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BU Records: Adelpian Theological Society. Inclusive: 1889-1916 Bulk: 1889-1903

Summary Information

Creator	Adelpian Theological Society (Creator)
Extent (quantity/size)	3 document boxes and 2 oversized boxes.
Language	English
Abstract	The Adelpian Theological Society records group consists of documents pertaining to the activities associated with the Society at Baylor University. The records group contains correspondence, financial records, legal documents, and ledgers that reflect how the Society operated.

Subjects

Baylor University -- History. / Theology -- Study and teaching.

Administrative Information

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Scope and Content

The collection begins in 1889 and ends in 1916, although there are undated documents. Records include correspondence, literary productions, financial ledgers and documents, and legal documents. With the exception of some loose material, everything is bound in ledgers, and organized by financial, literary, and legal series. The ledgers were the responsibility of different officers within the organization. The loose materials deal with correspondence between members pertaining to financial or legal issues within the Society.

Administrative/Biographical History

The Adelpian Theological Society of Baylor University was created on 1889 January 5. Thirteen young ministerial students met with Dr. Rufus C. Burleson to form the organization. The four founding officers were J.S. Tanner, W.M. Hayes, S. Tammes, and J.T. Gillespie. Together, they founded the fifth society in the history of Baylor.

The principal aims of the society are to "cultivate the warmest brotherly love, sympathy, and co-operation in Christian work; to study Bible truths, and to aid every member by kindly criticism and advice." The object of the organization was, as stated by the members, "We, the ministerial students of Baylor University, striving to prepare ourselves for the teaching of God's Word, and realizing the advantages to be secured and the benefits to be derived from concert, unity and system of action, with a view to our spiritual, mental and social development, we do hereby resolve ourselves into an organization for the investigation of Gospel truths." The colors of the Adelpian Society were blue and white.

The Adelpian Theological Society slowly developed a library and was largely helped by the donation of the Kimball library of 1,200 volumes of books donated by the widow of J.A. Kimball. After a few years the Adelpians grew to have one of the best collections of theological books in the Southwest. There was no mention of the Adelpians in the Baylor Round-up after 1907 as an active society.

Related Resources

Related citations

The Senior Class of 1896. The Baylor University Annual. Waco, Texas: 1896. Accessed on 2012 November 10.
The Senior Class of Baylor University, The Round-Up. Waco, Texas: 1907. Accessed on 2012 November 30.
The Students of Baylor University. Centennial Round-Up (1845-1945). Waco, Texas: 1945. Accessed on 2012 November 27.

Archival Arrangement

This collection was organized with one folder and bound ledgers in three boxes previous to this finding aid. Currently, the collection is housed in two oversize boxes and three standard size boxes. One oversize box contains two fragile scrapbooks, which contain member certificates. The other oversize box also contains a fragile book with a very worn binding. The standard boxes contain the ledgers from the collection in addition to the loose material found in them. All of this is contained in folders. BU Records: Adelpian Theological Society is arranged in four series: I. Literary Productions, II. Legal Documents, III. Financial Documents, and IV. Correspondence.

Series 1: Literary Productions. 1889-1907

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains ledgers and loose materials found in those ledgers, including letters from different members to the society. Also in this series is a ledger containing various stories from members of the society and other published works that they found important. Items found in folders one through five are loose materials from the scrapbooks found in oversize box five. This collection is in good to fair condition.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 1. Literary: Scrapbooks: Loose Materials: Literary: Library, 1896-1899
Box 1. Folder 2. Literary: Scrapbooks: Loose Materials: Literary, 1898-1905
Box 1. Folder 3. Literary: Scrapbooks: Loose Materials: Committees, 1898-1907
Box 1. Folder 4. Literary: Scrapbooks: Loose Materials: Certificates, 1905-1907
Box 1. Folder 5. Literary: Scrapbooks: Loose Materials: Correspondence, 1905-1907
Box 1. Folder 6. Literary: Records, 1889-1900
Box 1. Folder 7. Literary: Loose Materials: Financial, 1903-1904
Box 1. Folder 8. Literary: Ledger: Loose Materials: Legal, 1889-1904
Box 1. Folder 9. Literary: Ledger: Loose Materials: Literary, 1904-1907

Series 2: Legal Documents. 1889-1907

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains a variety of loose material and bound papers concerning the operations of the Adelpian Theological Society. This series most notably contains the constitution of the society along with a list of the active officers. This collection is in fair to good condition.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 10. Legal: Ledger: Special Library Book, 1895-1901
Box 2. Folder 1. Legal: Construction and By-Laws (original), undated
Box 2. Folder 2. Legal: Constitution and By-Laws, 1899-1905
Box 2. Folder 3. Legal: A.T.S Members, 1889-1897
Box 2. Folder 4. Legal: Ledger, 1898-1899
Box 2. Folder 5. Legal: Library Ledger, 1900-1903
Box 4. Folder OVZ. Legal: Proceeding Records of Society, 1889-1900
Box 4. Folder OVZ. Legal: Scrapbook: Letter and Invoice File, 1891-1898
Box 5. Folder OVZ. Legal: Scrapbook: Gray Invoice, 1901-1907

Series 3: Financial Documents. 1889-1906

Administrative/Biographical History

This Series includes a wide variety of financial records involving the Adelpian Society. Most of this information is located in ledgers and loose materials found in those ledgers. This collection is in fair to good condition.

Item List

Box 3. Folder 1. Financial: Ledger: Loose Materials: Receipts, 1905
Box 3. Folder 2. Financial: Ledger, 1889-1891
Box 3. Folder 3. Financial: Ledger: Loose Materials: Correspondence, 1902-1905
Box 3. Folder 4. Financial: Ledger: Loose Materials: Financial, 1902-1906
Box 3. Folder 5. Treasurer: Financial, 1892-1906
Box 3. Folder 6. Schedule: Financial, 1889

Series 4: Correspondence. 1916

Administrative/Biographical History

This series is very brief and only includes a graduation invitation dated 1916, which is in good condition.

Item List

Box 3. Folder 7. Correspondence, 1916