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INTRODUCTION

This Congregational theological college was founded in 1901 as a successor to Western College, Plymouth (established 1845), which was itself the successor of Western Academies at Exeter (1829-45), Axminster (1795-1828), Taunton (1780-94), Bridport (1765-79) and Ottery St. Mary (1752-64). Western College, Bristol was closed and its work absorbed into that of the Congregational College, Manchester in 1969, when the MSS. described in the following list were transferred to New College, London.

R. A. Storey, December, 1969.

WESTERN COLL.

- WES.1/1            n.d. [C.18]            MS. vol. "Deistical Writers": tabulated notes under the foll. headings: "Deistical writers and writings; Revelation oppos[e]d; Natural religion establish[e]d; Answers and their Authors."
- At end of vol.: one page cut out; a page of notes stuck in [principally shorthand notes on funeral sermon of Mrs. — ].
- Wes. Coll. Lib. no.IV F.    Acc. to bookplate: presented by J. Sparkes, Plymouth, 1859.
- 1/2            n.d. [w/m 1827]            Loose in above: MS. tabulated chart of scriptural refs.
- WES.2            1682            [Pr.] The Saint's Security in Evil Days ... Wm. Crompton, M.A. Printed for Benj. Alsop, and to be sold by Jas. Cowley, bookseller in Exeter.
- 1699            Bound before this work is:
- Transcript by Ric. Evans of "Reasons for Non-conformity in what concerns (1) the reading of the Apocryphal books (2) the declaration of assent, & consent to the Psalters, both long since drawn up for the satisfaction of himself & others, by the Revd. Mr. J. Hoppin, AM Minister of the Gospel in Exon." [ Revd. Jn. Hoppin, min. at Exeter, d.1705: A. G. Matthews, Calamy Revised.]
- At front of vol.: MS. note of provenance: bot. by F. William Cock, M.D., F.S.A. and presented to his wife, Francis Louisa [née Evans], 1923; presented by them to Wes. Coll., 1929.
- [Shelved in New Coll., London Lib., ref. L-R. 5.4.]
- WES.3            1721            MS. vol.: "Notes Critical & Practical upon the Epistles of St. James, Peter & Jude, Extracted from the Treatises of the Learned with some Observations of his own" by Rev. Ric. Evans, minister at Cullompton, Devon.
- At front of vol.: MS. notes by Mrs.Cock re Evans. incl. transcript of ltr. of invitation to become minister of the Indep. Mtg., Cullompton, 6 Apr 1698, signed by Thos. Speed, Jas. Artnott [?], Jn. Harris & Anth. Codner; transcript of inscription on Evans' gravestone; note of presentation of vol. to Wes. Coll., 1929.
- WES.4            1744            MS. vol.: notes of "Preaching Lectures" taken by Andrew Parminter. [ Lectures given by Rev. Philip Doddridge, D.D.? — Parminter was a pupil at Northampton. ]
- Vol. incl. additions, comments, etc., in other hands, some in shorthand; some possibly by Doddridge?
- [Bottom of pages damp-stained.]

WESTERN COLL.

WES.5-7

1786-8

3 MS. vols.: Sam. Rooker, vols. 2, 4 & 5: copies of "Theological Lectures, from Marck's Medulla, &C. By the Rev. Mr. John Lavington of St. Mary Ottery Devon Transcribed & studied over again (especially after the 12th Lecture) By Thos. Reader Between Aug. 11th 1780, & Nov. 8th 1783."

[Lavington would presumably be Rev. Jn. Lavington, jun., DNB, (d.1764), principal tutor at the Western Academy fd. by his father at Ottery St. Mary, Devon in 1752. Rev. Sam. Rooker, ordained in 1799, was minister at Bideford. Rev. Thos. Reader, minister of St. Paul's Meeting, Taunton, d.1794. The copying is dated from Rooker's inscriptions on the page foll. the flyleaf in each vol. & from his note at the conclusion of the work. These 3 vols. orig. formed part of a sequence of 5. They contain Lectures 23-40; 59-76; 77-96.]

WES.8

1784-1809

Rev. H. Mends, Plymouth: MS. vol. of Sermons W. notes as to when & where preached. Incl.: sermon preached at Totnes on opening of a new place of worship, 11 Aug 1793; at Kingsbridge on ordination of Rev. Sam. Blatchford, 4 Nov 1789 and at Launceston on ordination of Rev. Jonas Lewis, 12 Oct 1796; "Introductory Discourse" at Assembly of Calvinistic Ministers of Devon & Cornwall, Charmouth, 16 Sept 1789 [in order in which they appear in the volume].

MS. notes in front of vol. by W. F. Windeatt: sermons of Rev. Herbert Mends of Plymouth given to Rev. Thos. White Windeatt of Totnes by Mends' widow, shortly after his death.

Wes. Coll. bookplate: presented by J. Windeatt, Plymouth, Oct 1879.

WES.9-16

1817-20

M. Caston, Gosport: 8 MS. vols. of notes of lectures by Rev. David Bogue, minister at Gosport [DNB], taken by Caston. Subjects as follows:

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Geography; Eccles. History; Church Government.
Grammar Composition
Theology vol. 1
" 2
" 3
" 4
New Testament; Jewish Antiquities
Pastoral Exposition.

[For Rev. M. Caston, see Independency in Warwickshire, Jn. Sibree & M. Caston (Ward & Co., 1855), pp.202-3. Caston was a student at Gosport College; then minister at Sherborne, Do.; and from 1846-50 minister at Rother Street Chapel, Stratford-on-Avon.]

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A number of references to the Western Academies will be found in the list of the archives of New College, London (NRA 13042).