

**Collection: The Sir William Fletcher Barrett Papers**

**Description:** The Sir William Fletcher Barrett (1844-1925) collection consists of manuscript notes for a lecture on the history of the College of Science, Dublin, dated Jan. 23, 1914. In addition there are four letters sent to Sir William (1907-08) and Parliamentary papers, 1867, related to the College and the Museum of Irish Industry. The papers were acquired from an unknown source.

**Dates:** 1867, 1844-1925

**Location:** Misc box, Memorial Room Rare Cabinet 27

**Items:** 3 cm of textual records.

**Notes:** It is evident that Barrett published a history of the College of Science in 1907. The four letters refer to this paper (which cannot be verified). The present manuscripts may be a recapitulation or an updated version of the original. The College of Science was incorporated into University College, Dublin

**Inventory:****Item 1 (Manuscript)**

Manuscript dated Jan. 23 (2.3?) 1914, containing underlined and/or abbreviated words or sentences and phrases. There are penciled emendations and indications where photographs and other items were to be shown. In the detailed history of the College of Science the names of three female students enrolled in 1874 are included.

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**Names:**

Many persons who held appointments at the College are named including Thiselton-Dyer, Sullivan, Lyon Playfair, Huxley, Wyville Thomson, Pigot and others.

**Item 2 (Four Letters)**

- a. Dec. 23, 1907  
From Thomas F. Pigot, 14 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin. To "Dear Professor Barrett". Thanks him for historical sketch of the College of Science and says Barrett is too modest about his own contribution.  
A.L.S. 3p.  
**Names:**  
Kane (Sir Robert John), Sullivan, W.K.
- b. Dec. 26, 1907  
From: L. (T?) L. (Mrs. Ramssay) McNab, 2 Grace Park Gardens.  
To: "MY dear Professor Barrett".  
Thanks him for copy of his history of the College of Science and "kind notice of my husband". Mentions Margaret (her daughter?) and inquires about Miss Barrett who has been unwell.  
A.L.S. 3p.
- c. Dec. 30, 1907  
From R. H. Traquair, The Bush, Colinton, Midlothian.  
To "Dear Prof. Barrett".  
Thanks him for two papers including the history of the College of Science, Dublin. Corrects Barrett on the Edinburgh appointment of Wyville Thomson.  
Is appreciative of Barrett's statements concerning him.  
A.L.S. 3p.
- d. Feb. 16, 1908  
From William Turner Thiselton-Dyer (1843-1928). The Ferns, Witcombe, Gloucester.  
To "My dear Barrett". Thanks him for the copy of his historical paper (on the College of Science, Dublin). Regrets that the College "had to be founded on the ruins of the Museum of Irish Industry". He adds that "we were before our time". Sends his wishes for "long and substantial prosperity to the college".  
A.L.S. 3p.  
Envelope, Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Dublin, addressed to Professor W. F. Barrett, 6, De Vesce Terrace, Kingstown. Postmarked Kingstown, 8:15, Jan. 29/08.

**Item 3 (Report)**

Report of the Commission on the College of Science, Dublin; ... Ordered, by the House of Commons, to be printed, 9 April 1867.

D. 8p., 1 l.