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MANUSCRIPTS

- ABINGDON** Baptist Church: minutes and church records 1748-1926.
- ANGUS FAMILY** Angus family archive. 10 boxes of papers and other memorabilia c.1869-1963 from Joseph, Charles Joseph, Margaret, Charles Franklin, G. H. Christopher, John Mortimer and Harold Mortimer Angus, Mrs Marjorie Wenham (née Angus) and James Rendel Harris, donated by Mrs Barbara Angus.
- ASCOTT-UNDER-WYCHWOOD** Church: minutes 1949-1994 and papers 1700-1864.
- BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY** Minutes 1974-1988 (closed for 30 years).
- BAPTIST UNION** Home Mission minutes 1852-1860, 1961-1990 (closed for 30 years). Grants schedules, 1934-94 (closed for 30 years).
- CAREY** Letters to Anna Carey 1815-1879, and family papers.
- CHATHAM** Zion Baptist Church: minutes 1881-1968 (closed for 30 years).
- DUNCAN** Papers of Moir and Jessie Duncan, 1879-1966.
- FOLKESTONE** Hawkinge Free Church (formerly Union Chapel, Uphill). Various records. 1824-1989.
- GILLINGHAM** Baptist Church: records 1928-1988 (closed for 30 years).
- KENT (AND SUSSEX) BAPTIST ASSOCIATION** Medway District. Minutes, 1960-1970. Medway (Mid-Kent, then Maidstone) District Baptist Preachers' Association, Minutes, 1946-1987.
- OXFORD** New Road Baptist Church. Deacons' minutes 1960-73; membership records, c.1950-1970; Hughes Trust deed 1804.
- RAMSGATE** Cavendish Baptist Church: records 1885-1982 (closed for 30 years).
- ROMSEY** Bell Street Baptist Church: records 1711-1972.
- SITTINGBOURNE** Baptist Church: records 1941-1988 (closed for 30 years).
- WEST HAM** Central Mission Shelter and Open Air Theatre: records and photographs 1940-1942.
- WOMEN IN MINISTRY** Miscellaneous papers, 1951-1994.
- BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY** records as follows:
- BMS COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES** (various) Minutes 1955-1964.
- BMS SUB-COMMITTEES** (various) Attendance books 1919-1988.
- EMMOTT** Papers and photographs of Herbert Emmott's missions in China 1923-1949.
- HARRIS, J. Rendel** correspondence 1896-1904 and family papers 1920s.

We have been particularly grateful to Mrs Barbara Angus for her gift of the very extensive Angus family archive, which consists of letters, books, photographs, newspaper cuttings and other items of interest. They have been collected from the last century and throughout the present century by members of the Angus family, which has given service on the mission field and in theological education throughout the period, and so the collection is of interest and relevance in the Angus Library both to those researching the Baptist Missionary Society Archives and to scholars in more general areas of Baptist history and theology. The Angus Library, named after the Revd Dr Joseph Angus, President of Stepney/Regent's Park College from 1849 to 1892, seems

entirely appropriate as the final resting place of the collection. There are two boxes of nineteenth-century memorabilia connected with Joseph Angus, one box of letters and notes from the Revd Charles Franklin Angus, Vice-Master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, two boxes of letters, notes, photograph and cuttings albums from the Revd Dr G. H. Christopher Angus, Principal of Serampore College, a box of missionary material relating to Mrs Marjorie E. Wenham, Isabel M. Angus and Dorothy Angus, a box of letters, lectures and photos from the Revd Harold Mortimer Angus and five more boxes of various materials of missionary interest. A further box of printed material by or about Dr James Rendel Harris has gone to the Central Library of the Selly Oak Colleges, and another box of personal family material is at present with Mr Gurney Thomas of Tewkesbury. We are extremely grateful for the assistance given by the Revd Tony Spring, minister of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church, in the sorting, listing and transportation of this material to Oxford. Thanks to him, there is a clear list of the major contents of each box, so that the detailed cataloguing of the collection is not an urgent priority, as it might otherwise have been.

Another interesting new acquisition, to which our attention was drawn in a secondhand bookseller's catalogue by a member of the Historical Society, is *A course of lectures on the principal subjects in pneumatology, ethics, and divinity* . . . by Philip Doddridge, 1763, with extensive annotations by 'John Ryland'. An examination and comparison of the handwriting of these annotations leads me to believe that both father (John Collett) and son (Dr John, DD) have made comments here, some being advice from father to son, with replies by the son. One example of such notes is on page 297, relating to Doddridge's 'Immediately after the flood, Noah foretold the infamy and servitude of the descendants of Cainan, and the conversion of several Gentile nations descended from Japhet, i.e. *the Europeans, to the worship of the true God* [Ryland underlining], who stood in a peculiar relation to the Jews, as descended from Shem', where in what I am sure is the father's writing is the comment 'See my Abridgement of Dr Newton's three Volumes of excellent Dissertations. We Europeans now feel this prophecy in our happy experience fulfilled every day', but in the son's writing is added 'We sons of Japhet now dwell in the Tents of the great Shem the Lord Jesus Christ's Gospel Churches. amplify this in a sermon'. Another delightful note in the father's hand on page 299 reads 'This is the only best method of reading the Prophets with Delight and solid Improvement, and I desire my son would avoid the Error and Negligence of his Father (from 1741 to 1771) 30 years'. There are also several charming notes to the 'Catalogue of Authors mentioned in this Work' at the end, such as 'Good Dean Berkeley, read it read it' next to 'Minute Philosopher', with the comment in the younger hand 'Dean Berkeleys Alciphron or Minute Philosopher is the very Height of good Writing and the Picture of his strong keen and elegant Genius', or 'Stalyburton vilely forgot', or 'Grove on the Immateriality of the Soul unwisely and injuriously and most ungratefully forgot'. These brief excerpts should give some flavour of these fascinating notes, which I think amply justify our decision to purchase this volume for the Angus Library.

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