BAGNANI COLLECTION

A collection of volumes and papers from the library of Professor Gilbert Bagnani and his wife, Stewart Bagnani. It includes manuscripts collected by them or relating to their library.

EXTENT: 17 cm.

Accession numbers: 85.058-85.060

Gift of Mrs. Stewart Bagnani, November 1985.

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Gilbert Bagnani was born in Rome in 1900, and educated in Italy and England. In 1929, after his marriage to Stewart Houston he joined the Italian School of Classical Studies in Athens, and served with the Royal Italian Archaeological Mission in Egypt for seven years. They moved to a farm near Port Hope in 1937. In 1945 he was asked to fill temporarily a vacancy in the Department of Classics, University College where he taught for twenty years. He retired in 1965 from the University of Toronto, but he then taught at Trent University for another ten years, retiring in 1975. He died in 1985.

In 1960 he gave his collection of Petronius to the newly established Department of Rare Books and Special Collections. After his death the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library received a bequest from his collection of books and manuscripts.
Au nom de Peuple français. Bonaparte, premier consul de la République française. Sur le compte qui nous a été rendu de la capacité du Cen. Pastoris (Joachim) Maire de ses bonnes moeurs, ... nous l'avons nommé par car présentée, scellés du pentir sceau de l'Etat, Présidan de l'Assemblée, du canton de Cirié ... le quinzième jour du mois de pluviose l'an 12 de la République française.


Document on vellum appointing Pastoris President of the Canton of Cirié. 46 x 37 cm.


Robinson, Emma Walker, Lady, d. 1865 Diaries, 1847-1863. 2 v. (v. 1, 1847-1858; v. 2, 1859-1863)

Holograph, with a few explanatory notes by her son, Sir Charles Robinson, who had the diaries bound in 1911.

Emma, daughter of Charles Walker of Harlesdon, Middlesex, England, married John Beverley Robinson (1791-1863) on 5 June 1817. She kept these diaries while living at Beverley House in Toronto, between 1847 and 1863; diaries for the years 1850, 1853, and 1855 to 1857 are missing. The diaries provide a social history of Toronto life in a certain stratum of society. There are a few references to the running and staffing of the large house Lady Robinson lived in. The diary ends two days before her husband's death in 1863. She survived him by two years.
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