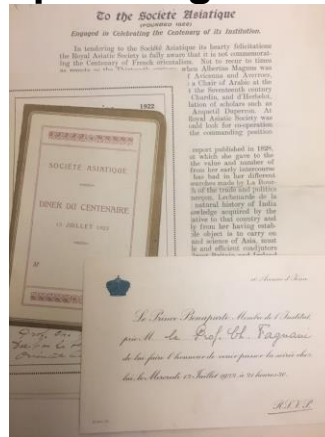


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Finding Aid for

Charles Prospero Fagnani Papers, 1922



Asiatic Society Invitations, 1922. UTS1: Charles Prospero Fagnani Papers, 1922, Series 1, Box 1, Folder 1. The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Summary Information

Creator: Charles Prospero Fagnani, 1854-1940
Title: Charles Prospero Fagnani Papers, 1922
Inclusive dates: 1922-1922
Bulk dates: 1922
Abstract: UTS alumni 1882; ordained Presbyterian minister; professor and professor emeritus of Old Testament languages and literatures at Union Theological Seminary 1899-1926. Materials consist of speeches given by Fagnani at the Centennial celebration of the Societe Asiatique in 1922.
Size: 1 box, 0.25 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
3041 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
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Administrative Information

- Provenance: The Charles Prospero Fagnani Papers were among a large amount of unprocessed archival materials with unknown provenance that were organized with the support of funds from the Henry Luce Foundation and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation in November 2016.
- Access: Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to burkespecial@library.columbia.edu, or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible
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Biography

Charles Prospero Fagnani was born in New York, New York on October 29, 1854. He earned his B.A. and B.Sc. from City College of New York in 1873 and a Bachelor of law from Columbia in 1875. He completed his graduate work at Union Theological Seminary in 1882, and years later his Doctorate of Divinity from Case Western University in 1898.

Upon completing his graduate studies Union, Fagnani became a chapel minister with Grace Mission of 4th Avenue Church in New York City, where he served until 1885. From there, he was pastor at Westminster Church in Yonkers for a brief time between 1885 and 1886. After a brief period living abroad in Europe, Reverend Fagnani returned to take a post as an instructor at the Harvard Divison School in 1891, which he was eventually unable to accept due to poor health.

Reverend Fagnani's teaching career formally began in 1892 at Union Theological Seminary, where he was an instructor of Hebrew from 1892 to 1899. Fagnani would remain at Union until 1926, serving later as Associate Professor of Old Testament Language and Literature from 1899-1915, and Professor (later Professor Emeritus) of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis from 1915 to 1926. Fagnani's extensive teaching career and scholarship with Hebrew languages and literatures resulted in his *A Primer of Hebrew*, published in 1903, contributed to Hebrew Text of Book of Zephaniah in William R. Harper Memorial Volumes (Genesis I-XI) in 1925, and, more eclectically *The Art of Life of XIXth Century Portrait Painter* in 1937.

Professor Fagnani married Flora Carleton in 1883, who predeceased him in 1907. Fagnani achieved recognition in his lifetime, including a Knight of Legion of Honor in France. Fagnani died on November 25, 1940.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The material in this collection stems solely from Professor Fagnani's speech as guest of honor at the Centennial celebration for the Asiatic Society (Societe Asiatique) in July 1922. Materials include ephemera and notes around the event and a manuscript of Fagnani's speech in his own hand, written in French.

Processing

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes.

Further Sources

<http://prabook.com/web/person-view.html?profileId=1099591>

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