

Deposited by Mrs. F. B. Edwards, 1962.

(In addition to microfilm copies of other diaries lent to the University by Mrs. L. Boyd of New Zealand and microfilmed in 1959.)

Access: May be consulted by bona fide researchers.

WILLIAM ARCHER JOURNALS 1847-1874

William Archer (1820-1874) the second son of Thomas Archer (1790-1850) of Woolmers, Longford, studied architecture in England and after returning to Van Diemen's Land, designed among other buildings, the Hutchins School in Hobart, Mona Vale, at Ross, and Saundridge, Cressy, as well as the East window of Christ Church, Longford. For some years he was secretary of the Royal Society of Tasmania, a Fellow of the Royal and Linnean Societies of England, and a keen botanist, named many Tasmanian plants and assisted Dr. Hooker who dedicated to him and Ronald C. Gunn, his work on the flora of Tasmania. From 1856 until 1858, he lived in England and worked at the Herbarium, Kew Gardens, presenting the library with a book of his drawings of Tasmanian orchids and mosses. He was a leading member of the anti-transportation movement, and a member for Parliament at various times between his election for Westbury in 1851 and retirement in 1866. For many years he lived at Cheshunt, Deloraine. He died at Fairfield, Longford, in 1874.

CORRESPONDENCE

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1. Letter Books 1867 - 1872

William Archer's memoranda of letters written and abstracts of letters.

2 volumes (disbound)

- (1) Jan. 1867 - Sep. 1868
- (2) Oct. 1868 - July 1872

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2. Journals of William Archer 1847 - 1862

Entries for most days, sometimes including much detail, referring to his daily work (both farm work on his property and later his architectural work), also his travels, visits to and from neighbours, elections and political activities etc. Also an additional fragment of a 'private diary' for 1848 including references to his reading and botanical study.

Note: Other diaries (1856-8, 1862-74) were in the possession of

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Mrs. L. Boyd in New Zealand in 1959 and a microfilm copy was made of these.

5 volumes (1 folio, 3 quarto note-books, 1 unbound):

- (1) Mar. - Dec. 1847
- (2)(a) Jan. 1848 - Jan. 1856
 - (b) Jan. - July 1848 (private diary)
- (3) June 1858 - May 1859
- (4) May 1859 - Oct. 1960
- (5) Oct. 1860 - Nov. 1862

3. Microfilm copy of the journals 1847 - 1874

Microfilm of the above journals (lent for copying in 1959) and also of other journals of William Archer in the possession of Mrs. L. Boyd of New Zealand and lent by her to the University in 1959 for copying.

11 reels of microfilm (35 mm)

- (1) Mar. - Dec. 1847
- (2) Jan. 1848 - Sep. 1855
- (3) Aug. 1856 - May 1858
- (4) May 1859 - Sep. 1860
- (5) Oct. 1860 - Nov. 1862
- (6) Dec. 1862 - Dec. 1864
- (7) Jan. 1865 - Dec. 1866
- (8) Jan. 1867 - Dec. 1869
- (9) 1870 - 1872
- (10) Jan. - Oct. 1874
- (11) Miscellaneous duplicates and ?omissions.