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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Barnes, Albert, 1798-1870
Title:	Albert Barnes papers
ID:	6958378
Date [inclusive]:	1840 -- 1859
Physical Description:	0.5 linear feet 0.5 linear feet; 1 box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Albert Barnes was a Presbyterian minister in Philadelphia involved in the New School/Old School dispute, whose experience influenced the founding of Union Theological Seminary in New York, where he was on the Board of Directors from 1840-1870. This collection contains 29 manuscript sermons.

Preferred Citation

Item description, UTS1: Albert Barnes papers, 1840-1859, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Rev. Albert Barnes was born in Rome, Oneida County, New York on Dec. 1, 1798. He completed preparatory studies at Fairfield Academy, Connecticut, and graduated from Hamilton College in July 1820. After attending Princeton Theological Seminary, he was ordained on Feb. 8, 1825, and installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Morristown, NJ. Five years later, Barnes succeeded the Rev. James Patriot Wilson as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. The division within the Presbyterian denomination between the "Old School" and the "New School" resulted in a struggle for control of the church, and in 1831 a heresy charge by the Presbytery of Philadelphia against Barnes went before the General Assembly. Barnes's call was sustained by a New School majority, but in 1835 the publication of his new commentary on Romans resulted in a renewed campaign against

him; his opponents pressed charges from Presbytery to Synod. When UTS founders first met in October, 1835, in New York, Barnes's right to preach had been suspended by the Synod of Philadelphia, and this situation helped to fuel the New School Presbyterians' desire to found a new seminary in the city. In 1836, the Synod of the General Assembly reversed Barnes's suspension. In 1851 he was named Moderator of the General Assembly, and he helped shape its antislavery sentiment and its strong position in favor of temperance reform. His active ministry in Philadelphia continued until 1867, when, due to failure of his sight, he resigned his charge and was made Pastor Emeritus. Yet he continued to preach in the House of Refuge, of which he was a manager, and sat continuously on the Board of Directors of UTS from 1840 until his death on December 24, 1870, often traveling between the two cities. In 1867 he delivered the first course of lectures at UTS on the Ely Foundation, on the Evidences of Christianity in the Nineteenth Century, which were later published.

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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The following boxes are located offsite: Box 1. Please note that requests for use of boxes held in offsite storage must be made three business days in advance.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

George Lewis Prentiss donated Barnes' sermons to The Burke Library before 1897, having received them from Fanny M. Gibbs. Albert Barnes had been persuaded by Fanny M. Gibbs to give her these remaining sermons, when she discovered that he was destroying his whole collection.

Processing Information

Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. The finding aid was created by Lisa Fishman in 1997, revised by Ruth Tonkiss Cameron in 2008, and updated and edited by Leah Edelman in 2021.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Presbyterians -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Sermons, American

- Barnes, Albert, 1798-1870 -- : Archives

Burke Library record group:

Union Theological Seminary Archives: UTS 1, papers of faculty and students

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75. Proverbs 15.18-Christian Theology, 1845 -- 1859	box 1	folder 1
76. 1 Thessalonians. 5.23-Christian Theology, 1843 -- 1859	box 1	folder 2
77. John 17.17-Christian Theology, 1843 -- 1854	box 1	folder 3
78. 1 Peter 1.15, 16-Christian Theology, 1843 -- 1859	box 1	folder 4
79. 1 John 3.9-Christian Theology, 1843 -- 1859	box 1	folder 5
80. 2 Peter 3.18- Christian Theology, 1842 -- 1859	box 1	folder 6
81. Philippians 3.12 -14-Christian Theology, 1843 -- 1859	box 1	folder 7
462. Col. 3.12; Rom. 12.10-Blessings of a Benignant Spirit, 1840 -- 1841	box 1	folder 8
512. Acts 8.4-Duty of Christians When Scattered Aboard, 1842 -- 1857	box 1	folder 9

527. 1 Thessalonians. 4.13-Hope in the Christian's Death, 1842 -- 1857	box 1	folder 10
529. 2 Timothy 4.6-8-Prospect of Death to a Christian, 1843 -- 1848	box 1	folder 11
570. Jeremiah 41.50-Duty of Remembering, circa 1840 -- 1849	box 1	folder 12
587. Acts 20.22-Our Ignorance of the Future, 1846	box 1	folder 13
591. Joshua 24.17, 18-God Our Preserver, 1846	box 1	folder 14
603. Genesis 5. 24-Practicality of a Life of Eminent Piety, 1847 -- 1855	box 1	folder 15
621. Luke 10.42-Mary's Choice, 1848 -- 1851	box 1	folder 16
631. Genesis 3.8-19-What Shall Be Done with Sin?, 1848	box 1	folder 17
641. Matthew 7.1-Censorious Judging, 1849	box 1	folder 18
643. 1 Timothy 6-Contentment, 1849	box 1	folder 19
647. Romans 8.2-Law of the Spirit of Life, 1849	box 1	folder 20
650. Thessalonians 5.19-Quenching the Spirit, 1849	box 1	folder 21
662. Lamentations 4.1-Gold Become Dim, 1849	box 1	folder 22
674. Matthew 15.19, 20-Human Heart, 1848	box 1	folder 23
681. Matthew 13.31, 32-Christian Experience, 1850	box 1	folder 24
682. Matthew 13.33-Christian Experience, 1850	box 1	folder 25
683. 1 Peter 1:15, 16-Christian Experience, 1850	box 1	folder 26
684. 1 John 3. 8-10-Christian Experience, 1850	box 1	folder 27
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