Guide to the Northwestern Baptist Education Society of Chicago Records 1871-1925

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Descriptive Summary

Identifier        ICU.SPCL.NBESC
Title             Northwestern Baptist Education Society of Chicago. Records
Date              1871-1925
Size              2.5 linear feet (3 boxes)
Repository        Special Collections Research Center
                   University of Chicago Library
                   1100 East 57th Street
                   Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract          The Northwest Baptist Education Society was incorporated in 1876 with
                   the purpose of providing financial aid to deserving students studying for
                   the ministry while attending a Baptist college or seminary in the West. The
                   administration of the Society was taken over by the University of Chicago
                   Divinity School in 1912. The records contain reports, minutes and account
                   books.

Information on Use

Access            No restrictions.

Citation          When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Northwestern Baptist
                   Education Society of Chicago. Records, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center,
                   University of Chicago Library

Historical Note   The first meeting of what was to become the Northwestern Baptist Education Society was
                   held on September 14, 1891, at 7 Custom House Place, Chicago. "The Joint Committee of
                   the Trustees of the University of Chicago and the Theological Union" met "in response to a
                   communication of the Ladies' Baptist Education Society." The purpose of the meeting was
                   stated to be to form "one ministerial society, to take the place of the different organizations
                   now working for the same end in this field," and to harmonize "interests now to some extent
                   conflicting," and to afford "the necessary aid to students for the ministry in the Northwestern
                   States."

Before the Society was fairly in working order, however, the Great Fire disorganized every plan
that had been made and for the time put out of sight the work and needs of the Society. During
the next few years the Executive Committee met more or less regularly and handled the business of the Society.

The Society had, since its founding, received the sum of $14,326.89 from fifteen states. The state conventions of Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin had by this time taken official action guaranteeing cooperation with the Society and on November 18, 1876 the Society was incorporated under the general laws of Illinois. Thomas W. Goodspeed was secretary from 1876 until he resigned in 1889 to raise funds for the new University of Chicago.

The last meeting of the Society was held in the office of Dean Mathews on May 8, 1925.

**Scope Note**

The Records is primarily minutes of organizational meetings and the account and record books of the organization. The scope of the papers runs the length of the life of the organization.

**Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html

**Subject Headings**

- Northwestern Baptist Education Society
- University of Chicago. Divinity School
- Baptists -- Societies, etc.
- Baptists -- Education

**INVENTORY**

- **Box 1**
  - **Folder 1**
    - Minutes and Reports of the Northwestern Baptist Education Society, 1871-1925.
- **Box 1**
  - **Folder 2**
    - Account and Record Books, ca. 1860 - 1901.
- **Box 1**
  - **Folder 3**
    - Account and Record Books, ca. 1871 - 1879.
- **Box 2**
  - **Folder 1**
    - Account and Record Books, 1871 - 1902
- **Box 2**
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    - Account and Record Books, 1884 - 1895
- **Box 2**
  - **Folder 3**
Account and Record Books, 1895 - 1910

Box 3
Folder 1
  Account and Record Books, 1905-1912

Box 3
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  Account and Record Books, 1912-1924