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Correspondence, papers and journals of or concerning the Cairns family, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> cents. The members of this distinguished family of ministers and theologians represented in the papers include; John Cairns (1818-92), philosopher, theologian and Principal of the United Presbyterian Synod College, Edinburgh; his brothers William, schoolmaster at Old Cambus, and David, United Presbyterian minister of Stichel (d.1910); the latter's sons, John (1857-1922), minister of Dumfries Buccleuch Street United Free Church, David Smith (1862-1946), Professor of Apologetics and Systematic Theology and Master of Christ's College, Aberdeen, and William Thomas (1868-1944), minister of Davidson Church, Eyre Place, Edinburgh; David (b.1904), Professor of Practical Theology at Aberdeen University (1947-72), and Alison Helen (1902-59), Secretary of the Saltire Society, son and daughter of Professor D.S. Cairns.

*Presented, by the Revd Professor David Cairns DD, Aberdeen.*

1. Correspondence (226 letters), 1909-68 of Professor David Cairns (DC), including many letters of his father and family to him and two letters, 1949, of Helen Cruickshank to Alison Cairns. Correspondents of DC in this file include:  

John Baillie, Emil Brunner, Joost de Blank, John Graham, Sir Harry Lauder, Donald M Mackinnon, George MacLeod (Lord MacLeod of Fuinary), Willa Muir, Sir Thomas M. Taylor, and many others.
2. Further correspondence, ca.1937-75, of DC (177 letters). Correspondents include: A C Craig, Helmut Gollwitzer and T F Torrance.
3. Letters (45), 1921-59, of Alison to David Cairns. All three files include manuscript lists and notes on the correspondence by Professor David Cairns.