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MARTIN (WILLIAM S.) PAPERS. 1858-1932.

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A collection of notebooks, diaries, account books, memoranda books, belonging to or associated with William S. Martin (fl. 1858-1893) and his family. 1858-1932. Provenance is unknown.

Extent: 13 notebooks. 1 box. (approximately 5")

W. S. Martin is the author of three works: The Captain's story; or, the disobedient son (London, 1868); Our school days (London, 1869); The wild bells and what they rang (London, 1871). On the basis of information from the diaries and notebooks, he seems to have been a school master in the south of England during the middle and late 1860's. By 1886 he had emigrated to Toronto where in 1893 he sold insurance.

Seven diaries and notebooks contain entries by W.S. Martin recording observations during walks, students' marks and cricket scores, drafts of poems and notes on literary efforts, sketches, household and business accounts. An undated notebook containing an entry for April 1886 in Martin's hand also contains household accounts and garden notes, etc. in an unknown hand, covering years 1905 to 1912.

Accompanying these seven notebooks are four notebooks with entries in an unknown hand covering years from 1903 to 1932, consisting largely of household accounts, shopping lists, garden notes, etc. With these also is a memoranda book inscribed: W. [?] Martin, Heralds College, St. Pauls Chair, with notes in an unknown hand and lists of "X-cursions. FM." dated 1782 to 1844. Also a notebook in an unknown hand entitled "Lexicon of Radical Hebrew Verbs".

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