

**Register of the
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Scope and Content

Prescott, William Warren (1855-1944) was an educator and administrator. His parents were Millerites in New England. He was educated at South Berwick Academy, Maine, and Dartmouth College, where he graduated in 1877. He taught Latin and Greek while still in his last year in the academy, and was principal of high schools in Northfield and Montpelier, Vermont, from 1877 to 1880. Leaving the teaching work, he published, with his brother, the Biddeford, Maine, *Journal*, and then for five years he owned and edited the Montpelier *State Republican*.

With his acceptance of the presidency of Battle Creek College (1885-1894), he entered upon a career unique in many respects in Seventh-day Adventist history. While still president of Battle Creek College, he helped found Union College and became its first president in 1891. He appointed principals for the two institutions to act while he was absent from one or the other. Then late in 1892 he assumed the presidency of the newly founded Walla Walla College. Thus, he was simultaneously president of three colleges in that year. He also organized the first SDA teachers' institute, which met for six weeks in 1891 in Harbor Springs, Michigan.

Because of his reputation as a biblical scholar, he was called upon to make a world tour (1894-1895) to hold Bible institutes, as well as to strengthen developing educational interests. During this tour he spent 10 months in Australia helping to found the Avondale school. Soon after his return he took charge of the denominational work in England. Back in America in 1901, he became vice president of the General Conference, chair of the Review and Herald Publishing Association board, and editor of the *Review and Herald*. On relinquishing this editorship in 1909, he edited the Protestant Magazine for seven years; this gave him an opportunity to use his gift for scholarly research. He had a keen interest in public affairs, and, until 1913, fostered the denominations religious liberty work.

He was a field secretary of the General Conference from 1915 until his retirement in 1937. During this time he engaged in many activities throughout the world. After a brief period as principal of the Australasian Missionary College (Avondale) (1922), which he had helped to establish, he served as president and then head of the Bible Department at Union College (1924-1928). He spent the year 1930 on his last trip abroad visiting the churches and institutions in Europe. On his return he wrote, *The Spade and the Bible*, and then became head of the Bible Department of Emmanuel Missionary College, a post he held until 1934.

Whether teacher, editor, administrator or secretary of the General Conference Department of Education, Prescott left a strong impression on the entire educational work of the denomination.

Extent 0.42 linear feet.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically. No effort was made to sort the materials by writer or recipient.

Provenance

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Correspondence by, to, and about W. W. Prescott. Primarily the letters are from W. W. Prescott to W. C. White or Ellen G. White. There are also other recipients including E. J. Waggoner, S. N. Curtiss, Arthur G. Daniels, F. M. Wilcox, Clarence C. Crisler, D. E. Robinson, and C. L. Taylor.

Fld 1	1892 - 1895
Fld 2	1896 - 1901
Fld 3	1902 - 1903
Fld 4	1904
Fld 5	1905
Fld 6	1906
Fld 7	1907
Fld 8	1908 - 1909
Fld 9	1910 - 1911
Fld 10	1912
Fld 11	1914 - 1915
Fld 12	1921 - 1922

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