Descriptive Summary

Title: Edward Bland Paisley papers
Dates: 1914-1955, undated
Accession Number(s): 1996-019, 1997-008
Extent: 2.5 inches, one volume
Language: Materials are written in English.

Biographical Note:
Edward Bland Paisley (1890-1968), a Presbyterian pastor and educator, was born in 1890 in Arkansas. Paisley studied at Arkansas College, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, The University of Texas, and Yale. From 1910-1913, before entering Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary where he would earn his BD, Paisley taught school in Arkansas. Paisley was licensed and ordained in 1916, and had pastorates in various cities in Texas after serving as a chaplain and working for the YMCA during World War I. In the late 1920s Paisley’s posts in the church shifted to having an educational focus. Paisley was the Educational Secretary of the Executive Committee on Home Missions and a professor and later president of the Assembly’s Training School for Lay Workers among several other positions. In 1957 Paisley returned to Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary for one year as a Visiting Professor of Christian Education. Paisley died in 1968 in Pennsylvania.

Scope and Contents:
One and a half inches of essays and class work, and one Bible (1914-1955) record Edward Bland Paisley’s years as a student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and his continued relationship with the institution. The materials are divided in three series: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Coursework, 1914-1916; Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Memories, 1955; and Presbyteriana, 1928-1936. The first series, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Coursework, 1914-1916, comprises the bulk of the collection. In this series are several pieces of coursework completed by Paisley while earning his degree at APTS. Though many of the documents are undated, they span all three years Paisley spent at the seminary. Of note are Paisley’s senior thesis and a well-worn Bible used by Paisley while at seminary, which is heavily annotated with Paisley’s own thoughts in addition to notes taken in class. The second series, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Memories, 1955, is comprised of three documents: two writings containing fond and humorous
reminiscences of Paisley’s seminary years, and a list of books Paisley proposed to donate to the APTS library. The essay “What Austin Seminary Did for Me” is available in the Stitt Library stacks at call # BV4070/A98/P2. The third series, Presbyteriana, 1928-1936, consists of a small binder of pamphlets and other material relating to the Presbyterian church that was presented by Paisley to the Austin Seminary Library in memory of his professor, Dr. Thornton Sampson “who first taught him the value of church history.”

Related Collections:
Accession #96-013, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Oral History Project, contains a tape (1965) of Edward Bland Paisley discussing his years at Austin Seminary.

Restrictions:
Materials are available by appointment only. Contact the archivist for details.

Index Terms:
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Preferred Citation: Edward Bland Paisley papers, 1914-1955, Austin Seminary Archives, Stitt Library, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

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Presbyterian, 1928-1936, and undated:

Children’s Questions, by Edna Dean Baker, undated
Children’s Toys, by Atha S. Bowman, 1928
First Steps in Family Worship, by Elizabeth McE. Shields, undated
Home Training and the Problem of Authority, by Luther A. Weigle, undated
Tasks Assigned This Agency, undated
How Religion is Taught in the Home, by Lewis J. Sherrill, 1929
A Question of Atmosphere, by Edward Leigh Pell, undated
Teaching Children How to Use Money, by Edward B. Paisley, undated
Through Nature to God, by J.A. MacLean Jr. and Elizabeth McE. Shields, 1928
The Juniors of the Church, undated
The Beginners of the Church, by Elizabeth McE. Shields, 1933
The Church’s Program for its Children: An Introduction, by The Children’s Division, undated
The Nursery Children of the Church, by Atha S. Bowman, revised edition, 1933
The Primary Children of the Church, by Elizabeth McE. Shields, 1933
Preparing for Leadership Training Schools, by Department of Leadership Training, undated
Standard Leadership Training Manual, by Department of Leadership Training, 1935
First Series Courses of the New Standard Leadership Curriculum: A Plan for Improving your Work in the Church, by Department of Leadership Training, 1936 January
The New Standard Leadership Curriculum Second Series Courses: For all Workers in the Church and Church School, by Department of Leadership Training, 1935
The Sunday School Council, by Presbyterian Committee of Publication, undated
The Church Council, by Presbyterian Committee of Publication, undated
Kingdom Highways: The Plan and Program of the Young People’s Work of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., by Young People’s Division of the Executive Committee of Religious Education and Publication, undated
Through the Year with Secretaries of Religious Education, by Committee of Religious Education and Publication, 1933-1934
A Guide for Vacation-Church-School Leaders, by Department of Religious Education, undated