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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
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Creator:	Brattle, William, 1662-1717
Creator:	First Church (Cambridge, Mass.)
Creator:	Hilliard, Timothy, 1747-1790
Creator:	Holmes, Abiel, 1763-1837
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Abstract:	<p>Cambridge, Massachusetts, was first settled in 1630 and the first meeting house was erected in 1632. Public worship began in 1633 with Thomas Hooker and the First Church of Cambridge was formally established in 1636 with Thomas Shepard as the first minister. In 1650, 1706, and 1757 the second, third, and fourth meeting houses were constructed. The Parish split in 1829 between Unitarians and traditional Congregationalists after the parish severed its contract with Abiel Holmes over his refusal to invite Unitarian preachers into the church. In 1831 the newly formed Shepard Congregational Society built the fifth meeting house and in 1872 the sixth, and final meeting house was constructed. In 1919 the First Church and Shepard Congregational Society were incorporated into a single legal entity, the First Church in Cambridge. The First Church in Cambridge continues to serve the local community today. This collection contains the records kept by a number of ministers at the First Church in Cambridge as well as the records of various church organizations which were gathered by members of the First Church in Cambridge and include diaries, sermons, correspondence, meeting minutes, and financial records.</p>

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Historical Note

Cambridge, Massachusetts, originally called Newe Towne and then Newtowne until 1638, was first settled in 1630. The first meeting house was erected in 1632. Public worship began in 1633 with Thomas Hooker as the minister. In 1636 Hooker, and all but eleven members of his congregation, moved to Connecticut after he dissented from other Puritan leaders in Massachusetts. Thomas Shepard became the second minister in 1636 and the First Church was officially organized with him as the minister on February 1, 1636. It was the eleventh congregational church founded in Massachusetts. In 1637, Harvard was settled in Newtowne in part so that students could "benefit from proximity to the soul-ravishing preaching" of Rev. Shepard. In 1648 the Cambridge Platform of Church Doctrine and Discipline, an important document outlining church government in New England, was adopted in the First Church meeting house. Rev. Shepard continued to be the minister of the First Church until his death on August 25, 1649.

By 1650 the first meeting house had fallen into disrepair and the second meeting house was erected in the College Yard. Johnathan Mitchel succeeded Rev. Shepard in 1650 and served as the minister until his death in 1668. He was instrumental to the creation of the Half-Way Covenant which granted baptism to the children of nonmembers of the church. Rev. Mitchel was succeeded by Urian Oakes (1671-1682) and Nathaniel Gookin (1682-1692). In 1696, William Brattle, a 1662 graduate of Harvard, was installed as the minister of the First Church. During his time at the church he was also a tutor and treasurer at Harvard and a Fellow of the Royal Society of London. By 1703 the second meeting house had also fallen into disrepair and the town voted to begin construction on a third. Construction on the third meeting house was completed in 1706 and remained near the location of the second. Rev. Brattle's pastorate ended in 1716 with his death.

At 24 years of age, Nathaniel Appleton, was installed as the minister of the First Church in 1717. He is the single longest serving minister at First Church having served for 67 years until his death in 1784. Beyond his pastorate, Rev. Appleton was also a Fellow of Harvard and was the second ever recipient of the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Harvard in 1771. In 1718 the third meeting house was expanded. In 1753 the fourth meeting house was constructed. Timothy Hilliard was installed as an assistant pastor in 1783 while Rev. Appleton's health began to fade and in 1784 Hilliard was installed as the new minister. He served until his death in 1790.

