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**MASON DEANE P. WILLIAMS, 1821-1852
PRESBYTERIAN SERMON COLLECTION,
1840-1850**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT STATEMENT

The Mason D. P. Williams (1821-1852) Presbyterian Sermon Collection includes sermons given while Williams was the pastor of the 4th Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY. There are also speeches and speech fragments from Williams' days at Hanover College and Madison University. During Williams' academic studies he also took notes of lectures from Drs. Alexander, Hodge, Mathews, and Miller. The doctrinal subjects discussed in the lectures and sermons are listed in the finding aid and show the philosophies of the Presbyterian theology.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Mason Deane P. Williams was born in Shelby County, Indiana on Oct. 7, 1821. He received his A.B. from Madison University in 1844, an A.B. degree from Miami University in Ohio in 1845, and an A.M. from Hanover College in 1847. Williams attended New Albany Theological Seminary from 1844-45 and Princeton Theological Seminary from 1845-1847. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister on Jan. 14, 1848 in Louisville, Kentucky. He served as a pastor of the 4th Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY from 1848 to 1852. He died at age thirty on Apr. 26, 1852 in Louisville. (Biographical data was taken from the "Alumni Record: 1827-1927," *Bulletin of Hanover College*, Vol. 20 No. 4, Jan. 1, 1928.)

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**SERIES 1 THEOLOGICAL LECTURE NOTES, SPEECHES, AND
SERMONS, 1840-1850**

**Box 1 Theological Lecture Notes, Speeches, and Sermons, 1840 Jun.-1850
Dec. 27
8 Fd.**

Fd. 1 Notes from Theological Lectures, [n.d. & 1846 Sep.]
9 items

<u>Item</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1	Theology, [n.d.] 6 p.
2	Lectures on Didactic Theology by Dr. Alexander, [n.d.] 16 p. Subject of the lectures include angels, fallen angels, state of man, and the general principle of law.
3	Lectures on Didactic Theology by Dr. Hodge (blue pages), [n.d.] [ca.] 80 p. Topics covered in the lectures include the rules of faith, existence of God, the unity of God, will of God, power of God, divinity of Christ, personality and divinity of the Holy Spirit, decrees of God, predestination and election, creation, providence, covenant of works, sin of Adam, human ability, liberty of the will, moral law, extent of the atonement, regeneration, justification, and justification not sanctification.
4	Notes on Lectures of Dr. Mathews, [n.d.] 8 p.
5	Lectures on Church Government by Dr. Miller, 1846 Sep. 41 p.
6	Egyptian Period of Ante-Mosaic Period, [n.d.] 5 p.
7	Lectures, [n.d.] 26 p. Topics include baptism, sacrament of the Lord's supper, nature of the Church, visibility of the Church, unity, the will (by Dr. Alexander), and election.
8	2 nd Lecture on Justification, [n.d.] 42 p. Subjects covered are justification, sanctification, perfectionism, eschatology, purgatory, resurrection, second advent, last judgment, eternal life, duration of punishment, objections to the doctrine, sacraments, baptism, and infant baptism.
9	Pastoral theology, [n.d.] 24 p.

Box 1 Cont.

- Fd. 2 Sermons, and Hanover College and Madison University Speeches,
1840 Jun.-1844
7 Items

Item

- 1 Sermon by Rev. James Towner of Michigan City, 1840 Jun.
The speech was presented by Towner's widow and the subject of the sermon was Isaiah 33.14.
 - 2 Composition on the power of prayer by Mason Williams, 1841 Mar. 14
 - 3 "The Incidental Effects of Christian Missions," by Mason Williams 1842, Mar. 31
Williams explains on the back of the first page that this was a Spring speech given at Hanover College.
 - 4 "Missionary Address," by Mason Williams 1843 Jan.
This address was given at Hanover College before the Society of Inquiry.
 - 5 Fragment of speech by Mason Williams, 1844
A note on the back side of the speech says that it is the first copy of a graduation speech, presumably for Madison University.
 - 6 "Quomodo Christus Sacerdotium perficit?" 1847 Mar. 20
The first three pages are in Latin and written by Mason Williams and the rest is written about "the testimony of the fathers."
 - 7 Speech, [n.d.]
- Fd. 3 Sermons and Outgoing Letter, 1847 Mar. 4-Dec. 31
31 items

