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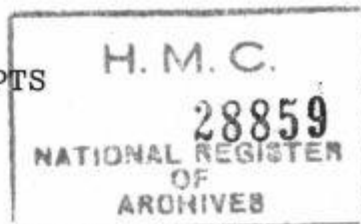
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Report on correspondence and papers

of

JOSEPH ARMITAGE ROBINSON

(1858-1933)

Dean of Westminster 1902-11,

of Wells 1911-33

in

Westminster Abbey Muniment Room and Library

compiled by

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### Introduction

The papers described in this report were inspected at Westminster Abbey by kind permission of the dean and chapter on 11 April 1986. They were originally collected by LE Tanner, keeper of the muniments and later librarian of the Abbey from members of the Robinson family for use in his memoir of Joseph Armitage Robinson. The collection consists mainly of JA Robinson's papers at Cambridge and as dean of Westminster, but there are also some later papers relating to the Malines conversations which complement those in Lambeth Palace Library (MSS 2222-24).

The papers are kept in ten box files, of which only 1-8 are numbered and roughly sorted. The two unnumbered boxes, which are provisionally referred to as (9) and (10) in this report, contain some papers extracted from boxes 1-8 during the preparation of Tanner's memoir, in addition to a quantity of unsorted papers.

Other official papers relating to JA Robinson's time as canon (1899-1902) and dean (1902-11) of Westminster are among the Abbey muniments (58300-58489 and passim) and are noticed at the end of the report.

Further papers of JA Robinson are also to be found amongst the papers of Edmund Bishop at Downside Abbey, but only a few miscellaneous papers at Wells Cathedral survive for his time as dean there (1911-33).

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April 1986

Joseph Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)CORRESPONDENCE

Family and misc corresp 1877-1926, nd (1 folder) incl some letters from Cambridge scholars and other churchmen [box 5]

Letters to him, mainly at Cambridge c1878-c1899 (1 bundle) incl letters from JB Lightfoot, HCG Moule and John Peile [box (9)]

Corresp, mainly letters from churchmen and scholars and copies of his replies 1886-1933 (1 folder), incl letters from Randall Davidson 1903-28 (c20 items) and letters to him and Amy Faithfull on their engagement 1914 (1 bundle) [box 5]

Corresp and misc papers 1886-95 (1 folder) incl letters from AJ Mason 1890-1 (5 items), EW Benson 1894, 1896 (3 items and 1 enclosure) and Dom Cuthbert Butler 1895, 1905 (3 items) [box 5]

Letters from FJA Hort 1886-92 (6 items) [box (10)]

Corresp, mainly letters from scholars and churchmen 1887-1931 (1 folder), incl letters from foreign scholars 1887-1904 (1 bundle) and from Dom Cuthbert Butler 1895 (5 items)

Corresp rel to his appointment as canon of Westminster, scholarly matters etc 1887-99 (1 bundle) incl letters from AC Hervey and JB Lightfoot [box (9)]

Misc corresp and papers 1891-1904 (1 folder) [box 5]

Letter from AJ Balfour sending news of royal approval for JA Robinson's appointment as dean of Westminster, 1902 [box (9)]

Letters from his brother Arthur 1903 (2 items) [box 2]

Letter from him to his brother Arthur 1903 [box 3]

Letters from scholars and public figures 1903-6 (1 folder)  
[box 5]

Letters from scholars, churchmen and public figures 1907-10  
and translation of the 'Confession of the Orthodox Faith'  
as used in the Armenian Church (1 folder) [box 5]

Letter and note from Lord Fisher 1908, nd (2 items) with  
printed articles (2) rel to Lord Nelson and Trafalgar  
[box 2]

Letters from foreign scholars 1908-9 (5 items) and seating  
plan for dinner party in honour of Sir Benjamin Stone 1905  
[box 5]

Letters from Charles Gore rel to H Hensley Henson's  
controversial preaching in his diocese 1909 (4 items)  
[box (10)]

Letter from HH Asquith rel to JA Robinson's resignation as  
dean of Westminster 1910 and copy of his reply asking for  
the deanery of Wells (2 items) [box (9)]

Typescript copies of letters from him to his brother Arthur  
rel to the Church Assembly, Convocation etc 1918-28 (11 items)  
[box (9)]

Letters, mainly from Lord Halifax to him and his wife rel to  
the Malines conversations and personal affairs 1921-32  
(20 items) [box (9)]

Misc loose corresp as dean of Wells [box (9)]

Letters to his wife on her husband's death, the disposal  
of his papers etc 1934-8, nd (1 bundle) [box 2]

