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# Guide to the Edwards Amasa Park Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 291

**CREATOR:** Park, Edwards Amasa, 1808-1900

**TITLE:** Edwards Amasa Park papers

**DATES:** 1835-1899

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 9 linear feet (20 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers primarily document Park's work as Professor of Sacred Rhetoric (1836-1847) and Professor of Christian Theology (1847 to 1881) at Andover Theological Seminary, and as editor of *Bibliotheca Sacra* from 1844 to 1884.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.291>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.291>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.        box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from Andover Newton Theological School, 2017

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### Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research

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### Preferred Citation

Edwards Amasa Park Papers (RG 291), Special Collections, Yale Divinity Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

### Chronology

Date	Event
1808 December 29	○ Born in Providence, RI
1826	○ Graduated from Brown University
1827	○ Principal, classical schools, Weymouth & Braintree, MA
1831	○ Received B.D. from Andover Theological Seminary
1831 December 21	○ Ordained as Congregational minister
1831-1834	○ Colleague Pastor with Richard S. Storrs, First Church, Braintree, MA
1835-1836	○ Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy; Hebrew Literature, Amherst College, MA
1836-1847	○ Professor of Sacred Rhetoric, Andover Theological Seminary
1847-1881	○ Professor of Christian Theology, Andover Theological Seminary
1844-1884	○ Editor, <i>Bibliotheca Sacra</i>
1900 June 4	○ Died in Andover, MA

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## Scope and Contents

The Edwards Amasa Park Papers, 1835-1899, document the professional work of Park. The collection is arranged according to the following categories: correspondence, sermons, lectures, notes on theological subjects, notes on readings, miscellaneous notes (fragments), student questions, newspaper clippings, and association items.

The correspondence is business and personal in nature, although much of the material relates to Park's work as editor of *Bibliotheca Sacra*. There is a name index to the correspondence available in the original finding aid for the collection, available at the repository.

The lecture notes are arranged according to order for a theological system prescribed by Park and described in document titled *Syllabus of Lectures*. This document is not written in Park's hand, but was almost certainly dictated by him. The document does contain revisions in Park's hand.

There is one document case of material which is arbitrarily assigned the category of association items. These items were found with unprocessed Park papers. The documents are not in his hand; and there is no readily apparent way to link them with other material in the collection. This group consists of a small number of letters and miscellaneous manuscripts.

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## Arrangement

Organized into five series: I. Correspondence

II. Sermons

III. Lectures

IV. Notes and Clippings

V. Association Items.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence

For a full list of letters and name index see the original finding aid, which is linked to from <https://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/special-collections/andover-newton>.

b. 1	Fragments and undated correspondence	No date
b. 1	Dated correspondence Correspondence is primarily to Parks. For a full list of letters see original finding aid, which is linked to from <a href="https://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/special-collections/andover-newton">https://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/special-collections/andover-newton</a> . Correspondents include David Fosdick, Jr., Leonard Bacon, R. S. Storrs, Increase N. Tarbox, Samuel Hopkins.	1848 - 1874 May
b. 2	Dated correspondence	1874 June - 1877
b. 3	Dated correspondence	1878 January - July
b. 4	Dated correspondence	1878 August - 1879 May
b. 5	Dated correspondence	1879 June - 1880 May
b. 6	Dated correspondence	1880 June - 1881 April
b. 7	Dated correspondence	1881 May - 1882
b. 8	Dated correspondence	1883-1889

## Series II: Sermons

b. 9	Sermon delivered in the church at Lawrence South	No date
b. 9	Undated sermons arranged by text	No date
b. 9	Dated sermons	1835-1856

**Series III: Lectures**

## Bound set of notes

b. 10	Volume 1: Existence of God, Attributes of God, Authority of the Bible	
b. 10	Volume 2: Authority of the Bible (continued), Trinity	
b. 10	Volume 3: Government of God, Divine Decree, Will, Ability, Motive	
b. 10	Volume 4: Moral Agency, Depravity	
b. 10	Volume 5: Depravity (continued), Virtue	
b. 10	Volume 6: Atonement, Regeneration	1852, no date
b. 10	Volume 7: Regeneration (continued), Space	