Written in pencil on the top of the sermon's first page are notations by Williams that tell where the sermon was given. Most were given in Louisville.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Citation</u>	<u>Title/Scriptural Text</u>
1	1847 Mar. 4		Report for Society of Inquiry
2	Apr. 8	Heb. 12:25-8	Critical Exercise
3	May 2 & Apr. 10	Luke 13:6-10	Barren Fig Tree
4	[n.d.]	Luke 13:6-10	Barren Fig Tree
5	1847 May 16	Romans 12	
6	May 16	Matt. 23:37-8	Jerusalem Sinner
7	May 2[?]		Come buy milk without money
8	May 28	Heb. 11:5	He please God
9	Jun. 2	Acts 17:20-1	
10	Jun. 2	Letter from Williams to Brother Knott	
11	Jun. 11	1 Pet. 5:7	Casting all your care on Him

Box 1 Cont.

Fd. 3 Cont.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Citation</u>	<u>Title/Scriptural Text</u>
12	1847 Jun. 20	Heb. 2:3	How shall we escape
13	Jul. 6	Luke 14:18?	I pray thee have me excused
14	Jul. 14	John 3:16	God so loved the world
15	Jul. 30	Heb. 12:25	See that ye refuse not him
16	Aug. 4	Isa. 28:16	I lay in Zion a foundation stone
17	Aug. 12	Luke 15:11-24	The Prodigal Son
18	Aug. 17	Rev. 1:5-6	
19	Aug. 26	Acts 24:25	
20	Sep. 4	Matt 11:28	Come unto me all ye that labor
21	[n.m.]	Heb. 12:1-3	Olympic Games as metaphor
22	Oct. 22	Gal. 6:14	
23	Nov. 13		Adam: Prominent Bible Characters
24	Nov. 18	John 3:7	Ye must be born again
25	Nov. 26	John 1:29	Behold the Lamb of God
26	Nov. 27	Ps. 147:20	Thanksgiving Sermon
27	Dec. 1	Mark 16:26	What is a man profited is he gain the whole world
28	Dec. 6	Matt. 11:30	My yoke is easy and burden is light
29	Dec. 15	Isa. 40:31	They that wait on the Lord
30	Dec. 23	Prov. 13:15	The way of transgression is hard
31	Dec. 31	Luke 17:17	Were there not ten cleansed?

Fd. 4 Sermons, 1848 Jan. 6-Sep. 6
11 items

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Citation</u>	<u>Title/Scriptural Text</u>
1	1848 Jan. 6	1 Pet. 4:18	If the righteous scarcely be saved
2	Feb. 8-9	Ps. 115:1 & John 15:12	Love one another
3	May 30	Ezek. 33:11	I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked
4	Apr. 4	1 Cor. 15:58	Be ye steadfast, unmovable
5	Apr. 20	Rom. 8:8	If any man have not the Spirit of Christ
6	May 2	2 Cor. 7:10	Godly sorrow worketh repentance
7	May 24	John 5:7;14:2	
8	Jun. 9	John 3:15	Son of Man must be lifted up

Box 1 Cont.

Fd. 4 Cont.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Citation</u>	<u>Title/Scriptural Text</u>
9	1848	Aug. 3 & 10	
The dates are found about twenty pages into this group of papers. Presumably the previous pages are from earlier sermons, though these pages lack dates.			
10	Aug. 22	Rom. 8:1	Walk not after the flesh but the spirit
11	Sep. 6	Matt. 7:24-7	

Fd. 5 Sermons, 1849 Jan. 4-Dec. 27
20 items

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Citation</u>	<u>Title/Scriptural Text</u>
1	1849	Jan. 4	2 Kgs. 5:10
2		Jan. 11	Gal. 2:19
3		Jan. 18	John 8:44
4		Jan. 25	Matt. 25:46
5		Feb. 9	Josh. 7:11-13
6		Feb. 15	Hosea 11:7
7		Feb. 20	Ps. 126:6
8		Apr. 20	Acts. 2:39
9		Aug. 1	Isa. 26:9
10		Aug. 16	Col. 1:21-22
11		Aug. 19	Luke 16:31
12		Sep. 1	Eze. 33:8
13		Sep. 18	2 Cor. 3:3
14		Oct. 3	2 Tim. 3:15
15		Oct. 23	1 Cor. 15:14
16		Nov. 1	Matt. 7:21
17		Nov. 15	Rom. 8:7
18		Dec. 13	

Box 1 Cont.

