

**MANCHESTER CHURCH REFORM ASSOCIATION**  
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Records created by the Association of Members of the Established Church for Promoting a Reform in the Ecclesiastical Provision for the Parish of Manchester.

[1767-1853]

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<b><i>E.3.12 (2,3,7,9 &amp; 14)</i></b>	<b><i>Minute Books of Manchester Church Reform Association</i></b>	<b><i>1847-1852</i></b>
E.3.12 (7)	Minutes of meetings held at the secretary's office.	6 Aug 1847- 12 Mar 1849
E.3.12 (14)	Minutes of meetings held at the secretary's office.  Contains lists of subscriptions for 1848-1850 and uncollected subscriptions with names and amounts.	10 Feb 1848- 16 Aug 1849
E.3.12 (2)		Jan-Jul 1849
E.3.12 (3)		Aug 1849- [?Nov 1852]
E.3.12 (9)	Minute Book of the Finance Committee of the Manchester Church Reform Association.	Aug 1847- Oct 1850
<b><i>E.3.12 (12 &amp; 15)</i></b>	<b><i>Account Books of Manchester Church Reform Association</i></b>	<b><i>1847-1851</i></b>
E.3.12 (12)	Account Book  Contains names, addresses, amounts and dates paid. Contains a handwritten note addressed to Charles E Lawley listing 4 churchwardens with a date and time of a meeting. Alphabetically indexed.	1847-1851
E.3.12 (15 ii)	Donation Account Book  Lists donations to the Association of Members of the Established Church for promoting a reform in the ecclesiastical provision of Manchester by the President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Committee. Contains names, amount, date and method of payment.	[1847]

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E.3.12 (15 iv)	<p>Petty Cash Book</p> <p>Includes amounts paid, dates and object of expense.</p>	May-Oct 1850
E.3.12 (15 vi)	<p>Incidental Expenses Book</p>	<p>Apr 1847-</p> <p>Mar 1850</p>
E.3.12 (15 viii)	<p>Account Book</p> <p>Cunliffes, [?Barks] &amp; Co in account with the Churchwardens' Guarantee Fund. Contains 5 handwritten notes pinned to the front cover.</p>	Apr 1849
<b><i>E.3.12 (8, 13 &amp; 15)</i></b>	<b><i>Subscription Books of Manchester Church Reform Association</i></b>	<b><i>1840s</i></b>
E.3.12 (8)	<p>Association subscription book</p> <p>Lists names, addresses, amounts and dates paid.</p>	[1848-1849]
E.3.12 (13 i)	<p>Rectory Bill Subscriptions in aid of obtaining the Manchester Rectory Division Bill.</p>	[1840s]
E.3.12 (13 ii)	<p>Money promised and collected towards obtaining the Rectory Bill.</p> <p>Lists around 180 names with amounts paid and the day and month of payments (no year given).</p>	[?1840s]
E.3.12 (15 i)	<p>Notebook containing names of the parties who signed the Memorial to the Dean and Canons of Manchester.</p> <p>Also appeal to churchwardens of Manchester to assemble parishioners to consider the propriety of petitioning the government for a repeal of the act of 1840, concerning the revenues of the collegiate and parish church of Manchester. With list of subscribing churchmen.</p>	[?1847]
E.3.12 (15 iii)	<p>Subscription Book</p> <p>Lists subscriptions (with names and amounts) and donations.</p>	[?1840s]
E.3.12 (15 v)	<p>Subscription Book</p> <p>Lists names and amounts paid.</p>	[?1840s]

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E.3.12 (15 vii)	Subscription Book	1849
	Lists names (some with addresses) and amounts paid.	
<b><i>E.3.12 (11 i-v)</i></b>	<b><i>Receipt Books of Manchester Church Reform Association</i></b>	<b><i>1840-1850</i></b>
	<b><i>Contain a record of subscriptions, providing a receipt for subscriber to be torn from the book. Details given are name, amount paid and end date of subscription.</i></b>	
E.3.12 (11 v)	Inscribed "No 1a to 102a inclusive".	Aug 1840- Apr 1849
E.3.12 (11 iv)	Some completed receipts still attached.	Aug 1847- Sep 1850
E.3.12 (11 iii)	Inscribed "No 1. 1 to 112 inclusive".	Jun-Aug 1848
E.3.12 (11 ii)		1848-1849
E.3.12 (11 i)		1849-1850
<b><i>E.3.12 (1 &amp; 6)</i></b>	<b><i>Index Books of Manchester Church Reform Association</i></b>	<b><i>[?1840s]</i></b>
E.3.12 (1)	Index to Bishop's book vol 1 <sup>st</sup> .	[?1840s]
E.3.12 (6)	Index book re church matters.	[?1840s]

