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**Description and Finding Aid  
JOHN AMBERY COLLECTION  
F2060**

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## JOHN AMBERY COLLECTION

**Dates of creation:**

1842-1903

**Extent:**

2 files of textual material

**Biographical sketch:**

John Ambery, academic, was born in April 1828 in Manchester, England, and died in 1878 in England. He attended the Manchester Grammar School and Brasenose College, Oxford. Upon graduation, he was appointed Professor of Classics in St. Andrew's College, Bradford, England. In 1856 John Ambery left England and was appointed Lecturer in Classics at Trinity College, Toronto. Two years later he moved to the Toronto Grammar School as classical master. He also held the position of Inspector of Grammar Schools and was a member of the Council of Education. Ambery returned to Trinity in 1863, holding the dual post of Professor of Classics and Dean of Residence until 1875, when he was compelled by ill health to resign.

In 1858 he married Henrietta Frederick Foster, youngest daughter of Colonel Colley Lyons Lucas Foster. They had four children: Ellen Marian, Charles Clayton, Edward Foster, and John Willis. In 1876 he was appointed to the Chair of Classics at Bishops College, Lennoxville, Quebec, In 1878 he returned to England.

[Source: Biographical sketch of John Ambery by his son, Edward Foster Ambery in F2067, Irving H. Cameron fonds, Trinity College Archives.]

**Scope and content:**

The fonds consists of a letter book and an itemized list of the contents of that letter book. A significant portion of the correspondence is in regard to a letter published in *The Globe* on 2 February 1875. The fonds also includes a poem titled "College Vagaries."

**Notes:**

*Acquisition history:*

The fonds appears to have passed from the possession of Guy E. Whittaker to the College Librarian before being passed to the Archives at an unknown date. The poem was received from the ROM's Canadiana department.

*Restrictions on access:*

None

*Terms governing use and reproduction / publication:*

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**Provenance access points:**

Ambery, John, 1828-1878

**Location / File Listing:**

<b>FOLDER/UNIT TITLE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>END DATE</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>BOX/ FILE #</b>
Letter book with itemized list of letters	1842	1903	Letter book containing letters received by the Rev. John Ambery. Correspondents include Cardinal John Henry Newman, Charles Bagot, the Bishop of Manchester, Goldwin Smith, W. E. Forster, Archbishop Lynch of Toronto, Edwin Hatch, Daniel Wilson, A. N. Bethune, John McCaul, Thomas Rothwell Bently, Emily Gourlay, Charles Lindsey, Stephen Lett, Florence Moody, John Hillyard Cameron, Frank Wootten, and Angus Kennedy. Several refer to a letter to <i>The Globe</i> dated 2 February 1875, signed by "A Graduate". It also includes the autograph of George Brown and a poem by Ambery on the birth of his eldest son.	1-1
Poem, "College Vagaries"	[1863?]	[1875?]	Poem entitled "College Vagaries," apparently written by a student between 1863 and 1875 and given to Ambery.	1-2