Guide to the Samuel J. Barrows Papers 1897-1910

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Abstract  The Samuel J. Barrows papers contain materials from the years 1897 to 1910. The papers deal with Barrows' career as International Prison Commissioner. They include general correspondence, correspondence in regard to the 1910 appropriation from Congress, and correspondence concerning efforts to receive a $50,000 appropriation for the 1910 International Prison Congress to be held in Washington, D.C.

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Biographical Note  Samuel June Barrows (1845-1909) was a Unitarian clergyman and editor of the Christian Register. He served one term in Congress, elected from the 10th district in Boston in 1896. His main interest, however, was prison reform. He was elected corresponding secretary of the Prison Association of New York in 1900 and made it a power for reform, both in New York and the nation, being instrumental in the enactment of the federal parole law. He was appointed International Prison Commissioner for the United States by President Cleveland in 1895 and had much to do with the development of the International Prison Congress, of which he was elected president in 1905.

Scope Note  The papers deal with Barrows career as International Prison Commissioner. They include general correspondence, correspondence in re the 1910 appropriation from Congress, and
correspondence concerning efforts to receive a $50,000 appropriation for the 1910 International Prison Commission Congress to be held in Washington, D.C.

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