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**RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY**

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**LIST OF RECORDS**

1. An address of the Irish Provident Society and the Irishmen of London to Charles Gavan Duffy, on his leaving England for Australia.
   - 1 sheet, ms.
   - Nov. 3, 1855.

2. An address of some Catholics of Victoria to Charles Gavan Duffy, on his visit to Victoria.
   - 1 sheet, ms.
   - Jan. 1856.

   - 1 sheet, ms.
   - 1873.

4. An address of the members of Saint Patrick's Society to Charles Gavan Duffy, on his recovery from an illness.
   - 1 sheet, ms.
   - undated.

5. An address by the Gavan Duffy Funeral Committee to the Irish People.
   - 1 sheet, printed.
   - [1903]


7. Booklet entitled Memoir of Charles Gavan Duffy Esq. as Student, Journalist, and Organizer, and with selections from His Poems and Essays.
8. Booklet entitled "Speech of C. Gavan Duffy, Esq. at Melbourne on the Presentation of a Property Qualification to him."
   15pp. Melbourne, August 20, 1856.

   11pp. Melbourne, 1876.


11. Newspaper cutting - article entitled "Early Melbourne - Some Successful Colonists".

12. Photograph of the Duffy Ministry (4 x 2½)

13. John FARRELL to Judge DUFFY
    Re. above photograph.
    1p. ms.
    Feb. 27, 1950.

14. Sir Charles Gavan Duffy’s obituaries from various newspapers. 63 pp Xerox copy.

15. I.H.V Heaton, Carlton Club, As Miss Grace Duffy, 11 February 1903 Letter of Condolence on the death of her "grand and noble father".

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