Trent, William Peterfield, 1862-1939.
Papers, ca. 1800-1941.
2 linear ft. (ca. 1,000 items in 3 boxes).

Biography: Author, editor of the Sewanee Review from 1892 to 1899, and professor of English literature at Columbia University from 1900 to 1929.

Summary: Correspondence, manuscripts, documents, photographs and printed materials. The correspondence is with American and English literary figures and Columbia faculty members. Included are 38 letters from Brander Matthews and 4 from Edmund Gosse. There are 5 letters from Trent to George Whicher, 3 to John Hart, and 180 postcards and letters to John Bell Henneman, as well as a group of miscellaneous letters to and from Trent. Also included are a holograph fair copy of Trent's poem Germany, 1915, with his covering letter, and several miscellaneous poems; and his contract with J.B. Lippincott Co. for the publication of George Sand. There are also two documents signed by George W. Maynard. Among the photographs is a photograph album, prepared by Hudson Stuck in 1899, of people and scenes from Dallas, Texas. Among the printed materials are Trent's examinations and outlines for English courses, and The Unpopular Review with numerous pages of Trent's notes.

Organization: Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged. Boxes 1-3: Cataloged correspondence, A-Z; Box 4: Arranged material.


Finding aids: Contents list, 2 p.

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William P. Trent Papers: Box List

Boxes 1 - 3 Cataloged correspondence

1. Aitken, Emma Cawthorne (Mrs George A.)
   Aitken, George Acherton
   Bancroft, Frederic
   Berenson, Mary Logan Costelloe (Mrs Bernard)
   Besant, (Sir) Walter
   Bigelow, John
   Burgess, John William
   Butler, Nicholas Murray
   Clemens, Cyril
   Cust, Lionel Henry
   Dawson, Coningsby
   Dunning, William A.
   Eekine, John
   Francke, Kuno
   Gale, Zona
   Garland, Hamlin
   Garnett, Richard
   Gildersleeve, Virginia C.
   Gosse, Edmund William
   Higginson, Thomas Wentworth
   Hitchcock, Ripley
   Hilt, Henry
   Howells, William Dean
   Jesperson, Otto
   Krutch, Joseph Wood
   Lanson, Gustave
   Lee, (Sir) Sidney
   Lodge, Henry Cabot
   Lounsbury, Thomas R.
   Low, Seth

   Barlow, Sir Clement Anderson Montague
   Bevan, Wilson Lloyd
   Bird, Frederic Mayer
   Brandi, Alois
   Brigham, Clarence Saunders
   Carpenter, George Rice
   Chadwick, French Ensor
   Davis, Richard Beale
   Doubleday, Frank Nelson
   Eucken, Rudolf Christoph
   Foxwell, Herbert Somerton
   Gailor, Thomas Frank
   Gildersleeve, Basil Laneau
   Gordon, Armistead Churchill
   Greenlaw, Edwin
   Guthrie, William Norman
   Harper, Henry Howard
   Hart, James Morgan
   Hayne, William Hamilton
   Hellman, George Sidney
   Johnston, William Dawson
   Jones, Richard Foster
   Lee, Robert Edward, 1843-1914
   Leonard, William Ellery
   Loveman, Robert

2. McClellan, George Brinton
   Matthews, Brander
   Meriwether, Colyer
   Meyer, Kuno
   Moore, John Bassett
   Norton, Charles Eliot
   Olmstead, Frederick Law, Jr.
   Peck, Harry Thurston
   Perry, Bliss
   Putnam, George Haven
   Rhodes, James Ford
   Roberts, William
   Rossetti, William Michael
   Rowce, Josiah

   More, Paul Elmer
   Morel, Edmund D.
   Neilson, William Allan
   Patterson, Frank Allen
   Payne, William Morton
   Peterkin, Joshua
   Pine, John Barclay
   Price, Thomas Randolph
   Randall, James Ryder
   Rowland, Dunbar

3. Seligman, Edwin R. A.
   Shorter, Clement King
   Smith, Munroe
   Spingarn, Joel Elias

   Seccombe, Thomas

   Smyth, Albert Henry
4. Arranged materials

- Miscellaneous correspondence to William P. Trent
- Miscellaneous correspondence from William P. Trent
- Miscellaneous poems
- Miscellaneous reminiscences (i.e., "Memoirs" and "Thoughts on Teaching")
- Miscellaneous
- Printed examinations and outlines for English courses
- Photographs