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Summary information

Repository:	Victoria University Archives
Title:	Victoria College (Cobourg, Ont.). Literary Association fonds
ID:	2005
Category [alternative]:	Student/Alumni Organizations
Date:	1857-1893 (date of creation)
Physical description:	36 cm of textual records
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Added by MO: June 1, 2016Revised by ECN: April 25, 2017Updated by JT: Nov 8 2019
Note [generalNote]:	See also Conversazione Committee Fonds (Fonds 2017); Union Literary Society Fonds (Fonds 2006); the Victoria College Women's Literary Society (Fonds 2057); and the Literary Societies Fonds (Fonds 2089).

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Association was constituted in 1857. Its mandate was to promote the cultivation of literature, science, and oratory. The founder and first president was John Campbell, a tutor in Classics at the College. Samuel Sobieski Nelles took over the presidency after Campbell's retirement in 1860. The Association began hosting 'conversaciones' in 1862 and this became a custom for more than 50 years. In 1893, the Association joined with the Jackson Society to form the Union Literary Society.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of constitution, 1857; minutes, 1857-1893; correspondence (letterbooks), 1870-1882; treasurer's books, 1857-1892; and library record book, 1885-1891.

Notes

Title notes

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

Physical condition

1991.136V1-3 - Minute book 1860-1867 has a broken spine.

Immediate source of acquisition

Unknown - records were in the East stacks and not previously accessioned before 1991
1991.136V

Accruals

Closed fonds. No further accruals.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
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Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2005-1991.136V-1-1	File - Constitution	1857		
2005-1991.136V-1-2	File - Minutes	1857-1860		
2005-1991.136V-1-3	File - Minutes	1860-1867		
2005-1991.136V-1-4	File - Minutes	1867-1871		
2005-1991.136V-1-5	File - Minutes	1871-1874		
2005-1991.136V-1-6	File - Minutes	1875-1878		
2005-1991.136V-2-1	File - Minutes	1878-1882		
2005-1991.136V-2-2	File - Minutes	1882-1887		
2005-1991.136V-2-3	File - Minutes	1887-1893		
2005-1991.136V-2-4	File - Letter Book	1870-1878		
2005-1991.136V-3-1	File - Letter Book	1878-1882		
2005-1991.136V-3-2	File - Treasurer's book	1857-1862		
2005-1991.136V-3-3	File - Treasurer's book	1864-1868		

2005-1991.136V-3-4	File - Treasurer's book	1887-1892
2005-1991.136V-3-5	File - Library record book	1885-1891