Rev. Hilliard was succeeded by Abiel Holmes who was installed as the minister of the First Church in 1792. He graduated from Yale College in 1783 and became a minister in South Carolina and then

in Midway, Georgia until 1791 when he permanently moved back to New England. In 1803 he was made a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and in 1805 he published his history, *American Annals*. In 1813 he was elected as a member of the American Antiquarian Society and served as the secretary there from 1816-1828. In 1829, Rev Holmes' contract with the Parish of the First Church was severed over his refusal to invite Unitarian preachers and his strict adherence to evangelical Congregationalism. As a result, a majority of the church's members withdrew from the parish and formed the Shepard Congregational Society, hiring Rev. Holmes to lead the new congregation. In 1831 the fifth meeting house was constructed by the Shepard Congregational Society at the corner of Mt. Auburn and Holyoke Street. Rev. Holmes continued to be the pastor of the Congregational Church until 1831 when declining health forced him to resign from the position. The parish which remained in the fourth meeting house eventually became the First Parish Unitarian and built their fifth, and current, meeting house in 1833.

In 1829 Nehemiah Adams Jr. was installed as an assistant pastor at the First Church. When Rev. Holmes resigned in 1831 Rev. Adams became the minister. In 1834 he resigned from the pastorate to become the pastor of the Essex Street Church in Boston. In 1835 Dr. John Albro was called to become the next minister of the First Church. Rev. Albro was both scholarly and community oriented, serving on the School Committee and often inviting students to his residence for the study of the Greek Testament. He published a work titled the *Life of Thomas Shepard*. He resigned in 1865 and died the following year.

Alexander McKenzie was installed as the pastor of the First Church in Cambridge in 1867. During his pastorate, the church's membership grew significantly. He founded the Young People's Alliance in 1882. He also maintained close relations with Harvard and other academic institutions; at Harvard he was the preacher to the University and the Secretary of the Board of Overseers and he was also a trustee of Wellesley College. In 1872, the sixth, and final, meeting house was constructed. That church was also known as the Shepard Memorial Church. The fifth meeting house was sold to the Roman Catholic congregation following the construction of the sixth meeting house. In 1924 that building was sold to Harvard. Alexander McKenzie served as the pastor of the First Church until 1910 when he resigned, though he maintained the title of pastor-emeritus until his death in 1914.

In 1919 the First Church and Shepard Congregational Society were incorporated into a single legal entity, the First Church in Cambridge. In 1957 the First Church joined the United Church of Christ. In 1991 the First Church adopted the open and affirming title. Renovations on the sixth meeting house were completed in 2000. The First Church in Cambridge continues to serve the local community today.

Ministers	
Thomas Hooker	1633-1636
Thomas Shepard	1633-1649
Henry Dunster (interim)	1649-1650
Jonathan Mitchell	1650-1668
Charles Chauncey (interim)	1668-1671

Urian Oakes	1671-1682
Nathaniel Gookin	1682-1692
William Brattle	1696-1717
Nathaniel Appleton	1717-1783
Timothy Hilliard	1783-1790
Abiel Holmes	1792-1831
Nehemiah Adams	1831-1834
John A. Albro	1835-1867
Alexander McKenzie	1867-1912
Raymond Calkins	1912-1940
John H. Leamon	1940-1962
Wells Grogan	1962-1976
Allen Happe	1977-1999
Mary Luti	2000-2008
Daniel Smith	2008-present

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains the records kept by a number of ministers at the First Church in Cambridge as well as the records of various church organizations which were gathered by members of the First Church in Cambridge. The ministerial records within the collection contain extensive sermon records, and the diaries of Alexander McKenzie. The church organizations records within the collection contain meeting minutes, financial records, membership records, attendance records, and historical sketches.

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Arrangement

This collection has been arranged into the two series listed below. Both series are further divided into subseries based on topic. Within each series, materials have generally been arranged in chronological order by start date. Materials have also been grouped together by subject matter when there is a clear continuation of content between volumes.