Fd. 5 Cont.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Citation</u>	<u>Title/Scriptural Text</u>
19	1849 Dec. 21	James 5:16	The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much
20	Dec. 27	Ps. 90:12	So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom

Fd. 6 Sermons, 1850 Jan. 24-Dec. 27
9 items

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Citation</u>	<u>Title/Scriptural Text</u>
1	1850 Jan. 24	Rom. 8:28	All things work together for good to those that love God
2	Oct. 26	2 Cor. 3:18	Assimilation of Character
3	Nov. 8	Gal. 6:7	The Reaping as the Sowing
4	Nov. 15	John 5:6	Wilt thou be made whole?
5	Nov. 28	Ps. 118:1	Thanksgiving Discourse
6	Nov. 29	Gal. 3:23	Wherefore then serveth the Law
7	Dec. 14	2 Cor. 5:14	Love of Christ constraining us
8	Dec. 20	Num. 10:29	Christians are pilgrims
9	Dec. 27	Num. 23:23	What hath God wrought?

Fd. 7 Miscellaneous and Undated Letters and Sermons
30 items

<u>Item</u>	<u>Subject/Scriptural Text/First Line</u>	<u>Citation</u>
1	Letter written from Hanover, IN and mentions the Union Literary Society	
2	Signs of hatred to Christ	
3	Atonement	
4	Scholars of the Sabbath Schools of Jeffersonville (IN)	
5	Campbellism	
6	Fellow Members	
7	"What is a man profiteth if he should gain the whole world" Matt. 16:26	
8	Untitled speech discusses societies	
9	Anonymous	
10	Untitled	
11	Indifference of objects of sense	

Box 1 Cont.

Fd. 7 Cont.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Subject/Scriptural Text/First Line</u>	<u>Citation</u>
12	Literary imprisonments	
13	Sec. 7 (no title)	
14	Association of Benev[olent] Effort	
15	Church history	
16	Sec. 25	
17	Untitled (blue paper)	
18	Martin Luther was the man (first line of untitled speech)	
19	The analogy of religion to the Constitution	
20	“For God so loved the world”	John 3:16
21	“The wages of sin is death”	Rom. 6:33
22	Progression by Mary Fitch	Phil. 3:13-15
23	Law—Its Necessity	
24	Law—Its Necessity The speech is dedicated to G. J. Reed	
25	The Claims of Law	
26	“Fellow members”	
27	Untitled	
28	Untitled	
29	Rejoinder	
30	Letter fragment	

Fd. 8
Miscellaneous Sermons
28 items

<u>Item</u>	<u>Subject/Scriptural Text/First Line</u>	<u>Citation</u>
1	Climactic order of nature	
2	Mind is immortal	
3	“Has he shown that Catholicism is no enemy?”	
4	What does reason teach?	
5	Is foreign emigration dangerous to the interests of the Republic?	
6	How does Christ execute the office of a Priest? (brown paper)	
7	How does Christ execute the office of a Priest? (blue paper)	
8	Grieve not the Holy Ghost	
9	What shall we learn from the history of Noah?	
10	“Every one that thirsteth”	Isa. 55:1-3
11	In conversion and sanctification does the Spirit of God operate on persons only through the word?	
12	Controversy on Campbellism	
13	“There was a certain rich man”	Luke 16:19-31
14	“Now while Paul waited”	Acts 17:16

Box 1 Cont.

Fd. 8 Cont.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Subject/Scriptural Text/First Line</u>	<u>Citation</u>
15	III. (the sermon is on blue paper with a III in the left corner)	
16	“How may this life be attained”	
17	Untitled	
18	“For the Son of man is come”	Luke 18:10
19	Sermon	Matt. 11:25
20	“Come unto me”	Matt:11:28
21	“The wages of sin is death”	Rom. 6:23
22	“And he kept back part of the price”	Acts 5:2
23	Popular lecture	Isa. 55:1-3
24	The Spirit of Christianity	
25	Design of Christian baptism	
26	Synod of Dort	
27	Socinians	
28	Sermon	Ps. 145:3