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CALL NUMBER: RG 118

CREATOR: Mutch, William James

TITLE: William James Mutch Papers

DATES: 1834-1947

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, writings, sermons, notes, and biographical material document the career of William James Mutch as a professor and author of religious education material. William James Mutch (1858-1947) was a Yale-trained Congregational clergyman and Professor of Philosophy and Education at Ripon College, Wisconsin from 1907 to 1925. He was the author of Christian religious education materials, including the well known *Graded Bible Stories*.

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Requesting Instructions

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

William James Mutch Papers (RG 118), Special Collections, Yale Divinity Library.

Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1858 Feb 7	○ Born in Hillsboro, Wisconsin
1882	○ B.A. and B.L., University of Wisconsin
1885	○ B.D., Yale Divinity School
1885-1907	○ Minister, Howard Avenue Congregational Church, New Haven
1886	○ Married Rose Prevey who became the mother of James, William Warren, and Helen
1894 Ph.D., Yale 1894	○ Attended Oxford University, England
1901-1902	○ Lecturer, Christian Pedagogy, Yale Divinity School
1907-1925	○ Professor of Philosophy and Education, Ripon College, Wisconsin
1947 Nov 25	○ Died

Scope and Contents

This record group documents Mutch's work as a prominent author of religious education curricular materials during the first half of this century.

The Correspondence of Series I primarily relates to Mutch's *Graded Bible Studies*, which were used extensively in the U. S. and translated into Chinese. Writings and Sermons in Series II include copies of his religious education textbooks as well as a sermon delivered at the 35th anniversary of the Howard Avenue Congregational Church in New Haven, and a memoir by Mutch. The Notes and Lectures of Series III include documentation of Mutch's work as a professor at Ripon College.

Some printed materials received with the Mutch Papers have been placed in other Yale Divinity Library record groups. The following materials related to the Howard Avenue Congregational Church in New Haven were placed in Record Group No. 48, New England Church Records:

- Manual (annotated) - 1887
- Programs for "Service of Praise" - 1887, 1888
- List of officers and members - 1888
- Manual - 1891
- Yearbook - 1892
- Historical brochure - 1895
- Manual (annotated) - 1897
- Program for 35th anniversary program - 1900
- Church newsletter - 1901
- Sunday School lesson outline - n.d.

The following materials were placed in Record Group No. 56, Congregational Church Records:

- Constitution and Rules of the Associated Pastors of New Haven Center* - 1873
- The Creed and Confession of Faith* - 1884
- Manual of the New Haven Congregational Club* - 1889
- Articles of Association and By-Laws of the Congregational Union of New Haven* - 1892

Arrangement

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- IV. Personal Items and Memorabilia, 1834-1947, n.d.

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Series I: Correspondence, 1917-1923, n.d.

b. 1, f. 1	From Ralph C. Wells (Weixian, Shandong (Weihsien, Shantung), China) re: Chinese translation of <i>Graded Bible Stories</i>	1917 March 10
b. 1, f. 1	From/to Frank Knight Sanders (N.Y.) Re. Introduction for <i>Graded Bible Stories</i>	1922 Aug 23, 25
b. 1, f. 1	From/to Lucius C. Porter (N.Y.) Re. Introduction for <i>Graded Bible Stories</i>	1923 Jan 8, 14
b. 1, f. 1	To E.G. Tewksbury (Shanghai, China) re. <i>Graded Bible Stories</i>	1923 Jan 9
b. 1, f. 1	From University of Chicago Press re. Article in <i>Journal of Religion</i>	1923 May 22
b. 1, f. 1	From/to Irene Ruetenik (Cleveland) re. Manual for oral religious teaching	n.d.

Series II: Writings and Sermons, 1879-1941

b. 1, f. 2	Poem in <i>University Press</i> , Madison, Wisconsin, Vol. XI, No. 6	1897
b. 1, f. 2	"Adaptation in Missionary Method", published in <i>The New World</i>	1897
b. 1, f. 2	"The Call of the Multitude", sermon delivered at 35th anniversary of Howard Avenue Congregational Church	1900
b. 1, f. 2	<i>Christian Teachings</i> , with holograph notes enclosed	1900
b. 1, f. 3	<i>Christian Teachings</i> , British edition	1901
b. 1, f. 3	<i>Christian Nurture</i> , Vol. II, No. 1 (WJM editor)	1901
b. 1, f. 3	"Self-Activity in Education and Life", published in <i>Yale Divinity Quarterly</i> , Vol. I, No. 3	1904
b. 1, f. 4	Chinese translation of <i>Graded Bible Stories</i> : Vol. I (3rd edition), Vol. III (2nd edition), unidentified volume (n.d.)	1917
b. 1, f. 4	"What is Christian Education", published in <i>The Journal of Religion</i>	1923
b. 1, f. 5	"The Vocational Motive", vesper address at Ripon College	n.d.
b. 1, f. 5	"Syllabus of Congregationalism"	n.d.
b. 1, f. 5	"Anniversary Hymn"	n.d.
b. 1, f. 6	Publicity sheets for writings of WJM	n.d.
b. 2, f. 1	<i>Junior Bible lessons</i> (I-XXVI Patriarchs)	1901
b. 2, f. 1	<i>History of the Bible</i>	1901
b. 2, f. 2	<i>How to Interest</i>	1906
b. 2, f. 1	<i>History of the Bible</i> (revised edition)	1912
b. 2, f. 3-4	<i>Graded Bible Stories</i> , Books 1, 2, 3, 4	1922
b. 1, f. 4	"Reminiscences of Long Life"	1941

Series III: Notes and lectures, 1906-1937, n.d

b. 1, f. 7-9	"The Method of Nature": course taught by WJM at Ripon College; Typescript lectures--2 volumes; Holograph notes--5 1/2" by 8 1/2" sheets	
b. 3, f. 1-2	"The Method of Nature" - Holograph notes	
b. 3, f. 3	Community Lecture Series: First Congregational Church, Ripon	1937 Apr 2-May 14
b. 3, f. 4	Notes found in <i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> by Friedrich Paulsen	1906
b. 3, f. 5-7	Miscellaneous holograph notes 3 1/2" by 4 1/2" sheets	

Series IV: Personal Items and Memorabilia, 1834-1947, n.d.

b. 3, f. 8	Biographical documentation	1881-1947, n.d.
b. 3, f. 9	Manual of Forms of the Presbyterian Church with enclosures	1882
b. 3, f. 9	Sunday School merit coupons, etc.	n.d.
b. 3, f. 9	<i>A Catechism and Prayers</i> by Rev. William Malcolm (Aberdeen)	1834
b. 3, f. 9	Tracts published by Religious Tract Society, London	n.d.
b. 3, f. 10	Newspaper clippings	1924, n.d.
b. 3, f. 10	Rules and Regulations of the New Haven Caledonian Club	1884, 1892

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.

Subjects

Christian education -- United States --
Curricula
Educators

Names

Mutch, William James