Series 1: Ministerial records, 1784-1914

Subseries 1: William Brattle records, undated

Subseries 2: Nathaniel Appleton records, undated

Subseries 3: Timothy Hilliard records, 1784-1788

Subseries 4: Abiel Holmes records, 1788-1837

Subseries 5: Nehemiah Adams records, 1826-1834

Subseries 6: Samuel Green records, 1830

Subseries 7: John Albro records, 1864-1865

Subseries 8: Alexander McKenzie records, 1846-1914

Series 2: Church organizations, 1813-1968

Subseries 1: American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions records, 1813, 1821

Subseries 2: Missionary Sewing Circle records, 1819-1870

Subseries 3: Female Tract Society records, 1819-1875

Subseries 4: Margaret Shepard Society records, 1830-1932

Subseries 5: Maternal Association records, 1833-1856

Subseries 6: Holmes Chapel Association records, 1857

Subseries 7: Freedmen's Aid Society records, 1864-1875

Subseries 8: Church Aid Society records, 1870-1875

Subseries 9: Ladies Union Missionary Society records, 1872-1891

Subseries 10: Young People's Alliance records, 1884-1929

Subseries 11: Sunday School records, 1888-1968

Subseries 12: Captains of Ten records, 1889-1932

Subseries 13: Woman's Foreign Missionary Society records, 1892-1923

Subseries 14: Knights of King Arthur records, 1897-1934

Subseries 15: Woman's Home Missionary Society records, 1900-1920

Subseries 16: Riverside Alliance records, 1900-1928

Subseries 17: Parish Auxiliary records, 1916-1923

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Acquisition Information

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Custodial History

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Processing Information

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Related Materials

Related Materials

The Houghton Library at Harvard University continues to hold onto some First Church in Cambridge materials, including an account book and sermon papers whose digital representation can be accessed as part of the Congregational Library & Archive's [New England's Hidden Histories](#) project.

Additional records books from the First Church in Cambridge, and related to the church, are held by the Massachusetts Historical Society.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Church music -- Societies, etc.
- Church records and registers.
- Church youth groups.
- Diaries -- Authorship -- Religious aspects -- Christianity.
- Fraternal organizations -- Religious aspects.
- Installation (clergy).
- Ordination.
- Sermons, American -- 18th century.
- Sermons, American -- 19th century.
- Sunday schools.
- Women -- Societies and clubs.
- Cambridge (Mass.) -- Church history.
- First Church (Cambridge, Mass.)

Bibliography

Calkins, Raymond. *First Church in Cambridge, Congregational*. 1946. 17.11.1 C14.24 FirC

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Collection Inventory

Ministerial records, 1784-1914

Physical Description: 116 Files (69 volumes, 47 folders)

Scope and Contents

This series contains the personal and sermon records of a number of pastors at the First Church in Cambridge. Of particular note are the sermon records of Abiel Holmes and the journals kept by Alexander McKenzie. This series also contains correspondence, meeting notes, scapbooks, and records relating to important memorial services.

William Brattle records, undated

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the sermon records of William Brattle, the sixth minister of the First Church in Cambridge.

Title/Description	Instances	
Sermons, undated	box 1	folder 1

Nathaniel Appleton records, undated

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the sermon records of Nathaniel Appleton, the seventh minister of the First Church in Cambridge.

Title/Description	Instances	
Sermon fragments, undated	box 1	folder 2

Timothy Hilliard records, 1784-1788

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the sermon records of Timothy Hilliard, the eighth minister of the First Church in Cambridge.

Title/Description	Instances	
Funeral sermon for Nathaniel Appleton, 1784	box 1	folder 3
Sermon, 1788	box 1	folder 4

Abiel Holmes records, 1788-1837

Physical Description: 24 Files (2 volumes, 22 folders)

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the sermon and personal records of Abiel Holmes, the ninth minister of the First Church in Cambridge.

