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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Congregational Club (Boston, Mass.)
Title:	Congregational Club records, 1869-1961.
ID:	RG1039
Date [inclusive]:	1869-1961
Physical Description:	1.79 Cubic Feet (4 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains the records of the Congregational Club, fully established in April of 1869. This club served to create camaraderie between members of the Congregational community. This collection contains records through 1947, but the club continued to exist until it was disbanded at some point between 1978 and 1981. The collection contains event-related materials, administrative records, and necrologies.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

On February 22, 1869 Rev. J. W. Wellman, D.D brought the idea of the Congregational Club to a Pastor's Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. The club was fully established, with a constitution and officers, by April 20th of the same year. The goal of the club was to "energize Congregationalism" by encouraging camaraderie and cooperation among Congregationalists, particularly in the Boston area. The club fostered this community with monthly discussions, and formal social gatherings such as their Annual Festival and Forefathers' Day.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains records documenting the activity of the Congregational Club from its inception in 1869 to 1961. It contains records relating to administration, events held by the club, and necrologies.

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Arrangement

The Congregational Club records have been arranged into the three series listed below. Within each series materials have been primarily arranged in chronological order by start date. When appropriate, similar and continuous materials have been grouped together.

Series 1: Administration, 1869-1961

Series 2: Necrologies, 1870-1916

Series 3: Events, 1871-1944

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Administrative Information

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Restrictions on Access

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Acquisition Information

No acquisition information is available for this collection.

Processing Information

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Related Materials

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Additional records related to the Congregational Club can be found in the Roslindale, Boston, Mass. Highland Congregational Church records, 1869-2006, RG4824.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Church societies.
- Congregationalism--New England
- Corporate minutes.
- Necrologies.
- Congregational Club (Boston, Mass.)

- Wellman, Joshua W. (Joshua Wyman) (1821-1915)

Bibliography

"Rev. Rice, Congregational Club Boston 1972-1981 in the Roslindale, Boston, Mass. Highland Congregational Church records, 1869-2006, RG4824. The Congregational Library & Archives, Boston, MA."

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Collection Inventory

Administration, 1869-1961

Physical Description: 6 Folders

Physical Description: 34 Items

Physical Description: 5 Volumes

Scope and Contents

This series contains the Congregational Club's administrative records including meeting records, member lists, a constitution, bylaws, manuals, ballots, and reports.

Title/Description	Instances	
Meeting Records, 1869-1877	box 3	volume 2
Meeting Records, 1877-1890	box 3	volume 3
Meeting Records, 1890-1904	box 3	volume 4
Meeting Records, 1908-1923	box 3	volume 5
Manuals, 1884-1927	box 4	
Constitution & Bylaws, 1869, 1877	box 2	folder 1
Meeting Announcements and Ballots, 1871-1947	box 1	folder 1
Reports, 1872-1919	box 2	folder 4
Member Lists, 1872, 1945	box 2	folder 2
Committee on Christian Work, 1908	box 2	folder 14
Correspondence, 1961	box 2	folder 17
Constitution, Bylaws, Member List, undated	box 1	volume 1

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Necrologies, 1870-1916

Physical Description: 7 Items

Scope and Contents

This series contains obituaries, necrologies, and biographies of deceased members of the community.

Title/Description	Instances	
Necrologies & Biographer Reports, 1872-1916	box 2	folder 3
Biographical Notes for the Deceased, 1870-1875	box 3	folder 1
Biographical Notes for the Deceased, 1879-1880	box 3	folder 2
Biographical Notes for the Deceased, 1881	box 2	folder 6
Biographical Notes for the Deceased, 1882	box 2	folder 7
Biographical Notes for the Deceased, 1883	box 2	folder 8
Biographical Notes for the Deceased, 1884	box 2	folder 9

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Events, 1871-1944

Physical Description: 1 Volume

Physical Description: 7 Folders

Scope and Contents

This series includes records relating to various events held by the Congregational Club such as event announcements, tickets, programs, addresses, and a scrapbook.

Title/Description	Instances	
Event Tickets, 1871-1944	box 2	folder 16
Forefathers' Night Programs & Announcements, 1873-1942	box 2	folder 5
Miscellanies Scrapbook, 1882-1887	box 3	volume 1
Our Present Movement in Theology, 1883	box 2	folder 10
Ladies' Night & May Festival, 1890-1945	box 2	folder 11
Congregationalism in Boston - Its Present Condition, 1892	box 2	folder 12
Assorted Events, 1893-1944	box 2	folder 13
Annual Meetings, 1932-1940	box 2	folder 15

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