



Catalogue of the William Brown Papers

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Introduction

Collection title: William Brown Papers

Reference code: GB-0298-UC/P29

Dates of creation: [early 20th century]

Extent: 3 files

Repository: Ushaw College

Creator: William Henry Brown (1852-1934)

Language of material: English and Latin

Contents

Papers of Canon Brown relating to Ushaw, notes on Catholic history, and personal items.

About the creator

William Henry Brown was born in 1852. He was educated at Ushaw, teaching as a minor professor before ordination in June 1881. He remained at the college as prefect of discipline in the Junior House. Following the resignation of Rev R. C. Laing in 1886, Brown was appointed to teach poetry. In this position he was required to prepare the school of Poetry for the London matriculation, teaching Greek, Latin, English and Chemistry. Brown helped to achieve impressive results in this role, most notably between 1888-1892, when not a single failure was registered. In 1897, he became Prefect of Studies and, twelve years later, was appointed as vice-president of the college. As a consequence of the death of Mgr Corbishley, he succeeded to the presidency after only a year, remaining in this post until his death in 1934.

Previous custodial history

This collection was originally part of the Ushaw Personal Papers series created by Fr Michael Sharratt in 1990.

Arrangement

The letters and other papers follow the original arrangement of the collection which is broadly chronological. The exception to this arrangement is a handful of letters added to the end of the numbering sequence at a later date.

Conditions of access

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Form of citation

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Bibliography

"Monsignor William Henry Canon Brown", *Ushaw Magazine*, Vol. XLIV (1934), p.173-198

UC/P29/1/1-153 [1869 x 1934]

Papers relating to Ushaw during Brown's time as a student and member of staff, including play scripts, lecture notes on poetry and other topics, drafts of poems, and sermons.

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UC/P29/2/1-80 [1860s x 1934]

Papers, mostly rough jottings on Ushaw and Catholic history.

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UC/P29/3/1-7 2 November 1879 - 3 January 1931

Correspondence:

7 letters

UC/P29/3/1 21 November 1879

Letter from J. H. Dodds to Dick [?William Brown]: an outbreak of fever at the College and the death of Frank Sanders, news of fellow priests, and news of seminarians at Ushaw

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UC/P29/3/1a 13 March 1886

Letter from William Brown to Dr Preston: commenting on an article by Dean Billington on rhetoric in the *Ushaw Magazine*

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UC/P29/3/2 23 April 1923

Letter from [?], M.P. in the Candian Parliament to William Brown: his memories of his time as a lay student at Ushaw College, including plays, the sweet shop at Hill Top, games of cat and the construction of cat sticks, and other contemporaries

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UC/P29/3/3 26 July 1923

Letter from William Brown to Canon [?]: the financial cost of the Salford diocese sending students to Ushaw College

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UC/P29/3/4 12 June 1927

Letter from William Brown to Canon [?]: protesting at the Salford diocese sending its students to Ushaw College

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UC/P29/3/5 27 November 1929

Letter from [?R.T.W.] to [?William Brown]: suggesting that he censors his old letters

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UC/P29/3/6 3 January 1931

Letter from Mgr M. Canoli (Vatican City) to [?William Brown]: remembering his visit to Ushaw, his gifts of photos and a prayer, and the possibility of publishing extracts of Merry del Val's papers in the *Ushaw Magazine*

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UC/P29/3/7 22 November [1910 x 1934]

Letter from Pearl Sheldon to William Brown: enclosing a picture of Saint Dominic del Val

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UC/P29/4/1-5 [1890s x 1934]

Miscellaneous personal items:

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UC/P29/4/1 21 February 1905

Prothonotary Apostolic (*Protonotarii apostolici ad instar participantium*) certificate issued by Pope Pius XI to Brown.

Language: Latin

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UC/P29/4/2-4 17 February 1932

Petition by Joseph Thorman, bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, to the Sacred Congregation for the Discipline of the Sacraments, requesting a portable altar for Brown.

Language: Latin

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UC/P29/4/5 [1890s x 1934]

Portrait photographs of Brown.

3 items