Title/Description	Instances	
Sermons, 1788-1791	box 1	folder 5
Sermons, 1792-1808	box 1	folder 6
Sermons, 1811-1818	box 1	folder 7
Sermons, 1819-1829	box 1	folder 8
Sermons, undated	box 1	folder 9
Sermon fragments, undated	box 1	folder 10
New Years sermons, 1788-1804	box 1	folder 11

New Years sermons, 1805-1814	box 1	folder 12
New Years sermons, 1815-1826	box 1	folder 13
Fast day sermons, 1792-1802	box 1	folder 14
Fast day sermons, 1803-1811	box 1	folder 15
Fast day sermons, 1812-1815	box 1	folder 16
Fast day sermons, 1816-1824	box 1	folder 17
Installation anniversary sermons, 1793-1805	box 1	folder 18
Installation anniversary sermons, 1806-1812	box 1	folder 19
Installation anniversary sermons, 1814-1822	box 1	folder 20
Installation anniversary sermons, 1823-1829	box 1	folder 21
Thanksgiving sermons, 1809, 1820	box 1	folder 22
Correspondence, 1816-1832	box 8	folder 1
Subscription to print an Abiel Holmes sermon, 1820	box 8	folder 2
Weather diary and clippings scrapbook, 1830-1837	box 1	volume 1
Sermon catalogue, undated	box 1	volume 2
Sermon indices, undated	box 1	folder 23

Separated Materials:**Separated Materials**

These materials were removed from the Weather diary and clippings scrapbook, 1830-1837.

Extracts from the Cambridge Platform, undated	box 1	folder 24
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Nehemiah Adams records, 1826-1834

Physical Description: 4 Folders

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the sermon and personal records of Nehemiah Adams, the tenth minister of the First Church in Cambridge.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, 1826-1829	box 1	folder 25
Sermons, 1833	box 1	folder 26-27
Sermons, 1833-1834	box 1	folder 28

Samuel Green records, 1830

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the sermon records of Samuel Green.

Title/Description	Instances	
Sermon, 1830	box 1	folder 29

John Albro records, 1864-1865

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the sermon and personal records of John Albro, the eleventh minister of the First Church in Cambridge.

Title/Description	Instances	
Sermon, 1864	box 1	folder 30
Correspondence, 1865	box 1	folder 31

Alexander McKenzie records, 1846-1914

Physical Description: 81 Files (67 volumes, 14 folders)

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the sermon and personal records of Alexander McKenzie, the eleventh minister of the First Church in Cambridge. Of particular note are the near complete daily journals and the immense collection of sermon notes kept by McKenzie.

Title/Description	Instances	
Journal, 1846-1850	box 2	volume 1
Journal, 1851-1855	box 2	volume 2
Journal, 1855-1860	box 2	volume 3
Journal, 1861-1870	box 2	volume 4
Journal, 1870-1885	box 2	volume 5
Journal, 1885-1910	box 2	volume 6
Journal, 1867	box 2	volume 7-8
Journal, 1883	box 2	volume 9
Journal, 1884	box 2	volume 10
Journal, 1887	box 2	volume 11
Journal, 1891	box 2	volume 12
Journal, 1892	box 2	volume 13
Journal, 1895	box 2	volume 14

Journal, 1897	box 2	volume 15
Journal, 1899	box 2	volume 16
Journal, 1900	box 3	volume 1
Journal, 1902	box 3	volume 2
Journal, 1904-1908	box 3	volume 3
Journal, 1906-1907	box 3	volume 4
Journal, 1910	box 3	volume 5
Journal, 1911	box 3	volume 6
Journal, 1913	box 3	volume 7
Journal, 1914	box 3	volume 8
Phillips Academy essays and orations, 1853-1855	box 4	volume 1
Phillips Academy yearbook, 1855	box 4	volume 2
Phillips Academy yearbook supplementary materials, 1856-1889	box 4	folder 1

Separated Materials:**Separated Materials**

These loose materials were removed from the Phillips Academy yearbook, 1855.

Harvard essay book, 1859	box 4	volume 3
Evening meetings notes, 1860-1869	box 4	volume 4
Sermon index and calendar, 1861-1866	box 3	volume 35

Scope and Contents

This volume contains a calendar and index of sermons preached by Alexander McKenzie that indicates the date, number, and subject of his sermons. The volume also contains some vital baptismal records.

