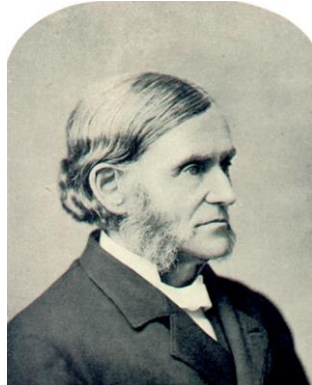


**The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary,
Columbia University in the City of New York**

Union Theological Seminary Archives 1

Finding Aid for

Roswell Dwight Hitchcock, 1879-[1884]



Portrait of Roswell Dwight Hitchcock. Credit: Great Thoughts Treasury.

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Summary Information

Creator: Roswell Dwight Hitchcock, 1817-1887

Title: Roswell Dwight Hitchcock Papers, 1879-1886

Inclusive dates: 1879-1886

Bulk dates: 1879-1886

Abstract: Presbyterian Congregational Minister; president, Union Theological Seminary, 1880-1887; president, the American Palestine Exploration Society; vice-president, the American Geographical Society; editor, the American Theological Review. Collection consists of bound volumes of student notebooks taken in Professor Hitchcock's lectures at Union Theological Seminary correspondence and manuscript materials.

Size: 2 boxes, 1 linear foot

Storage: Onsite storage

Repository: The Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
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New York, NY 10027

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Administrative Information

- Provenance: The Roswell Dwight Hitchcock Papers were among a large group of unprocessed materials that were organized in 2017 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation.
- 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. [Burke Library staff](#) is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
- Access Restrictions: The collection is unrestricted to readers.
- Preferred Citation: UTS1: Roswell Dwight Hitchcock Papers, 1879-1886, [Dates], series #, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

Biography

Roswell Dwight Hitchcock was a Congregational minister, writer, professor of church history, and president of Union Theological Seminary from 1880 to 1887. He was born on August 15, 1817 in East Machias, Maine, and entered Andover Theological Seminary in 1838 following his undergraduate career at Amherst College (1836). Hitchcock tutored at Amherst from 1839 to 1842 before becoming ordained in the First Congregational Church in Exeter, New Hampshire. He served as a pastor and ongoing student in Germany, where he studied at the University of Halle and the University of Berlin.

Hitchcock began his formal academic career at Bowdoin College, where he taught as the Collin Professor of Natural and Revealed Religion from 1852 to 1855. From there, he joined the faculty at Union Theological Seminary as a professor of church history. His academic tenure was marked by a number of publications, among them *Life of Edward Robinson* (1863); himself a Biblical geographical scholar and faculty member at Union whose [archival papers](#) are also held at the Burke), *Complete Analysis of the Bible* (1869), *The New and Complete Analysis of the Holy Bible: or, the Whole of the Old and New Testaments Arranged According to Subjects in Twenty-Seven Books* (1871); *Hymns and Songs of Praise* (1874), *Hymns and Songs for Social and Sabbath Worship* (1875), and co-edited and translated the *Carmina Sanctorum* with Union colleague Dr. Francis Brown (those papers at the Burke can be found [here](#)). He also provided addenda and revisions to the *Revised New Testament* when it was published in 1881.

In addition to his teaching, Hitchcock was an avid traveler with an interest in holy sites and religious geography, traveling through Italy, Greece, Egypt, Sinai and Palestine between 1866 and 1871. He was appointed president of the American Palestine Exploration Society in 1871, vice-president of the American Geographical Society in 1880, and served as editor of the *American Theological Review*. In addition to these significant roles beyond the pastorate, Reverend Hitchcock became the fourth president of Union Theological Seminary, serving in that role from 1880 until his death on June 16, 1887. His papers as they are arranged here reflect Hitchcock's activities as a lecturer at Union and his work with his contemporaries across the disciplines biblical and church history, and hymnology.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The Hitchcock lectures are comprise five (5) bound volumes of manuscript lecture notes and two files of loose manuscript materials.

Manuscript notes on Hitchcock's lectures by Joseph D. Burrell, 1881-1883; manuscript notes on Hitchcock's lectures by Edward C. Moore, 1882 and manuscript notes on Hitchcock's lectures by Edward B. Wright, 1862. Series 1, box 2, folder 4 consists of correspondence between 1879 and 1880 as well as a manuscript of a treatise entitled "Original Sin as received and taught by the Churches of the Reformation, by Robert W. Landis, 1874". Folder 5 of that same box includes loose, numbered manuscripts on a variety of subjects by Hitchcock during his academic career, including: The [...] Exegesis, Eternal Justification, Hermeneutics, Exposition, Supplement to [ms] 26, Dr. Hodge's Grounds for [Imputation], The Theory of the Reformers, The Theory of the [...] Dogmatic, The Theory of its [redacted] Relation to Ethics, The Theory and its Ethics (two volumes, Appendix Note B (two volumes).

Processing

Materials were rehoused in acid-free folders and archival document boxes. Rusty paperclips were removed and replaced with plastic clips.

Further Sources

Information regarding Hitchcock's assumption of the Washburn Professorship of Ecclesiastical History (inaugurated by Professor Hitchcock), can be found in F.L. Prentiss' *The Union Theological Seminary, its first fifty years*. New York: Ulan Press, 1889. See pp.279-280.

Biographical information gathered from entry "Roswell D. Hitchcock" at the [Christian Classics Ethereal Library](#).

Alumni Catalogue of the Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York, 1836-1936. (New York: Union Theological Seminary, 1937).

A digital version of Hitchcock's *New and Complete Analysis of the Holy Bible* is accessible at the [Internet Archive](#).

Contents list

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
Bound Volumes			
1	1	1	Hitchcock Lectures – The History of the World Before Christ (notes by Edward B. Wright), 1882
1	1	2	Hitchcock Lectures – On the Life of Christ vol. 1 (notes by Edward C. Moore), September 25, 1882
1	1	3	Hitchcock Lectures – The Apostolic Church vol. 2 (notes by Edward C. Moore), 1882
1	2	1-2	Hitchcock Lectures – Class Notes by Joseph Dunn Burrell vols.1 and 2, 1881-[1883?]
Loose Lectures and Correspondence			
1	2	3	Hitchcock Lectures – Class Notes by
1	2	4	Correspondence and Landis manuscript, 1879-[1884]
1	2	5	Ms. Lectures and Appendices, Undated