

nent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies from 1871 to 1892. Herbert had a business association with Vogel in Western Australia during the 1880s, and the two men were on terms of distant friendship in the 1890s. The correspondence between them in these files is enough to modify, as a long-term judgement, the often-repeated opinion Herbert expressed of Vogel in 1873 that he was 'the most audacious adventurer that perhaps has ever held power in a British colony'. The Papers also contain a record of a very large part of all that Vogel officially said or wrote on his varied range of interests, from sugar beet cultivation to the condition of the British Empire; while the files on the period between 1876 and 1882 contain correspondence from and to most of the leading New Zealand political figures of the time.

Apart from the difficulty of referring to everything the two collections contain, it should also be noted that much of the material on a given topic will be scattered through several files, but that only the more important contents of each file have been listed. In addition, with some topics, correspondence in the Turnbull collection relates to material in the General Assembly collection and vice versa. A more serious problem which faces anyone using the Papers is that Vogel's handwriting is extremely difficult to read. The problem this poses is compounded in many of the letter copy books, where the copies are also indistinct. A combination of the two factors makes much of what he wrote virtually indecipherable.

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- A. Mainly personal letters from Vogel to his wife, together with genealogical notes and some printed matter.
- B. Mainly general letters to Lady Vogel and biographical material concerning her.
- C. Mainly letters from Vogel's sister, Frances, between 1884 and 1887. She looked after his affairs in England at this time and acted as guardian to Vogel's sons who were at Charterhouse.
- D. Letters from, and material connected with, Vogel's son Harry.
- E. Letters from, and material connected with, Vogel's son Frank.
- F. Letters from, and material connected with, Vogel's son Julius.
- G. & H. Letters from, and material connected with, Vogel's daughter Phoebe.
- I. Papers of the Clayton family, and letters from them to Lady Vogel.

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(NB - The main library catalogue does not list all the material in the collection. The listed files are those numbered Vols 1-16. The Box Files are not listed, but some are numbered separately. The unnumbered ones have red binding on them, and have been listed here as Box Files (Red).)