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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.*

(Numbers within brackets refer to the manuscript lists and notes upon the correspondence by Professor Cairns).

1. Letters (381), 1863-1974 to: Dr John Cairns and his brothers (1-3); Professor D S Cairns and members of his family (4-13); Professor David Cairns and his sister Alison (14 et seq) including many received by DC after the death of Alison Cairns. Earlier correspondents (1-13) include Dr John Brown, Dr Robert Rainy and Archbishop William Temple.
2. General correspondence (ca. 84 letters), 1910-67, of Professor David Cairns including many of DC to his parents and later correspondence concerning ecclesiastical affairs.