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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Illinois Home Missionary Society
Creator:	Roy, J. E. (Joseph Edwin), 1827-1908
Creator:	Bascom, Flavel, 1804-1890
Creator:	Sturtevant, J. M. (Julian Monson), 1834-1921
Title:	Illinois Home Missionary Society records, 1872-1911.
ID:	RG4997
Date [inclusive]:	1872-1911
Physical Description:	1.44 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	<p>The Illinois Home Missionary Society was founded in 1871 at the annual meeting of the Congregational General Association of Illinois and was incorporated in 1873. The Society first existed under the auspices of the American Home Missionary Society and shared its mission to aid the spread of Christianity throughout the states and territories by organizing churches and commissioning ministers for congregations that lacked the financial resources to supply their own. The Society records series includes multiple items about the Illinois Home Missionary Society. This includes meeting minutes for the executive committee and the board of directors, various constitutions, missionary commission records, financials, scrapbooks, membership roster, and records detailing the merge with the Congregational Conference of Illinois.</p>

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], in the Illinois Home Missionary Society records, 1872-1911, RG4997.
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Historical Note

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In 1878, the Illinois Home Missionary Society underwent a major administrative reorganization, assuming auxiliary status under the national organization. This change allowed the Society to gain even greater control over its funds and policies and to become completely financially self-sufficient with excess funds passed on to the national organization. As a result of this reorganization, the 1873 corporation was dissolved in 1880 and the Society was reincorporated. Between 1878 and 1911, when it ceased to exist, the Illinois Home Missionary Society issued 1340 commissions.

On the advice of the national council, the Illinois Home Missionary Society turned over its operations to the Congregational Conference of Illinois in May 1911. Its assets and work were subsumed by the Conference, but there was little turnover in personnel, since the board of directors of the new organization retained most of the former members of the old Society's board.

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Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

This collection has two series, each arranged chronologically.

Series 1: Society records, 1872-1911.

Series 2: Scrapbooks, 1878-1909.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

William McCarthy. Collection was re-processed. 2019-07-16.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Materials were donated to the Congregational Library & Archives by the Chicago Theological Seminary in 2011; 2011-35.

Processing Information

Collection was first processed by David Castillo in February 2014. The collection was re-processed by William McCarthy in 2019 using DACS second edition.

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Related Materials

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Additional records related to the Illinois Home Missionary Society can be found in the Congregational Home Missionary Society reports, 1827-1891, RG0773, and the Congregational Home Missionary Society reports, 1892-1916, RG0774, and the American Home Missionary Society papers, 1816-1894, RG4675. RG4675 are microfilm copies of the Amistad Research Center's collection on the American Home Missionary Society records, 1816-1907.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Missionary societies.
- Congregational churches -- Illinois -- History.
- Scrapbooks -- Church history.
- Church finance.
- Constitutions.
- Church membership.
- Corporate minutes.
- Illinois Home Missionary Society
- American Home Missionary Society
- General Association of Illinois
- Congregational Home Missionary Society

Bibliography

Records of the meetings of the directors of the Illinois Home Missionary Society, in the Illinois Home Missionary Society records, 1872-1911, RG4997. The Congregational Library & Archives, Boston, MA.

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Collection Inventory

Society records, 1872-1911

Physical Description: 6 Items

Scope and Contents

This series contains records related to the Illinois Missionary Society and includes meeting minutes for the executive committee and the board of directors, various constitutions, missionary commission records, financials, membership roster, and records detailing the merge with the Congregational Conference of Illinois.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records of the meetings of the board of directors of the Illinois Home Missionary Society, 1872-1878	box 2	folder 1
Illinois Home Missionary Society records of commissions, 1877-1911	box 1	volume 3
Records of executive committee of the Illinois Home Missionary Society, May 29, 1878 - June 14, 1897	box 1	volume 4
Life members of the Illinois Home Missionary Society Auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, 1878-1903	box 1	volume 1
Records of the meetings of the directors of the Illinois Home Missionary Society, July 12, 1897 - May 17, 1911	box 1	volume 5
Illinois Home Missionary Society journal, April 1904 - March 1906	box 1	volume 2

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Scrapbooks, 1878-1909

Physical Description: 3 Items

Scope and Contents

This series contains scrapbooks related to the Illinois Home Missionary Society.

Title/Description	Instances	
Scrapbook, 1878-1886	box 2	volume 1
Scrapbook, 1885-1905	box 2	volume 2
Scrapbook, 1898-1909	box 1	volume 6

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