OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION:

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Biography

Eliphalet Pearson was born June 11, 1752, in Newbury, Massachusetts. He attended Dummer Academy and Harvard College. After graduation from Harvard in 1773, he remained in Cambridge for further study, and was later licensed to preach. At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, he moved to Andover and renewed his acquaintance with Samuel Phillips whom he had met while both were students at Dummer. He helped Phillips draw up the constitution for Phillips Academy, and became the first principle when the school opened in 1778.

In 1786 Pearson returned to Cambridge to accept the Hancock Professorship of Hebrew and Oriental Languages at Harvard. He became an influential figure there, and was named Acting President in 1804. He was displeased by the appointment of Henry Ware as Hollis Professor of Divinity because Ware espoused Unitarian tenets. So in 1806 Pearson severed all association with Harvard and returned to Andover.

From the time of the founding of Phillips Academy, Pearson had served on the Board of Trustees and was elected President in 1802. He was convinced of the importance of establishing a seminary to educate men who would uphold orthodox Calvinism in New England churches. He organized an effort to associate such a seminary with Phillips Academy and exercised great diplomacy in convincing a rival Newburyport group to join the Andover benefactors in establishing Andover Theological Seminary in 1808.

He was named Associate Professor of Sacred Literature, but remained in that position one academic year only. He continued as President of the Board of Trustees until 1821. Pearson spent his last years living in Harvard, Massachusetts. He died September 12, 1826, while visiting a daughter in Greenland, New Hampshire.

Scope and Content

The Eliphalet Pearson Papers, 1765-1815, document the professional work of Pearson. The collection is arranged according to the following categories: letter (1), sermons, lectures, grammatical material, notes on readings, and 3 items related to Harvard College. The bulk of the collection is a series of 46 lectures (1786-1798) on language.
Letter:
28 June 1776 -- E. Wigglesworth to EP; from Cambridge

Sermons:
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Genesis 18:23
1 Timothy 3:1

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Lectures on language--series of 46 lectures
first lecture is dated 5 June 1786; last lecture is dated 2 July 1798

1. Introductory lecture
2. Origin of Language
3. Of the propagation of Language
4. Of the definition of language, its division into matter \& form
5. Analysis of the matter of language
6. Analysis of language compared to that of the human body. Definition of philosophic grammar, division of sentences into those of assertion \& of volition
7. Analysis of language into principals and accessories; and of principals into substantives \& attributives
8. Analysis of accessories into definitives, conjugations \& prepositions; of substantives into nouns \& pronouns; and of attributives into verbs, participles, adjectives \& adverbs
9. Of articles strictly so called

*date sermon written
Lectures on language (cont)
10. The philosophical & logical use of the articles
11. Double reference of the article, definition, & recapitulation
12. Nouns not the names of things; but of ideas
13. Of ideas & complete terms
14. Division of substantives into six classes
15. Number & gender of nouns. Division of nouns into
    substantive & abstract
16. Of cases, verbal nouns &c
17. Of gerundival abstract nouns
18. Personal pronouns & their cases
19. The numbers, genders, & variety of pronouns
20. Reciprocal, coalescence of pronouns, subjunctive pronoun,
    pronominal articles & numerals
21. Various definitions of a verb
22. Aristotle's, Scaliger's Sanctini's, & Tossini's definitions
    of a verb
23. Mr. Harris's & Lord Monboddo's definitions
24. Investigation of the nature of a verb
25. Verbs considered with reference to significance of existence,
    assertion & energy
26. The idea of existence considered with reference to adjectives,
    nouns, proper names, modes, tenses, numbers & persons
27. Recapitulation & conclusion. Of time
28. Of the tenses expressed by the substantive verb
29. Of the present, preterimperfect & compound present tenses
30. Of the compound past; aorist future, & compound future tenses
31. Of modes indicative, &c
32. Of contingent events & a potential mode
33. Of the subjunctive, interrogative, optative & imperative modes
34. Of the differences of the modes
35. Upon the infinitive mode
36. Of supins; of the number, person, gender & syntax of verbs
37. Of the several species of transitive verbs, & the common
    principle of their construction; of intransitives, neuters,
    and of the passive voice
38. Of participles. Concerning their significance of number, gender,
    case, tense, & existence, and of the difference between them
    & verbs
39. Continuation of the subject of participles
40. Of the several kinds of adjectives. Definition
41. Of the affinity between pronominal adjectives & articles;
    the difference between adjectives & participles; and of the
    comparison of adjectives
42. Of adverbs. Enumeration of several species. Outlines of
    Mr. Tooke's theory. Instance in that
43. Additional illustrations of Mr. Tooke's theory of
    conjugations. His doctrine of prepositions
44. Mr. Tooke's doctrine of prepositions continued
45. Mr. Tooke's doctrine of prepositions concluded & that of
    adverbs stated
46. [untitled]
Grammatical material:
A Chaldee grammar founded upon the writings of Daniel & Ezra
A compendious Syriac grammar (dated 27 March 1773)
Grammatical extracts and references (dated 25 December 1786)
A Hebrew grammar--Section 1, Of Letters
On pride (essay in Hebrew, with English translation)
miscellaneous manuscripts on language (7)
booklets numbered I-V, VII--lists of noun, verb, participle,
adjetive and adverb forms of words, A-Com
*two tables of alphabets--
  1) undated manuscript, EP hand
  2) printed, dated 1759

Notes on a sermon preached 15 November 1765

Notes on readings:
folder 1 -- untitled/on the New Testament
folder 2 -- Crito
          Dr. Boyse's Dissertation of justification
          Dr. John Taylor on ye atonement
          Extracts of Lewis's Hebrew antiquities
folder 3 -- John David Michaelis' Introductory lectures on the
           New Testament
           Locke's Reasonableness of Christianity
           Lowman on Revelation
           Mr. Locke's Essay for understanding St. Paul's epistles

Manuscripts related to Harvard College:
examination schedules of 1792 and August 1805
undated list of daily assignments
list of important dates in Harvard's history

Association:
charters of Dartmouth College (1754) and North Kingstown
  Academy (1800)--printed

letter--6 November 1854/Margaret B. Pearson to Samuel Farrar;
  from Harvard, MA

*located in drawer 8 of photo cabinet