PAPERSDiaries and devotional papers

Diaries incl notes on his spiritual progress and on his prayers and praise 1875-86 (3 vols) [box 2]

Notebook rel to a mission at St Luke's, Wolverhampton 1883, with misc historical notes (1 vol) [box 3]

Continental travel journal 1884 (1 vol) [box 4]

Diary for October 1886 - August 1887 (used as a wrapper) [box (9)]

Diary-type notes of his daily round January - February 1887 (11 ff) [box 2]

Engagement diary incl his daily timetable May 1888 - May 1889 (1 vol) [box 2]

Diary notes 1902 (9 ff) [box (9)]

Lectures, speeches and addresses

'The seven last words from the Cross' used at various Good Friday devotions 1889-1920 [box 3]

'The search for manuscripts' 1889 [box 3]

'Lent lectures at All Saints' 1891, typescript [box 3]

'The Berlin papyri', 1896 [box 3]

'A theory of the development of the creed' c1897-1900 [box 3]

'The Virgin Birth' (against episcopal reassertion) (2ff) consisting of his notes of a speech in Convocation, 15 May 1903 [box 2]

'St Anselm' 1909 [box 3]

'Local divergence in early church life' 1910 [box 2]

'The Gospel narratives of the Resurrection 1913 [box (9)]

'The earliest elements of the Christian history' 1914 [box 3]

'The English university system' nd [box 3]

'The priesthood of the laity' nd [box 3]

MS of article for the Journal of Theological Studies 'On a quotation from Justin Martyr in Irenaeus' [box 2]

MSS or typescripts of printed articles on 'Jesus Christ' and 'The Christian ministry in the apostolic and subapostolic periods' (2 items) [box 3]



Miscellaneous scholarly papers

Notes and extracts from his reading while at Christ's College, Cambridge and (1 exercise book, 2ff only filled) [box 2]

Notes on the Apocalypse, Patmos 1887 [box 2]

Typescript submission to the Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Discipline on the Athanasian Creed 1904 (2 copies) [box 2]

Architectural notes and sketches made at Bernay 1910 (1 vol) [box (9)]

Notes on St Patrick, 1916 (2ff) [box 2]

Notes on Armenian studies (2ff) with covering letter to Revd PA Vardanian 1927 [Box 2]

Notes on the unction of the sick (1 bundle) [box 2]

Misc notes on St Boniface etc (2ff) [box 2]

Notes on St William of Dijon (3ff) [box 2]

Notes on Charles Gore (1f) [box (9)]

Notes on the Holy Spirit in early doxologies (1 folder) [box 3]

Typescript paper on Vasco da Gama and misc notes and papers (1 bundle) [box 2]

Sermons, sermon notes and records of sermons

Sermon notes 1875, nd (1 bundle, 1 vol) records of sermons, lectures and addresses 1881-8 (2 vols) and 'scraps from books on Scripture' and misc sermon notes and addresses nd (2 bundles) [box 2]

Sermons, sermon notes, prayers and addresses 1876-1932, nd (4 boxes) [boxes 1, 6, 7 and 8]

Misc notes for sermons and addresses and corresp rel to their borrowing and return (c30 items) [box 4]

Miscellaneous personal and family papers

Misc loose notes, valuation of furnishings in his rooms at Christ's College, 1899, verses etc (17 items) [box 2]

Diploma as honorary doctor of theology, Glasgow university 1910 (1 item) and warrant for his KCVO 1931 (1 item) [box 4]

Papers rel to his honours and appointments (16 items) [box 6]

Agreements with publishers (1 bundle) [box 4]

Copy of letter to Revd Armitage Forbes at Cadiz from his sister Henrietta, 1845 [box 2]

Typescript 'Reminiscences of Three Days in My Life' rel to Queen Victoria's coronation and golden and diamond jubilees, not by JA Robinson [box 3]

Arthur Robinson's typescript notes on the story of the family nd (1 bundle) [box (9)]

Other papers

Misc unsorted corresp and papers of and rel to  
JA Armitage incl memoirs of him by LE Tanner (1 item)  
and PTB Clayton (1 item) [boxes (9) and (10)]

Misc printed papers, pamphlets and photographs  
[boxes 2, 3 and 4]

## APPENDIX

Official papers of JA Robinson among the Westminster  
Abbey muniments

Corresp and papers as canon of Westminster rel to the  
coronation of Edward VII 1901-2 (190 items)  
[WAM 58300-489] and other misc official papers  
[WAM passim].