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# Guide to the Alvah Hovey Papers

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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Yale Divinity Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 288

**CREATOR:** Hovey, Alvah, 1820-1903

**TITLE:** Alvah Hovey Papers

**DATES:** 1842-1903

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 14.5 linear feet (30 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** This collection documents the work of Alvah Hovey (1820-1903) who taught at Newton Theological Institution in Newton Centre, Massachusetts from 1849 to 1903 and was President of the Institution from 1868-1898.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.288>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.288>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Andover Newton Theological School, 2017.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

Alvah Hovey Papers (RG 288), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## Existence and Location of Copies

Portions of the collection are available in microfilm format.

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## Biographical / Historical

Biographical information

### Chronology

- 1820 March 5      ○ Born in Greene, NY
- 1844              ○ Graduated from Dartmouth College, New Hampshire
- 1848              ○ Graduated from Newton Theological Institution
- 1848-1849       ○ Pastor in Gloucester, Maine
- 1850 January 13   ○ Ordained in Boston, Massachusetts
- 1849-1854       ○ Assistant Instructor, Hebrew, Newton Theological Institution
- 1851-1852;  
1858-1859       ○ Acting Professor, Biblical Literature and Interpretation, NTI; married to Augusta Rice, 1852
- 1854-1870       ○ Professor, Christian Theology, NTI
- 1870-1899       ○ Professor, Theology and Christian Ethics, NTI
- 1899-1903       ○ Professor, General Introduction and Apologetics, NTI
- 1868-1898       ○ President, Newton Theological Institution
- 1892-1894       ○ Acting Professor, Biblical Interpretation, N.T., NTI
- 1903 September 6   ○ Died, Newton Centre, Massachusetts

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## Scope and Contents

The Alvah Hovey Papers, 1842-1903, document the professional work of Hovey. The collection includes autobiographical essays, diaries, correspondence, sermons, addresses, lectures, essays, unpublished and published literary manuscripts, student lecture notes from Dartmouth College and Newton Theological Institution, notes on Biblical texts and theological subjects, newspaper clippings, and association items.

Included in Series II, Correspondence, are letters of other 19th century Baptist clergy and educators including Elisha B. Andrews, George D. Boardman, John A. Broadus, Charles R. Brown, Henry S. Burrage, Ernest D. Burton, William N. Clarke, William H.P. Faunce, Shailer Mathews, George E. Merrill, George W. Northrup, Edwards A. Park, George D. B. Pepper, Henry E. Robins, Ezekiel G. Robinson, Artemus W. Sawyer, Augustus H. Strong, and Henry G. Weston. A more detailed listing and name index for the correspondence are included in the original finding aid for the collection, which is linked to from <https://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/special-collections/andover-newton>.

The documents in Series VIII, Association Items, are not in Hovey's hand; and their relation to other material in the collection is unclear. This series includes letters and literary manuscripts.

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged in ten series:

Series I:	Autobiographical Material and Diaries
Series II:	Correspondence
Series III:	Sermons and Addresses
Series IV:	Lectures
Series V:	Writings
Series VI:	Notes and Notebooks
Series VII:	Collected Material
Series VIII:	Associated Items
Series IX:	Writings by Others
Series X:	Addendum

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Autobiographical Material and Diaries

b.1	Autobiographical essay - two drafts, partly in Augusta Hovey's hand	No date
b.1	Narrative for my children (autobiographical essay)	No date
b.1	Autobiographical. essay, untitled	1863
b.1	Poem (autobiographical)	1866 November 29
b.1	Diaries (11 volumes)	1855-1889
b.2	Diaries ( 3 volumes)	1890-1903

**Series II: Correspondence**

See the original finding aid, which is linked to from <https://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/special-collections/andover-newton>, for a complete listing of correspondence and name index.

b. 3, f. 1	Undated fragments	No date
b. 3, f. 1a-1c	Undated complete letters	No date
b. 3, f. 1c, 2, 3	Including with Jonas Terry, Arabella D. Skinner	1842
b. 3, f. 4-26	Including with Irah Chase, Artemus Sawyer, John B. Foster, O.S. Stearns, Edwards A. Park	1847-1871
b. 4, f. 27-50	Including with E.G. Robinson, Hattie Carpenter, Adele M. Fielde, A.H. Strong, John C. Foster, George P. Fisher	1871-1884
b. 5, f. 51-77	Including with W. Henry Green, Augusta Hovey, James B. Angell, Josiah Strong, G.D. B. Pepper	1884-1894
b. 6, f. 78-101	Including with Walter Rauschenbusch, Charles Rufus Brown, R. H. Dana	1894-1903
b. 30	Preservation microfilm of Hovey correspondence (5 reels)	1842-1904

**Series III: Sermons and Addresses**

See the original finding aid, which is linked to from <https://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/special-collections/andover-newton>, for a full listing of sermon texts and titles of addresses.

b. 7	List of sermons preached at Gloucester, Massachusetts 1848-1849	
b. 7	Undated sermons arranged by text, Exodus through 2 Timothy	No date
b. 8	Undated sermons arranged by text, I Peter through Jude	No date
b. 8	Dated sermons	1855-1899
b. 8	Funeral and memorial addresses	1844-1903
b. 9	Undated miscellaneous addresses 35 addresses	No date
b. 9	Dated addresses	1880-1887
b. 10	Dated addresses	1887-1903