## Loose lecture notes

b. 11	"Syllabus of Lectures"	
b. 11	I. Virtue/Depravity: 1 volume "Notes on ethics"; 1 folder notes on depravity	
b. 11	II. God: 1 volume "Theology for Bible classes of youthful students" ; 1 volume "Notes on the existence and attributes of God"; 1 volume "Nature of God"; 1 folder "Christian doctrine of God" (parts 3-4)	
b. 12	III. Bible: 2 volumes "The Bible"	
b. 12	IV. 2 volumes "Trinity"; 2 folders: "Trinity", "Remarks on the difficulties in the way of apprehending the doctrine of the union of two consciousnesses in the God-man"	1880, no date
b. 12	V. Government of God: 1. on causes, etc., 2. "Unity of the created system"	
b. 12	VII. Sin	
b. 13	VIII. Atonement: 1 volume "The atonement"; folders: 1. papers on the union of Christ with his friends, 2. same as 1., 3. papers on the moral influence of the atonement, 4. "General reply to the misunderstandings of use, and Objections to the governmental theory of the atonement", 5. "Causes of Christ's sufferings", 6. 11 Atonement scenic", 7. Jonathan Edwards Jr. on the atonement, 8. Timothy Dwight on the atonement, 9. Schauffler on inspiration and atonement, 10. notes, 11. "The governmental theory of the atonement"	1868, 1880, no date
b. 13	X. Sanctification: 1 volume miscellaneous notes on sanctification, 1 volume "Notes on faith"	
b. 14	XIV. Church: 1 volume "Church"	



**Series IV: Notes and Clippings**

## Notes on theological subjects

Arranged alphabetically by title; all are notebooks unless otherwise indicated

b. 14	1. "atonement"; 2. loose notes on atonement (11 folders)
b. 15	3. "commonplace book" ( 2 volumes)
b. 16	4. "Definitions on Theology", 5. depravity--"Report of the Deaf-Mutes with Remarks" (3 folders - Deals with issue of whether or not deaf-mutes can have religious knowledge), 6. "Dr. Willmer's Dogmatics and also, Thoughts on Philosophy and Theology, Realism and Nominalism", 7. "Formative Principles" 3 folders, 8. "Introduction to Theology11 /"Notes"; 9. "Miscellany Booklett II", 10. "Notes Principally on Space and Time"
b. 17	11. "Qualifications of a Pastor", 12. "Remarks on Space &c. A few pages on Edwards", 13. "Thoughts on Philosophy and Theology", 14. "Thoughts on the Trinity", 15. "Trinity"
b. 18	16. "Trinity Booklet I", 17 "Trinity. Edwards"
Notes on readings	
b. 18	1. [Bushnell], 2. "Dr. Willmer's Dogmatics" (2 folders)
b. 18	"Mr. Burquet's Classification" (1 volume), "Index to Miscellany" (2 volumes)
Other notes	
b. 19	Loose miscellaneous notes (8 folders)
b. 19	Miscellaneous papers--non-theological (2 folders)
b. 19	Student questions
b. 20	Bound volume of notes by student on Parks' lecture on Homiletics
b. 19	Newspaper clippings (arranged by subject) 1. atonement, 2. the Bible, 3. christology, 4. doctrine/creeds, 5. eschatology, 6. evangelization, 7. evolution, science and theology, 8. God, 9. justification/sanctification, 10. liberalism/the "New Theology", 11. and 12. the Lord's Supper, 13. Lutheranism and Calvinism, 14. miscellaneous, 15. Park, 16. theology/philosophy, 17. unitarianism

**Series V: Association Items**

## Letters

b. 19	Undated letters from J. W. Edwards, and L. L. Robbins	
b. 19	Mrs. H. D. Ketchel to -- McKean; from Middlebury, VT	1873
b. 19	F. A. Reed to -- Draper; from Concord, [?]; Prof. Edw. Wiebe to A.S. Barnes & Co.; from Hamburg, Germany	1877
b. 19	A. M. Fairbairn to -- Duff; from Bradford, [?]	1878
b. 19	N. V. Hull to Warren F. Draper; from Alfred Center, NY	1879
b. 19	Yung Wing to -- Lane; from Avon, GT	1881
b. 19	to -- Witherow from Philadelphia, PA; Charles A. Aiken to William --; from Princeton, NJ	1882
b. 19	to W. H. Warren; from New Haven, CT	1883
b. 19	R. Henry Davis to Rev. W. DeLors; from Nugata, Japan	1886

## Miscellaneous manuscripts

b. 19	1. Abschnitt aus der Dogmatik von Prof; Julius Muller, 2. Clark, John C. History of alphabets. April, 1874, 3. Dr. Smyth's theory of the Atonement ... (document related to Andover Controversy?), 4. Dogmatik von C. R. F. Muller, 5. Eastman, Mary D. notebook of poetry	
b. 19	6. Extracts from a letter of Dr. Bushnell to Dr. Hawes, dated April 3, 1854, 7. Hermann Christian Karl Friedrich Hupfel, Doctor of Philosophy and Theology, at the University of Halle, 8. Moral van C. R. Tholuck, 9. notes	
b. 19	10. Park, Harrison G. extract from 22 Dec. 1820 sermon of D. Webster, Plymouth, Ma, dated 30 Jan. 1821, 11. Potio.in, Lemuel S. Nine Propositions on the Philosophy of the Atonement, 12. Syllabus for a System of Theology, 13. Theologia Dogmatica. Halle: Semester October till March 1854-55. Dr. Julius Muller	

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Names**

Park, Edwards Amasa, 1808-1900

### **Corporate Body**

Andover Theological Seminary