Notes on St. John's Gospel, 1862	box 4	volume 5
Correspondence regarding call to pastorate of the First Church, 1865-1867	box 8	folder 3
Acceptance of the First Church pastorate, 1867	box 4	folder 2
Notes on St. John's Gospel, 1868-1870	box 4	volume 6
Sermon notebook, 74-91, 1869-1870	box 3	volume 9
Sermon notebook, 93-109, 1870-1872	box 3	volume 10
Sermon notebook, 112-118, 1872-1873	box 3	volume 11
Sermon notebook, 181-206, 1878-1879	box 3	volume 12

Sermon notebook, 207-231, 1879	box 3	volume 13
Sermon notebook, 232-251, 1879-1880	box 3	volume 14
Sermon notebook, 252-270, 1880	box 3	volume 15
Sermon notebook, 271-291, 1880-1881	box 3	volume 16
Sermon notebook, 292-311, 1881-1882	box 3	volume 17
Sermon notebook, 312-336, 1882-1883	box 3	volume 18
Sermon notebook, 337-361, 1883-1884	box 3	volume 19
Sermon notebook, 362-382, 1884-1885	box 3	volume 20
Sermon notebook, 384-404, 1885	box 3	volume 21
Sermon notebook, 405-425, 1885-1886	box 3	volume 22
Sermon notebook, 426-448, 1886-1887	box 3	volume 23
Sermon notebook, 449-469, 1887-1888	box 3	volume 24
Sermon notebook, 470-494, 1888	box 3	volume 25
Sermon notebook, 495-516, 1888-1889	box 3	volume 26
Sermon index, circa 1899	box 3	volume 36
Sermon notebook, 517-549, 1889-1890	box 3	volume 27
Sermon notebook, 550-585, 1890-1891	box 3	volume 28
Sermon notebook, 586-638, 1891-1893	box 3	volume 29
Sermon notebook, 639-683, 1893-1894	box 3	volume 30
Sermon notebook, 684-741, 1894-1896	box 3	volume 31
Sermon notebook, 742-801, 1896-1898	box 3	volume 32
Sermon notebook, 802-878, 1898-1900	box 3	volume 33
Sermon notebook, 879-1202, 1901-1910	box 3	volume 34
Poem, 1874	box 4	folder 3
<u>Separated Materials:</u>		
Separated Materials		
This poem was removed from the Bible verse notes, undated.		
Notebook, circa 1874-1883	box 4	volume 7
Letters to the First Church, 1881, 1910	box 4	folder 4
Correspondence, 1883-1914	box 4	folder 5
Two hundred and fiftieth anniversary letter, 1886	box 4	folder 6
Supplementary manuscripts, 1889-1900		

	box 4	volume 8
Twenty fifth anniversary correspondence, 1892-1893	box 4	folder 7
Fortieth anniversary correspondence, 1906	box 8	folder 4
Fortieth anniversary correspondence, 1907	box 8	folder 5
Fortieth anniversary service, 1907	box 8	folder 6
Clippings scrapbook, 1907-1914	box 4	volume 9
Autobiography manuscript, 1910	box 4	volume 10
Autobiography manuscript, 1914	box 4	volume 11
Memorial service, 1914	box 4	folder 8
Sermon index, undated	box 3	volume 37
Glossary, undated	box 3	volume 38
Bible verse notes, undated	box 4	volume 12
Manuscript, undated	box 4	volume 13
In the Old Days manuscript, undated	box 4	folder 9
Harvard Divinity School advertisement, undated	box 4	folder 10

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Church organizations, 1813-1968

Physical Description: 84 Files (59 volumes, 25 folders)

Scope and Contents

This series contains the records kept by various church organizations and other auxiliary groups associated with the First Church in Cambridge. The records include meeting minutes, organization by-laws and constitutions, membership lists, correspondence, financial records, historical sketches, and pamphlets.

