

John Winthrop Platner Papers

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Platner, John Winthrop
An Inventory of His Papers

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION:

Creator:

Title: Platner, John Winthrop - Papers

Date:

Quantity: 4 linear ft.

Location: C. S. Mss. 1985-9

Biography

1865, May 15	Born, Lee, Ma.
1885	Graduated Yale College
1893	Graduated Union Theological Seminary, New York
1893-1895	European Fellow, University of Berlin
1901	Received A.M., Yale College
1885-1890	Private tutor
1895-1896	Instructor in History of Religion and Apologetics, Union Theological Seminary
1896-1901	Assistant Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Harvard College
1901, June 18	Ordained (Congregational), First Congregational Church, Cambridge, Ma.
1901-1904	Taylor Professor of History, A.T.S.
1904-1921	Brown Professor of Ecclesiastical History, A.T.S.
1919-1921	Dean, A.T.S.
1921, March 18	Died, Cambridge, Ma.

Scope and Content

The John Winthrop Platner Papers, 1896-1921, document the professional work of Platner. Since most material is undated, dates of the collection are assigned to parallel his teaching at Harvard College and Andover Theological Seminary. The collection is arranged according to the following categories: poem, correspondence, addresses, lectures, unpublished manuscript titled "The history of early Christian literature," and miscellaneous notes and clippings. Bulk of the collection is class lectures.

Box 1

poem

Lines written in Cambridge, on the occasion of the death
of Ex Gov. W. E. Russell July 18, 1896

Letters1905

Apr. 13 William A. Knight to JWP; from Boston, MA

1909

May 29 JWP to C. C. Carpenter; from Cambridge, MA
31 C. C. Carpenter to JWP; from Andover, MA
(on bottom of previous letter)

June 9 C. C. Carpenter to JWP; from -----.

1910

Nov. 6 ----- to JWP; from Portland, ME (tele-
gram)

1917

Oct 30 Milton Newberry Frantz to JWP; from New
York, NY (enclosure)

Nov. 2 JWP to Milton Newberry Frantz; from
Cambridge, MA

Addressesundated

The war with Spain

1896

Oct. 2 Albrecht Ritschl and the Study of Early
Church History. Harvard Divinity School,
opening address

1899

Dec. 11 Papal Elections. Radcliffe History Club

1910

Apr. 4 Progress in Theology. Winthrop Club

Lectures

The lectures are organized into two groups: 1) those related to courses, and 2) those not related to courses. Those in the first group are arranged in chronological order; those in the second, according to the school at which the course was taught, in this order: Harvard College, Harvard Divinity School, and Andover Theological Seminary. Lectures within each sub-group are arranged alphabetically by the title of the course.

lectures not related to courses

n.d. Sunday Noon Lectures, Central Congregational Church, Boston

1901-1902

Apr. 3 - Foreign Missions from the Protestant Churches of the United States during the Nineteenth Century. Hyde Lectures, ATS

1905

Feb. 4 - Mar. 25 The Life and Times of Jesus Christ. The Twentieth Century Club, Boston (eight lectures on the life of Christ)

1906

Oct. 21 - Dec. 30 Great Leaders of the Early Church. Sunday Noon Lectures, Central Congregational Church, Boston. (ten lectures)

1908

Apr. 23 - May 28 The History of Andover Theological Seminary, A Centennial Retrospect. Southworth Lectures, ATS (six lectures)

Box 2

1911

Feb. 6 - 20 The Eastern Church. King's Chapel Lectures, Lowell Institute. (three lectures)

1914

Nov. The Homiletical Use of Church History. ATS (four lectures)

Course lecturescourses taught at Harvard CollegeBox 3 (begins
with folder 10)

The Elements of Christianity. History of Religions 10 (three folders)

The History of the Church Since the Reformation. History 21 (ten folders)

The History of the Early Church (also taught at Radcliffe College) (29 folders)

History 20 (one folder)

Box 4

courses taught at Harvard Divinity School

The Apostolic Fathers (two folders)

Bible Class on the Old Testament (four folders)

History 1 (four folders)

Box 5 (begins
with folder 14)courses taught at Andover Theological Seminary

Christian Institutions (19 folders)

Box 6 Church History in Outline (17 folders)
History of Christian Doctrine (18 folders)
Box 7 History of Modern Theology (five folders)
History of the New Testament Canon (five folders)
Box 8 Modern Foreign Missions (six folders)

material related to courses

lists of readings

ATS: Christian Institutions
History of the Church in England

examinations

HC: The Elements of Christianity
ATS: Christian Institutions
Church History in Outline
History of Christian Doctrine
History of Early Christian Literature
History of the Canon and Text of the New Testament
History of the Church in England
Modern Foreign Missions

lists of students and grades

HC: Elements of Christianity
History 21
Radcliffe College
ATS: Christian Institutions
Church History in Outline
The History of Early Christian Literature
History of Christian Doctrine
The History of the Church in England
Modern Foreign Missions

miscellaneous material related to courses

ATS: History of the Church in England

Unpublished manuscript

Box 9 (begins with folder 14)
The History of Early Christian Literature. Ten chapters, with an introduction, and an outline of chapters 11-14 (19 folders). Appears to be a modification of his lecture notes for the course, The History of Early Christian Literature, taught at ATS.

Notes

fragments (two folders)
Aristides and Justin Martyr (four folders)
Eusebius' Ecclesiastical History (five folders)
Jerome--Seminary Notes 1900-1901 (two folders)
Miscellaneous Notes on Education (one folder)
Notes on Italy--Places, History, Art, &c. (one folder)
Papal Elections (two folders)

pamphlets and clippings

one folder--mostly dealing with the Rockefeller gift of \$100,000 to the ABCFM in 1905, and the ensuing controversy.