essay on Church and State for the Christian Guardian. Toronto.	March 27, 1849
2038-8-1991.197V-14-286	File - Notes on Church History.	1849
2038-8-1991.197V-14-287	File - Parody on Hamlet's Soliloquy. "Soliloquy in a Barber's Shop."	February 22, 1854
2038-8-1991.197V-14-288	File - Introduction to S.G. Phillips' Need of the World.	1882
2038-8-1991.197V-14-289	File - Notebook. Memoranda on College Matters. Drafts of Address on Federation. July, 1886. Sermon. Twenty-third Psalm. London. July 3, 1886.	1886
2038-8-1991.197V-14-290	File - Prayers for the Conversion of the World, for the Nation, for the Church.	n.d.
2038-8-1991.197V-14-291	File - Notebook. Texts and Topics.	n.d.
2038-8-1991.197V-14-292	File - Miscellaneous Memoranda.	1868, 1880, 1886, n.d.
2038-8-1991.197V-14-293	File - Miscellaneous Notes.	n.d.
2038-8-1991.197V-14-294	File - Nelles' Graduation Programme from Wesleyan University	1849
2038-8-1991.197V-14-295	File - Programme for Nelles' Funeral.	October 19, 1887
2038-8-1991.197V-14-296	File - Eulogy for S.S. Nelles by the Reverend Dr. William Ormiston. "Blessed are the Dead."	1887
2038-8-1991.197V-14-297	File - Invitation to Unveiling of Busts of Dr. Ryerson and Dr. Nelles.	November 15, 1902
2038-8-1991.197V-14-298	File - Catalogue of the Books in the Library of the Late Rev. S.S. Nelles.	n.d.
2038-8-1991.197V-14-299	File - Essay Dedicated to Nelles by Mary C. Weaver. "The Fine Arts—Their Origin and Influences."	n.d.
2038-8-1991.197V-14-300	File - List of Nelles Memorial Subscriptions.	n.d.
2038-8-1991.197V-14-301	File - Scrapbook on S.S. Nelles Compiled by J.G. Hodgins Includes photograph of Nelles, engraving of "Old Vic" and Faraday Hall, telegram from William Kerr notifying Hodgins of Nelles' death, funeral programme, various obituary notices and newspaper reports of memorial services, abstracts of letters from Nelles to Hodgins, and information relating to the Nelles Memorial Fund.	1871-1887

Series 2038-9: Material relating to Victoria College

Date: 1843-1884 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of various items relating to Victoria College, 1836–1884, including account books, reports, memoranda and lists.

The final box in the collection is comprised of material relating to university matters. The financial records of Victoria are followed by a number of documents gathered in the course of Nelles' work as an administrator. In addition, there is a scrapbook of newspaper clippings (mostly letters to the editor) dealing with the university question between 1857 and 1859.

Physical description: 12 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2038-9-1991.197V-15-302	File - Account Book for Subscription Scholarships for Victoria College Endowment Fund.	1851–1855		
2038-9-1991.197V-15-303	File - Account Book for Victoria College Library Fund. 1856–1861. Includes John Ryerson's account with the Bank of Montreal on behalf of Victoria College.	1857–1858		
2038-9-1991.197V-15-304	File - Certificate for Subscription Scholarship for Victoria College, Cobourg.	1856		
2038-9-1991.197V-15-305	File - Report of Financial Committee of Victoria College. Cobourg.	October, 1860		
2038-9-1991.197V-15-306	File - Minutes of Meeting re: Endowment Fund for Victoria College. Wesleyan Church, Cobourg.	November 10, 1868		
2038-9-1991.197V-15-307	File - Account Book for Victoria College.	April, June, 1882		
2038-9-1991.197V-15-308	File - Account Book for Subscriptions to Ryerson Chair of Mental and Moral Philosophy and Christian Evidences.	November, 1882		
2038-9-1991.197V-15-309	File - Financial Receipts (Primarily for Subscriptions to Ryerson Chair).	1883–1885		
2038-9-1991.197V-15-310	File - Report of Select Committee on Religious Grants. No. 108.	1836		
2038-9-1991.197V-15-311	File - Programme for First Public Examination of Victoria College.	April 1843		
2038-9-1991.197V-15-312	File - Lists of Victoria College Graduates.	1849 1848		
2038-9-1991.197V-15-313	File - List of Marks for Victoria College Students. Spring Term	1853		

2038-9-1991.197V-15-314	File - Notation of Section IV. University of Toronto Act of 1853.	1853
2038-9-1991.197V-15-315	File - Scrapbook of Clippings with Reference to the University Question.	1857-1859
2038-9-1991.197V-15-316	File - Draft of Legislation for Provincial University.	[1868]
2038-9-1991.197V-15-317	File - Building Agreement for Wesleyan Methodist Parsonage in Cobourg.	January 30, 1872
2038-9-1991.197V-15-318	File - Manuscript. Opinion on Wills of Edward and Lydia Ann Jackson re: Victoria College by Rose, Macdonald and Merritt.	July 17, 1876
2038-9-1991.197V-15-319	File - Memorandum Respecting the Chair of Classical Literature in University College.	August 11, 1880
2038-9-1991.197V-15-320	File - Private Memorandum for the Honourable G.W. Ross, Minister of Education re: University Question. (2 drafts)	July 24, 1884
2038-9-1991.197V-15-321	File - Report of the President of Victoria College.	n.d.
2038-9-1991.197V-15-322	File - List of Members of Board of Regents of Victoria University Noting Their Attitude Toward Federation.	n.d.