

Society for the Promotion of Collegiate Theological Education

Records, 1827-1877

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INTRODUCTION

The Society for the Promotion of Collegiate Theological Education (SPCTE) was founded ca. 1843 in New York, New York, for the purpose of providing direct financial aid to struggling colleges in the mid-western and western states. The organization was sponsored jointly by the Congregationalists and Presbyterians; in 1874 SPCTE merged with the American Education Society. After 1874, SPCTE was administered by the Congregationalists.

The history of SPCTE was intertwined with the American Education Society, New West Education Committee and Congregational Education Society. American Education Society was founded in 1815 for the “purpose of aiding indigent young men of talents and hopeful piety in acquiring a learned and competent education for the gospel ministry.” It developed a more Congregational focus in the late 19th century and took on the name Congregational Education Society in 1894, and supported numerous schools throughout the United States. The New West Education Commission, was founded ca. 1880 to establish schools in Utah and neighboring western states to combat the influence the Mormonism in schools.

(Written by Lisa Plato, 10/1996)

Researchers should consult the American Education Society, RG 0752, for related material. There is a copy of the annual reports of the American Congregational Association (ACA), which would include events of SPCTE. Also, the histories of the ACA in the Congregational Library collection would further illuminate SPCTE and the social, political, and religious environment in which it resided.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists mostly of incoming/outgoing correspondence collected by secretary Theron Baldwin. All the following series are arranged in chronological order. Much of the folder arrangement was that kept by Theron Baldwin.

Series I. Correspondence, 1843-1873. This series does not include the over-sized outgoing correspondence, which was created by Theron Baldwin (TB).

Series II. Application and School Files, 1836-1874. There is correspondence from schools, applications for aid, and rejected applications for aid.

Series III. Financial Records, 1943-1974. Folders were separated by year. There are lists of donors, scholarships, bequests, reports, vouchers, and receipts.

Series IV. Board of Directors (BOD), 1827-1877. There are a number of sub-series within this section.

Sub-Series A. Correspondence, 1827-1877. The Board of Directors' Correspondence secretaries collections are here. This is not included in with the rest of the correspondence because it seemed to be a part of the governing body.

Sub-Series B. NES Correspondence

Sub-Series C. Historical Documents, 1816, 1872

Sub-Series D. General

Series V. Oversize Documents

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Applications and School Files, 1836-1874		
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	Knox College Circulars and Program	n.d.
	New England Puritan Documents	n.d.
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	Wabash College	1836-1844
	"Plan for Weston College"	1843-1844
	Lane Theological Seminary, docs.	1843-1844
	Applications, Geneso MLH School	1844, 1845, 1851
	Inspection Tour of Colleges	1846

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	Western Reserve College (2)	1847
	Lane Seminary Aid Application	1847-1850
	Maryville College	1847
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	Wabash College, Outline of the Religious History of	1848
	Illinois College, Application	1848
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	Illinois College Application	1849
	Marietta College Application	1849
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	Joint Collections of Central Education Society, Western Collegiate Society	1849-1852
	Bill to Incorporate Oberlin College	1850
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	Applications for Aid (4)	1853-1854
	Webster College	1853-1857
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	Correspondence from Colleges	1855-1856
	Beloit College	1855-1857
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	Applications for Aid (2)	1856-1857
	College Revivals	1857
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	Iowa College Application	1858
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	Articles of Appreciation of the Board of Trustees of Olivet College	1859
	Boston Societies	1860
	Iowa College Trustees	1861
	Iowa College	1864-1869
	Application for Aid	1865
	Iowa College	1866
	Correspondence: Tabor College	1868
	Corporate Memberships	1872
	Pacific Theological Seminary	ca. 1873
	Agreement with Pacific; Olivet; Carlton; and Washburn College	1873

	Colorado College Application	1874
	Drury College	1874
	Lincoln College, Correspondence	n.d.
	Rejected Applications for Aid	
	West Seminary	1843-1846
	Rock Island University	1841-1844
	Central College	1842-1845
	[several institutions]	1845, 1851
	La Grange Collegiate Institute	1846-1848
Financial Records, 1843-1874		
Box 13		
	Financial, misc.	n.d.
	Bequests	n.d.
	Financial Reports and Statements	1843-1844
	Vouchers	1843-1845
	Reports and Donor Lists	1843-1847
	Receipts	1844-1845
	Vouchers and Reports	1844-1845
	Donor Lists	1845
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	Donor Lists	1845-1846
	Receipts	1845-1846
	Bequests- Susan Cummings	1846-1858
	Vouchers of Society	1848
	Receipts (5)	1848-1850
	Receipts for Periodicals	1850-1859
Box 14		
	Receipts	1851
	Vouchers	1851
	Receipts	1852
	Reports	1852
	Vouchers and Treasurer's Report (2)	1852
	Scholarships	1852-1853
	Receipts for periodicals	1852-59
	Receipts from Mr. Webster	1852-55
	Agent Reports	1853
	Vouchers	1853
	Treasurer's Report	1853
	Scholarships	1854
	Vouchers, "Twelfth Year" (2)	1854-1855
	Quarterly Reports	1854-1855
	Treasurer, letters to	1855
Box 15		
	Quarterly Reports,	
	Rev. Dennis Platt	1855-6

