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Papers of Mary Thérèse De Lautour and the Bournemouth Poetry Society

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| 1/1 | Letter from John Drinkwater to Laurence Housman concerning the Poetry Society [the letter is not in its original envelope]; handwritten and typewritten letters from Walter de la Mare to Mary De Lautour about lectures and poetry competitions; two letters from Edith Sitwell in one envelope; typewritten signed letter from Sybil Thorndike, declining an invitation to recite for the Bournemouth Poetry Society; two further letters from Edith Sitwell, sent from the Paris home of Evelyn Wiel, one containing a newspaper review of a pastel of Edith Sitwell by C.R.W.Nevinson; letters from Henry Lamb; letter card from John Masefield; letter from Helen Rootham about Mary De Lautour's summary of her lecture on music; letters from Arthur Quiller-Couch, John Masefield, T.S.Eliot, Thomas Hardy | 1922-27 |
| 1/2 | Typewritten essay, 'Imaginary conversation'; letter from <i>The Morning Post</i> ; poems on various themes, some religious, some on nature; typewritten chapters: 'Mysticism and reality', 'The future of reality', 'Essay on food and poetry'; report on a Greek Drama summer school | 1925, n.d. |
| 1/3 | Essays on poetry by Mary De Lautour; essays on Christ; essay entitled 'The blessed Virgin Mary'; several poems | n.d. |
| 1/4 | Account book; cutting from <i>The Times Literary Supplement</i> | 1912,1913 |
| 1/5 | Diaries | 1907,1939 |
| 2/1 | <i>From the Holy Land</i> : a book of photographs of Palestine, taken by Mary De Lautour | n.d. |
| 2/2 | Album containing: handwritten notes on hymns, a sermon, illustrations removed from a Bible, poems | n.d. |
| 2/3 | Notebook containing: newspaper cuttings about Bournemouth and the Bournemouth Poetry Society, programmes of events, minutes of meetings | 1922-7 |
| 2/4 | 'Poems and impressions' by Mary De Lautour | n.d. c.1955 |
| 2/5 | <i>Ideal Birthday Book</i> , with a dedication to Mr Mundella from Miss De Lautour, containing quotations for each day, with pencilled notes by A.J.Mundella; letter of thanks to Mary De Lautour from Mr Mundella | 1913 |
| 2/6 | Notebook, mostly of blank pages, containing lists of poems, anthologies, hymns and subjects for prayer; handwritten notes on Arnold Bennett | n.d., 1926 |
| 2/7 | Copy of <i>Quarterly Record</i> , published by the Mission to Mediterranean Garrisons; handwritten prayers and notes; drafts of letters | 1944, n.d. |
| 2/8 | Notebook containing handwritten copies of poems by well-known authors, some with notes of criticism by Mary De Lautour | c.1912-16 |

2/9	Notebook: 'Divine Anthology' written on the first page, contains handwritten copies of religious poems and extracts from religious works	n.d.
3/1	Typewritten carbon copies of letters containing descriptions of Spain, sent to Mary De Lautour's sister and friends; business and personal letters sent from Capri and Naples; article sent to the <i>Bournemouth Daily Echo</i> about the abdication of King Alfonso	n.d., 1931-34
3/2	Prayers, thoughts and descriptions of events typed by Mary De Lautour during her visit to Palestine	1937
3/3	Letters from the secretaries of Bernard Shaw and G.K.Chesterton, declining invitations to talk at the society's meetings; letters from Laurence Housman, some enclosing poems; receipts; photograph, mounted on card, of Mary and her sister; poems grouped under the heading 'ballad competition'; typewritten letter from Walter de la Mare concerning a poetry competition; entries in the 'parody competition'; letter from Laurence Housman about the 'Housman competition'; notebook containing poems in honour of Thomas Hardy	1924-6
3/4	Poems by Mary De Lautour and others; sonnets submitted for a Bournemouth Poetry Society competition; programmes of events; letters about possible speakers; entries in the epigram competition; two pages about Mary De Lautour's visit to Galilee	n.d., 1922-4
3/5	Poems about Bournemouth; cards about The Green Bus Group; letters from Laurence Housman; poems by different authors on sundry topics; letters about speakers to the Bournemouth Poetry Society	n.d.,1925
3/6	Typewritten Christian poems written during Mary De Lautour's visit to Palestine, annotated with a view to publication	c.1937
4/1	Poems and extracts of poems by various authors, selected for days of the month of January	n.d.
4/2	Correspondence about membership of the Bournemouth Poetry Society; programmes of the society	1922-7
4/3	Poems by Mary De Lautour and letters about household problems	n.d., 1934
5	Diary containing extracts from poems; one incomplete undated letter to Mary De Lautour; letter from Mr Mundella; homemade bookmarks with typed texts	1913, 1921
6	Notebook inscribed 'Original literary attempts: book 2': contains letters, poems, and an index to poems and competitions	n.d.