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*The John Tyndall Correspondence Project*

Through the Irish Ordnance Survey and work as a railway engineer, the British physicist John Tyndall met the mathematician Thomas Archer Hirst in 1843. The two began a lifelong friendship and lively correspondence that lasted until Hirst's death in 1892. Tyndall received his mathematical training in Germany where he studied chemistry with Robert Bunsen and mathematical physics with Christian Gerling and Hermann Knoblauch in Marburg. While Tyndall himself mostly avoided mathematics and remained a classic physical experimentalist, his research into radiant heat and electromagnetism overlapped with that of Julius Plücker and Gustav Magnus, and Tyndall remained engaged with mathematics in so far as he frequently gossiped about the mathematicians of Europe with best friend Hirst. York University has collected, transcribed and edited the correspondence of John Tyndall. This paper explores the development of this correspondence as a historical repository and discusses the dimensions of this resource that will be of interest to historians of mathematics.