Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: The New Testament Club was founded during the 1892-93 academic year at the University of Chicago Divinity School. The Records contain correspondence, manuscripts, programs, membership lists, minutes, announcements, and letters of tribute. Also included are writings on the founding and history of the Club.

Acknowledgments

Information on Use

Access

No restrictions.

Citation


Historical Note

The New Testament Club of the University of Chicago Divinity School was established during the 1892-93 academic year. Meetings were held fortnightly and organized around a theme chosen for the academic year. Originally the membership was restricted to members of the faculty and fellows; later membership included graduate students, and after 1907, any members of the University community interested in New Testament scholarship. Views were exchanged and individual research often given further impetus by the meetings.

It was at a New Testament Club meeting in 1920 that Professor E. J. Goodspeed read a paper on modern translations of the New Testament; during the ensuing discussion the suggestion was made that Professor Goodspeed undertake his own translation -- hence the origin of the New Testament: An American Translation. During the 1920’s and 1930’s members of the Club were active in the study of the biblical manuscript collection which the University was actively
acquiring. In addition to fostering intra-departmental communication, the Club sponsored a number of distinguished guest speakers, many of whose presentations have been summarized in the minutes of the meetings.

Scope Note
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There are no written records of the New Testament Club prior to 1894 in this collection. The earliest minutes, taken by E.J. Goodspeed, date from October, 1895 and no minutes have been preserved for the academic year 1897-98. In addition to the printed programs--the first being that of 1894-95--the collection contains a number of annotated cards giving program information on meetings prior to 1894, as well as information for those years when no programs were printed, e.g., 1917-18.

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
• University of Chicago. Divinity School.
• New Testament scholars.
• Biblical scholars.

INVENTORY

Box 1
Folder 1
New Testament Club programs 1894-95 to 1965-66 [including cards containing information on some years for which there are no printed programs]

Box 1
Folder 2
Undated notes, membership lists, etc. ca. 1895-96

Box 1
Folder 3
New Testament Club, minutes, Oct. 11, 1895-June 2, 1896

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Folder 4
New Testament Club, minutes, Oct. 24, 1898-June 8, 1903 [notebook]

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Nov. 11, 1947 - June 9, 1952

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Folder 10
Oct. 13, 1952 - April 14, 1957

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Folder 10a
Miscellaneous programs, announcements, and correspondence, 1948-1971

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Folder 11
Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration
  • Clyde W. Votaw, "Reminiscences of the Founding of the New Testament Club at The University of Chicago in 1892-3." T.Ms., 5p.
  • Edgar J. Goodspeed and Shirley Jackson Case, letters of tribute.

Box 1
Folder 12
Miscellaneous manuscripts, forms and membership lists.