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Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

James Anderson Kelso

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Transferred from Western Theological Seminary
James Anderson Kelso was born to missionary parents in India, June 6, 1873. He received his baccalaureate degree from Washington and Jefferson College in 1892 and his theological training at Western Theological Seminary (antecedent of Pittsburgh Seminary), graduating in 1896. Kelso enrolled at the University of Berlin in 1896, then transferred to the University of Leipzig, where he attained his doctorate in 1900. Washington and Jefferson conferred a D.D. in 1902 and The College of Wooster an LL.D. in 1918. Dr. Kelso had been licenced to preach in 1895. Washington Presbytery ordained him in 1898.

Western Seminary called Dr. Kelso as instructor in 1897, and installed him as Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament in 1901. In 1908, Kelso served as acting president of the seminary and became its president in 1909, a position he held until his retirement in 1944.

Dr. Kelso was a member of the Society for Biblical Literature and Exegesis, of the Archaeological Institute of America, and the American School for Oriental Research in Jerusalem. He authored Die Klagelieder, Der Massorethische Text und die Versionen and numerous articles. James Anderson Kelso retired in 1944 and died in 1951.

James A. Kelso's record is comprised of personal information, some lecture materials, a photograph, newspaper items related to his professional activities, pamphlets and articles. His doctoral dissertation is in Barbour Library Circulation.
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Personal information: photograph; correspondence, A. P. Kelso to James, September 29, 1897.

Correspondence: Arthur M. Stevenson and James A. Kelso, 1930; newspaper items, 1932-1939.


Articles: Western Theological Seminary, a history; The Significance of the Ministry for the World Today, Volume XIII, No. 1, October 1920; Trends in American Education and Their Significance for the Ministry, reprinted from Union Seminary Review, April 1935; Christianity Indispensable To Civilization, May 3, 1918. Inauguration Charge and Address, May 7, 1902 (2 copies); The Hebrew Prophet and His Message, A Syllabus of a Course of Class Studies and Lectures.

Pamphlets: Hebrew Wordlists (2 copies; paper, 1 bound); A History of the Hebrews in Outline (2 copies).

Article: "The Washington and Jefferson Centennial," The Presbyterian Banner, October 23, 1902; The Hebrew Prophet and His Message (no date).

Note: Dr. Kelso's doctoral dissertation is in Barbour Library Circulation.

Also, the reader/researcher will want to examine the circulating volumes in Barbour Library at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

See Western Watch, v.1, nos.1 & 2 for Kelso's "A Student's Recollection of the Seminary, 1894-96."

ADDENDUM: Hebrew-English Vocabulary to the BOOK OF GENESIS, James A. Kelso and David E. Culley.