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions records, 1813, 1821

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains correspondence between members of the First Church in Cambridge and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, 1813, 1821	box 4	folder 11

Missionary Sewing Circle records, 1819-1870

Physical Description: 6 Files (5 volumes, 1 folder)

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the records of the Missionary Sewing Circle and includes meeting minutes, financial records, and membership records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1819-1840	box 5	volume 4
Records, 1840-1871	box 5	volume 5
Membership records, 1833-1843	box 5	volume 6
Account book, 1843-1866	box 5	volume 7
Account book, 1853-1870	box 5	volume 8
Keys, undated	box 4	folder 21

Female Tract Society records, 1819-1875

Physical Description: 3 Volumes

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the records and meeting minutes of the Female Tract Society and the Missionary and Tract Society.

Title/Description	Instances	
Missionary and Tract Society records, 1819-1834	box 5	volume 1
Society records, 1828-1854	box 5	volume 2
Society records, 1855-1875	box 5	volume 3

Margaret Shepard Society records, 1830-1932

Physical Description: 15 Volumes

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the records of the various organizations that fell under the umbrella of the Shepard name including the Shepard Singing Society, Shepard Benevolent Society, Margaret Shepard Society, and Shepard Guild. Included within the records are meeting minutes, secretary records, membership records, and executive committee records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Singing Society records, 1830-1832	box 5	volume 9
Benevolent Society records, 1866-1870, 1897	box 5	volume 10
Society secretary book, 1880-1881	box 5	volume 11
Society records, 1883-1886	box 5	volume 12
Society secretary's book, 1886-1889	box 5	volume 13
Society records, 1866-1898	box 5	volume 14

Society records, 1889-1896	box 5	volume 15
Society records, 1898-1905	box 5	volume 16
Society records, 1906-1909	box 5	volume 17
Society records, 1910-1912	box 5	volume 18
Guild records, 1892-1897, 1932	box 5	volume 19
Guild directory, 1898-1918	box 5	volume 20
Guild records, 1909-1923	box 5	volume 21
Guild executive committee records, 1910-1917	box 5	volume 22
Guild records, 1911-1916	box 5	volume 23

Maternal Association records, 1833-1856

Physical Description: 1 Volume

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the records and meeting minutes of the Maternal Association.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1833-1856	box 5	volume 24

Holmes Chapel Association records, 1857

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains a single stock certificate for the Holmes Chapel Association.

Title/Description	Instances	
Certificate, 1857	box 4	folder 12

Freedmen's Aid Society records, 1864-1875

Physical Description: 3 Volumes

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the records of the Freedmen's Aid Society and contains meeting minutes, reports, and financial records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Reports, 1864-1875	box 5	volume 25
Financial records, 1865-1874	box 5	volume 26
Records, 1867-1870	box 5	volume 27

Church Aid Society records, 1870-1875

Physical Description: 2 Volumes

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the records and meeting minutes of the Church Aid Society.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1870-1871	box 5	volume 28
Records, 1870-1875	box 5	volume 29

Ladies Union Missionary Society records, 1872-1891

Physical Description: 4 Volumes

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the records and meeting minutes of the Ladies Union Missionary Society and Young Ladies Missionary Society.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1872-1886	box 5	volume 30
Records, 1873-1881	box 5	volume 31
Records, 1887-1892	box 5	volume 32
Young Ladies Missionary Society records, 1878-1891	box 5	volume 33

Young People's Alliance records, 1884-1929

Physical Description: 12 Files (4 volumes, 8 folders)

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the records of the Young People's Alliance and includes meeting minutes, annual reports, organization manuals, membership list, and a list of officers.

