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James Harper
(1823-1913)

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HISTORY

James Harper, D.D. was born near Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland in 1823. He was educated at Royal College, graduating in 1844 and at Belfast Seminary where he graduated in 1848. Licensed by Belfast Presbytery (Associate Church), he came to America in 1849 where Albany Presbytery ordained him as pastor of the 7th Avenue Church, New York City. Rev. Harper served that congregation from 1850-1868. In 1867 he became professor at Newburgh Seminary where he taught Church History and Church Government until 1881 adding Apologetics to his responsibilities until 1888 when Newburgh and Xenia Seminaries merged. From that date Professor Harper began teaching Theology, Hebrew and Apologetics, a pursuit he continued until his retirement in Xenia, Ohio in 1899. Dr. Harper died in November of 1913.

Westminster College bestowed a D.D. in 1863. In 1886 Muskingum College awarded Dr. Harper an LL.D and in 1890 Westminster College did likewise. Dr. Harper was Moderator of General Assembly in 1868 and Moderator of Synod in 1866. His publications included many magazine articles and papers given before Church official bodies. In 1881, Harper published *A Counterblast to the Organ.* pp. 99 [magazine not identified]. (Glasgow, p. 149).

SCOPE

The record group of James Harper, D.D. contains his picture (photo of his portrait?), An Appreciation by the Faculty of Xenia Seminary at the time of his death, a fragment of an article from *The United Presbyterian*, January 19, 1958, a bound volume of letters of honors from his Newburgh and Xenia students on the occasion of his 71st birthday, notes of appreciation from his two daughters, lectures 1-100 and three books of lecture notes by H. H. Crawford, an alumna of Xenia Seminary, 1892.
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INVENTORY

I. Personal.

Pictures (2 copies), article fragment (United Presbyterian, January 1958); ‘An Appreciation by the Faculty of Xenia Seminary’ at time of Dr. Harper’s death in 1913. FF 1.


‘Thank You’ notes from 2 Harper daughters. FF 3.

II. Lectures.

Lectures 1-4. FF 4.

MS. Lecture 5. FF 5.


Lectures 33-60. FF 8.

Lectures 61-75. FF 9.

Lectures 76-82. FF 10.

Lectures 83-100. FF 11.

Lectures 101-107. FF 12.

Notebook: Lectures on Systematic Theology; MS. The Inspiration of the Scriptures. FF 13.

II. Lectures.

Lectures: Apologetics 1-3. FF 16.

Lecture IV: Church History. FF 17.

Lectures: Church History I & 2 (1879); Church History, I & II (1870). FF 18.

Lectures: Church History and Government. FF 19.

Critique of J. Harper; notes. FF 20.


Lecture notes by H. H. Crawford, Book 1. FF 22.


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Notes on Dr. Harper lectures, donated by Gilbert Oliver Miller, alumna Xenia Theological Seminary 1899.

Church History and Old Testament Literature.

Systematic Theology.

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III. Miscellaneous research.

John Calvin. FF 25.


IV. Lectures on Theology.

Lectures, 1852-96; Resolution: Drs. Harper & Moorehead. FF 27.

Lectures, 1880-81; undated. FF 28.

Article on Capital Punishment, 1865; Lecture, 1878-89. FF 29.

Lectures, 1880-94; undated. FF 30.


Lectures on Psalmody. FF 32.

Request for publication of Harper notes; votes supporting request. (not known if publication occurred). FF 33.

Preliminary organization of notes, I; IX. FF 34.

Preliminary organization of notes, 1849-52; 1853-55, FF 35.

Preliminary organization of notes, 1856-58; 1859-62. FF 36.

Preliminary organization of notes, 1863-71; 1878-81, FF 37.

Preliminary organization of notes, 1885-87; 1886-96. FF 38.

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V. Lectures.

Preliminary organization of notes, no date. FF 40.

Preliminary organization of notes, no date. FF 41.


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