

**AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY
MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS**

NAME OF COLLECTION:

Apostles Club (Worcester, Mass.), Records, 1890-1931

LOCATION(S):

Octavo vols. "A"

SIZE OF COLLECTION:

4 octavo volumes

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:

For a history of the club, see "Worcester, Mass., The History of Worcester District Hospitals," located on the folio shelf in the manuscripts room.

SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

Deposited by George Otis Ward, 1928

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

The Apostles Club was founded in 1890 by twelve Worcester, Mass., physicians and surgeons as a private medical club organized "for professional improvement and social affiliations." The Club held two meetings per month for six months at the home of one of its members. Among the original founders were George Otis Ward (1854-1930), Samuel Bayard Woodward (1853-1946), and Oliver Hurd Everett (1852-1926).

The four volumes of records, for the period 1890 to 1931, contain treasurer's and secretary's reports followed by a summary of the address on a specific medical topic delivered by an appointed member or invited guest. The addresses and subsequent discussions encompassed medical theories concerning a specific disease, diagnostic method, a prescribed drug, or a case study (with temperature charts). The topics included alcoholism, insanity, obstetrical care, epilepsy, consumption, heat exhaustion, "industrial" medicine, and the effects of sulfur springs. There were also addresses on hospital fund-raising techniques, the medical corps during World War I, the history of Worcester hospitals, and malpractice suits. The volumes contain newspaper clippings and a photograph of the group in 1890.

The addresses given during the mid-20th century concerned many non-medical topics, such as descriptions of Civil War battles and United States relations with Latin America. Several speakers were area historians (e.g., George Hubbard Blakeslee, 1871-1954).

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