	Rev. T. Baldwin	1855-6
	L.A. Edgill	1855-8
	Ephraim Adams	1856
	Wabash College Receipts	1856-7
	Receipts	1856-7
	Receipts (2)	1857
	Reports 14 Year	1857
	Receipts	1858
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	Financial Reports and Vouchers	1858-9
	Financial Reports	1859
	Letters and Reports	ca 1860s
	Treasurer's Reports	1860s
	Bequests/Legacies- Timothy Stillman	ca. 1860s
	Treasurer's Report	1861-1862
	Bequests and Legacies	1861-2
	Treasurer's Notebook	1862-1870
	Reports	1862
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	Treasurer's Accounts and Vouchers	1863-1867
Box 16		
	Liberal Benefactions	1865
	Subscriptions "Diary"	1865
	Financial Record and Receipt	1865
	Vouchers	1866
	Receipts	1866, 1867, 1869
	Receipts and Expenses	1869
	Correspondence in/out	1869-1873
	Account Book	1869-1874
	Reports	1869
	Vouchers	1869
	Receipts and Donations	1869
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	Vouchers and Receipts	1871-1974
	Reports	1872
Board of Directors (BoD), 1827-1877		
Box 17		
	Annual Reports (bound)	1844-1856; 1857-1866; 1867-1874
Box 18		
	Address on the Mutual Cooperation of Different Denominations in the Support of Christian Colleges, by Dr. Peter	1858
	Consulting Committee	1862-1874

BoD Correspondence		
	From German Evangelical College	1868
	Proposed Modification of the Society at the 19 th Annual Meeting	1862
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	Correspondence, Corresponding Secretary (CS) in (TB)	1827,1840,1850-1863, 1844-1851 1847, 1844-1865 1848-1849, 1864
	in A.B. Rich (AR)	1867-1869
	Corresp. from Rev. H. Butterfield's Records	ca. 1868
	21 st and 26 th Report	
	CS (HB) misc	
	Correspondence CS	1858
	in TB (4)	1870-1871
	in Inst.	ca. 1872
	in HB	1873-1874; ca 1877
Box 19		
	Correspondence: Recording Secretary (RS) from Jeffery Spaulding's records	1870
SPCTEW-NES, 1863-1870		
	Donations at the Boston Office of the Western College Society	1868
	Correspondence	
	In AR (2)	1868
	in HB	1873
	in AR, some HB	1868, 1870
	in AR (2)	1869, 1870
	in AR, some HB	1870
Historical Material, 1816, 1872		
	Constitution	
	Acts of Incorporation	1872
	Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts	1816
	Report of Committee on Consolidation with AES	1872
	Misc	
	Historical Documents and Charters	
General SPCTE, 1843-1866		
	Correspondence, Dr. Beecher and TB	1843
	"President Pierce on the Object Which the Society Ought to Have in View"	1844
	Dodd, M.W. and Tyler's Essay	1854-1859
	Tyler's Term Essay	1855
	Sprecher, Sturtevout and Stillman's speeches	1856
	Speeches	1854
	"Notices of 16 th Anniversary and Letter of Mr. Billings"	1859

	Letters from Directors	1869
	Directory, Names	n.d.
	Clippings	ca. 1866
	Clippings, College Memorials	n.d.
	Clippings, Denominational Colleges	n.d.
	Clippings, list in folder (3)	
	Oversize, 1844-1872	
Box 20		
	Outgoing correspondence from Baldwin	1849-1853 1846-1849 1845-1848
	from Marcus Wilbur	1845-1849
	Account Book	1854-1871 1854-1860s
	Scrapbook	
	Record book with subscriptions	
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	Outgoing Correspondence, Baldwin	1860-1865 1865-1868 1858-1860 1855-1858 1853-1855
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	Account Book	1844-1853 1854-1872