

FARRAR, F. W. (FREDERIC WILLIAM), 1831-1903.

Frederic William Farrar papers, 1825-1904

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Descriptive Summary

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Title: Frederic William Farrar papers, 1825-1904
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Abstract: Contains approximately 375 letters written to Farrar from other British theologians and scholars.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note

Anglican theologian and scholar, Frederic William Farrar, was the second son of Charles Pinhorn Farrar and his wife Caroline Turner. He was born on August 7, 1831 in the fort at

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Bombay, India. At the age of three, he was sent with his elder brother to live with two aunts in Aylesbury, until their parents returned to England. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1854 and proceeded to obtain his Master of Arts in 1857, and Doctorate of Divinity in 1874.

In 1854, Farrar accepted a mastership at Marlborough College, where he showed special gifts as a master. On Christmas day 1854, he was ordained deacon, and priest in 1857. He left Marlborough in November 1855 to take mastership under Dr. Vaughn at Harrow College. Reverend Farrar remained at Harrow for fifteen years. While at Harrow, Farrar devoted much of his time to literary pursuits, earning for himself a reputation in the fields of fiction, philology, and theology.

He published a number of works including *Eric, or Little by Little* (1858), *Julian Home: a Tale of College Life* (18th ed., 1905), *An Essay on the Origin of Language: based on Modern Researches and especially on the Works of M. Renan* (1860), and *Families of Speech* (1890). In 1866, Farrar was elected a fellow of the Royal Society in recognition for his work as a philologist. He composed a card of *Greek Grammar Rules* and published *A Brief Greek Syntax* (1867). In 1870, he visited Palestine with Walter Leaf to finish research for his *Life of Christ* (1874). He also completed the *Life of St. Paul* (1879) and *The Early Days of Christianity* (1882).

In 1876, he accepted a canonry of Westminster with the rectory of St. Margaret's parish. In 1883, he was appointed archdeacon of Westminster. In 1890, he was chosen chaplain to the House of Commons. In 1895, he became dean of Canterbury on the recommendation of Lord Rosebery. In three years, he raised 19,000 pounds in public subscriptions for the repair and restoration of Canterbury Cathedral. In 1899, his right hand was affected by muscular atrophy, which slowly attacked all his muscles. After a long illness, he died on March 22, 1903.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged chronologically from 1825 to 1904, most of the approximately 375 letters are written to Farrar from other British theologians and scholars. It is unclear to whom the 1904 letter is written. Many of the letters to Farrar concern matters of the Church of England, including letters from Frederick Temple, Bishop of Liverpool, and William Boyd Carpenter, Bishop of Liverpool. Most of the letters concern the daily routine matters of English school masters. A few of the letters from William Sanday and Dr. Whewell, however, offer criticisms of works by Farrar. Some of the 1888 correspondence concerns Farrar's efforts to erect a monument to Admiral Robert Blake. There also are some letters concerning the Church of England Temperance Party. Among the more notable correspondents are William H. Thompson, Dr. Whewell, Lord Rosebery, William Sanday, and George Trevelyan. (See also the selected list of correspondents below.)

A few letters written by Farrar, mostly to Sir Edwin Arnold, are among the undated materials, but were probably written between the 1870s and the 1890s. In one of his letters to Sir Arnold, regarding sending Arnold's son to Marlborough, Farrar states "Don't fear any brutalities! I have been Public School Master for sixteen years and have never touched a boy in the way of corporal punishment yet. Even as a Headmaster, I have never yet flogged a boy, and hope that I never shall, though I cannot yet see my way to the formal and final abolition of the punishment..."

Arrangement Note

Organized chronologically.

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Index of Selected Correspondents

Amherst, [Honourable Percy A.]

Arnold, Sir Edwin, Editor of the "Daily Telegraph" and poet

Auckland, Bishop

Bramwell, Frederick

Carpenter, William Boyd, Bishop of Ripon

Cheyne, Thomas Kelly, Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford

Copleston, Edward, Bishop of Llandaff

Cranbrook, [James?]

Dambrymple, Charles, House of Commons

Davidson, Randall Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury

Davis, Rev. J. Dewelyn

Festing, John Wogan, Bishop of St. Albans

Gore, Charles, Bishop of Oxford

Hamilton, Lord George Francis, Secretary of State for India

Hamilton, Walter Kerr, Bishop of Salisbury

Harcourt, Sir William Vernon, Professor of international law at the University of Cambridge

Hawkins, F. Vaughn

Hayman, Dr. Henry?, Head Master of Rugby School

Henyon, [H. Henly?]

Holland, Rev. Henry Scott

How, William Walsham, Bishop of Wakefield

Hughes, H. Price, great Methodist Divine

Jessopp, Dr. Augustus, Head Master of the Grammar School, Norwich

Jex-Blake, Dr. Thomas William, Principal of Cheltenham College

Lansdowne, (3rd Marquis of)

Lawson, Sir Wilfred

Liddon, Dr. Henry Parry, Canon of St. Paul's, London, Dean Ireland's Professor of Exegesis in the University of Oxford

Littledale, Rev. Richard Fred., Red Lion Square, London

Jackson, John, Bishop of Liverpool

Lushington, Godfrey

Lyall, Rev. William Hearle, Rector of St. Dionis Backchurch, London?

Maclear, George Frederick, Head master of King's College School, London

Moberly, George, Bishop of Salisbury

Northcott, Lord

Peel, Arthur Wellesley, Speaker of the House of Commons

Pemberton, Busick

Ridley, Sir Matthews White, Secretary of State Home Department

Rosebery, Lord

Russell, George

Ryle, John Charles, Bishop of Liverpool

Salisbury, Lord

Sanday, Rev. William, Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, and Vicar Great Waltham, Essex

Savory, Sir Joseph

Selwyn, William, Canon resident of Ely

Stainer, Sir Lovelace

Stanhope, Edward (one of Farrar's first pupil at Harrow)

Straton, Norman Dumenil John, Bishop of Sodor

Temple, Frederick, Bishop of Liverpool

Thompson, William Hepworth, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, and Honourable Canon of Ely

Trevelyan, Sir George Otto

Vaughan, Bernard

Vaughan, Herbert Alfred, Cardinal, Westminster

Wakefield, William Walsham

Whewell, Dr.