Title/Description	Instances	
Minutes, 1884-1895	box 6	volume 1
Minutes, 1896-1900	box 6	volume 2
Annual report, 1898	box 7	folder 1
Constitution and members list, 1898-1914	box 6	volume 3
Minutes, 1900-1904	box 6	volume 4
Manuals, 1900, 1916	box 7	folder 2
Reports, 1905-1906	box 7	folder 3
Reports, 1907-1910	box 7	folder 4
Reports, 1910-1915	box 7	folder 5
Reports, 1915-1920	box 7	folder 6

Reports, 1920-1929	box 7	folder 7
Officers and calendar, 1923	box 7	folder 8

Sunday School records, 1888-1968

Physical Description: 5 Files (2 volumes, 3 folders)

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the records of the Sunday School at the First Church in Cambridge and includes membership records, attendance records, meeting minutes, and historical sketches.

Title/Description	Instances	
Record book, 1888-1889	box 5	volume 34
Membership roll, 1888-1889	box 8	volume 1
Attendance records, 1900-1902	box 4	folder 15
Attendance records, 1906	box 4	folder 16
Historical sketches, 1940, 1968	box 4	folder 17

Captains of Ten records, 1889-1932

Physical Description: 4 Files (2 volumes, 2 folders)

Scope and Contents

The subseries contains the records of the Captains of Ten organization and includes meeting minutes, a historical sketch, and a lecture.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1889-1897	box 6	volume 5
Records, 1892-1898	box 6	volume 6
History, 1908	box 4	folder 25
Lecture, 1932	box 4	folder 20

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society records, 1892-1923

Physical Description: 9 Files (6 volumes, 3 folders)

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the records of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Ladies Foreign Missionary Society and includes meeting minutes, the organization's constitution, executive committee minutes, and a letter from Osaka, Japan.

Title/Description	Instances	
Ladies Foreign Missionary Society records, 1892-1898	box 6	volume 7
Records, 1897-1903	box 6	volume 8

Ladies Foreign Missionary Society letter from Osaka, Japan, 1903	box 8	folder 8
Records, 1903-1910	box 6	volume 9
Records, 1909-1918	box 6	volume 10
Papers, 1915-1920	box 4	folder 18
Executive meeting minutes, 1918-1922	box 6	volume 11
Records, 1918-1923	box 6	volume 12
Constitution, undated	box 4	folder 19

Knights of King Arthur records, 1897-1934

Physical Description: 4 Volumes

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the records and meeting minutes of the Knights of King Arthur church group.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1897-1904	box 6	volume 13
Records, 1904-1911	box 6	volume 14
Records, 1911-1922	box 6	volume 15
Records, 1923-1934	box 6	volume 16

Woman's Home Missionary Society records, 1900-1920

Physical Description: 5 Files (3 volumes, 2 folders)

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the records and meeting minutes of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and includes a historical sketch and speech notes delivered at the twenty-fifth anniversary of the church organization.

Title/Description	Instances	
Historical sketches, 1900	box 4	folder 13
Twenty-fifth anniversary speech, 1906	box 4	folder 14
Records, 1903-1909	box 6	volume 21
Records, 1910-1916	box 6	volume 22
Records, 1916-1920	box 6	volume 23

Riverside Alliance records, 1900-1928

Physical Description: 8 Files (4 volumes, 4 folders)

Scope and Contents

This sub series contains the records of the Riverside Alliance and includes meeting minutes, reports, membership records, and organizational pamphlets.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1900-1928	box 8	folder 7
Membership records, 1902-1905	box 6	volume 17
Minutes, 1905-1908	box 6	volume 18
Records and reports, 1905-1912	box 4	folder 22
<u>Separated Materials:</u>		
Separated Materials		
These materials were removed from the Riverside Alliance membership records, 1905-1913.		
Membership records, 1905-1913	box 6	volume 19
Pamphlets, 1907, undated	box 4	folder 23
Minutes, 1908-1911	box 4	folder 24
Membership records, 1910-1912	box 6	volume 20

Parish Auxiliary records, 1916-1923

Physical Description: 1 Volume

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains the records and meeting minutes of the Parish Auxiliary.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1916-1923	box 6	volume 24

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