**Series IV: Lectures**

Lectures are arranged according to the outline of general subjects provided by Hovey in his Syllabus of Theological Propaedeutics (n.d.).

b. 10	Fragments	No date
b. 10	Lectures on Biblical Theology	No date
b. 11	Lectures on Biblical Theology and Historical Theology	No date
b. 12	Lectures on Historical Theology and Systematic Theology	No date
b. 13	Lectures on Systematic Theology	No date
b. 14	Lectures on Systematic Theology, Practical Theology, and Apologetic Theology	No date
b. 15	Miscellaneous lectures arranged by title	No date

**Series V: Writings**

## Essays

b. 15	Unpublished essays arranged by title, "The Atonement, or self-sacrifice of Christ" through "Paul's Desire"	No date
b. 16	Unpublished essays arranged by title, "The Purpose of God as to Creation, etc." through "The Work of Christ in Saving Men"	No date

## Unpublished manuscripts

b. 17	Biography of the Rev'd. Chapin Howard Carpenter	
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## Manuscripts of published monographs

b. 17	<i>Commentary on the Epistle to the Galatians. vol. 8, An American Commentary on the New Testament.</i> Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1890. (in Augusta Hovey's hand)	1890
b. 18-19	<i>Studies in Ethics and Religion.</i> Boston: Silver, Burdett, & Co., Publishers, 1892. (incomplete--missing pages 299-301, 454-588)	1892
b. 19	<i>Barnas Sears: A Christian Educator, his Making and Work.</i> New York: Silver, Burdett & Company, 1902. rough draft of chapter four.	1902

## Pamphlets and articles

b. 20	Christian Science and Mind-Cure (from <i>Studies in Ethics and Religion</i> ); "Stapfer on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ," <i>American Journal of Theology</i> IV (1904); 536-554.	1904
b. 20	<i>The State of Men after Death.</i> Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, n.d.	No date
b. 20	Printed copies of articles with manuscript notes	

**Series VI: Notes and Notebooks**

## Student notebooks

Notes taken while a student at Dartmouth College

b. 20	1 volume miscellaneous essays	1843
b. 20	1 volume Lectures on Theology	1843-1844
Notebooks and notes on the Bible		
b. 21	1 volume notes on commentaries on the Bible	No date
b. 21	Notebooks arranged by Biblical book	No date
b. 22	Notes on New Testament books	No date
Miscellaneous		
b. 22	Undated notebooks containing essays and poems	No date
b. 23	Undated notebooks	No date
b. 23	Dated notes and notebooks	1837-1903
b. 24	Fragments, exam questions	No date

**Series VII: Collected Material**

b. 24	Letters to H.S. Burrage in response to invitations to attend events honoring Hovey's 50th anniversary at Newton Theological Institution	1899
b. 24	Poems	1878, no date
b. 24	Account book, April 1851-1868 (contains lists of books purchased by AH)	1851-1868
b. 24	Manuscripts in Hovey's hand; translations of others' works, etc.	No date
b. 25, f. 1-4	Miscellaneous papers	
b. 25, f. 5-7	Newspaper clippings	

**Series VIII: Associated Items**

b. 25, f. 8-9	Miscellaneous letters neither to nor from Hovey See original finding aid, which is linked to from <a href="https://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/special-collections/andover-newton">https://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/special-collections/andover-newton</a> , for a full listing of letters.	1850-1913, no date
b. 25, f. 10	Miscellaneous papers	No date

**Series IX: Writings by Others**

b. 25, f. 12	[untitled] on Christian Doctrine	No date
b. 25, f. 13	Atheism the only Alternative of Evangelical Christianity (2 folders)	No date
b. 25, f. 14	Alonzo Bunker, The Government of Burma and the Baptist Mission in Mission schools in Burma. The Case Stated	No date
b. 25, f. 15-16	The Canon of the Old Testament, including the Apocrypha (2 folders)	No date
b. 25, f. 17	John Hall. Theology and Missions	No date
b. 25, f. 18	Henry M. King. Dr. Hovey and Foreign Missions	1903
b. 25, f. 19	Edouard Pressuise, Origen	No date
b. 25, f. 20	C.A. Reese. Stephen Greene.	No date
b. 26	Schulze. The Son of Man and the Logos. selections translated by Sylvester Burnham, NTI 1873 (9 folders)	1873
b. 26	J.R. Slater. Theology	No date

**Series X: Addendum**

b. 27	Sermons	1843-1844, no date
b. 28	A Memoir of the Life and Times of the Rev. Isaac Backus, A.M. by Alvah Hovey, DD, Professor of Christian Theology in Newton Theological Institution	1858
b. 28	A Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles by Hackett and Hovey	
b. 29	Miscellaneous writings, including The Newton Theological Institution since 1872	
b. 29	Material relating to Hovey's resignation, illness, and death	
b. 29	Miscellaneous correspondence, map of Newton Theological Institute campus	

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Names**

Hovey, Alvah, 1820-1903

### **Corporate Body**

Newton Theological Institution