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<i>E.3.12 (various)</i>	<i>Printed Items and Notebooks concerning Manchester Church Reform Association</i>	<i>[1767-1853]</i>
E.3.12 (4 i)	Protest of the Churchwardens of Manchester re certain abuses by Richard Birley, John Morley and Thomas Clegg.	[?1840s-1850s]
E.3.12 (4 ii)	Annotated cutting from the Daily News: Manchester Rectory Division Bill. The Dean and Chapter and the Chartists.	7 Jun 1850
E.3.12 (4 iii)	Printed item re composition and finance of the parish of Manchester.  With cutting from the Manchester Guardian re church accommodation - ecclesiastical districts of Manchester.	[1847]
E.3.12 (4 iv)	Manchester Rectory Division Bill: provisions of the Bill as amended in committee.  [?1847]	[?1840s-1850s]
E.3.12 (4 v)	Petition of the parishioners of Manchester.  Objection to the plurality of Rev Canon Parkinson of the parish of Manchester having accepted the Presidency of the College of St Bees.	[?1840s-1850s]
E.3.12 (4 vi & vii)	Rules of the Association for Promoting a Reform in the Ecclesiastical Provision for the parish of Manchester.  2 items  2 copies	[?1840s-1850s]
E.3.12 (4 viii)	Petition to Parliament by the Churchwardens and Sidesmen of the District Churches within the parish of Manchester.  Concerning objection to the non-residence of the Dean and Canons of Manchester and the use of their finances, and an appeal for the appointment of an investigative committee. With 98 printed signatures and 2 handwritten ones.	[?1840s-1850s]

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| E.3.12 (4 ix)  | <p>Unaddressed printed letter appealing for enlistment as a member of the Association for Promoting a Reform in the Ecclesiastical Provision for the Parish of Manchester.</p> <p>With annexed list of present members and a copy of the Rules of the Association with a printed signature of WM Medcalf, Chairman of the Finance Committee.</p>  | 1849           |
| E.3.12 (4 x)   | <p>Petition to the Commons from Bankers, Merchants and Gentlemen, Inhabitants of the city of Manchester.</p> <p>Concerning the misuse and misappropriation of church finances, non-fulfilment of church duties and other concerns.</p>  | [?1840s-1850s] |
| E.3.12 (4 xi)  | <p>Formal application to Lord John Russell, First Lord of Her Majesty's Treasury.</p> <p>To postpone the appointment of a successor to the Dean of Manchester until the misappropriation of parochial and ecclesiastical funds is settled. From the Churchwardens and Sidesmen of District Churches in the Parish of Manchester and the Committee of the Association for Promoting a Reform in the Ecclesiastical Provision for the Parish of Manchester, on the occasion of the death of the Very Rev Dr Herbert, late Dean of Manchester.</p> | 3 Jun 1847     |
| E.3.12 (4 xii) | <p>Petition to the House of Commons.</p> <p>From Members of the Association of the Established Church for Promoting a Reform in the Ecclesiastical Provision for the Parish of Manchester, concerning the appeal for the redirection of funds from diocesan to parochial use, provision for securing the practice of pastoral and ecclesiastical duties, objection to plurality and non-residence, and the establishment of a committee.</p>  | [?1840s-1850s] |

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| E.3.12 (4 xiii)    | <p>Copy of a petition to the House of Lords in reference to the Collegiate institution in Manchester.</p> <p>The original petition was intended to be presented to the respective Churchwardens and Sidesmen of the churches in the parish for signature.</p>   | 4 Mar 1847              |
| E.3.12 (5 i)       | <p>Notebook entitled Church &amp;c Accommodation in the Diocese of Manchester.</p> <p>Subtitled "Parishes, Chapelries, Townships &amp; New Districts of the Diocese of Manchester on its being founded Sep 1st 1841". Contains lists of population for 1841 and 1851 (though sparse detail for 1851), and the number of sittings for parishes and townships in the different deaneries in the Archdeaconry of Manchester.</p> | [?1840s-1850s]          |
| E.3.12 (5 ii)      | <p>Notebook concerning church matters.</p> <p>Contains a list of communicants, 1767-1850, money paid for sacrament wine, 1767-1833, and communion bread, 1767-1827, marriage banns and applications etc.</p>  | [1767-1850]             |
| E.3.12 (5 iii)     | <p>Notebook containing subscriptions towards publications of proceedings of the Association and opposition offered to.</p> <p>Lists 3 names and amounts paid.</p>   | [1850s]                 |
| E.3.12 (5 iv)      | <p>Notebook concerning the duties performed on the Sunday by the Dean and Canons and Minor Canons and Clerk-in-Orders of Manchester Cathedral.</p> <p>Lists the names of those who read prayers, read lessons and preached, and the time occupied by Banns for each Sunday morning and afternoon.</p>   | [Jul 1849-<br>Sep 1850] |
| E.3.12 (10 i & ii) | <p>Second annual report of the Committee of the Association of Members of the Established Church for Promoting a Reform in the Ecclesiastical Provision for the Parish of Manchester.</p> <p>2 items</p>  | Mar 1849                |

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	<p>With a list of the committee, an abstract of the Treasurer's account, a copy of the rules of the Association, a list of subscribers, and the resolutions passed at the annual meeting of the Association held at the town hall on Fri 30 Mar 1849.</p>	
E.3.12 (10 iii)	<p>Copy of correspondence between the Association and the Dean and Canons of Manchester.</p>	1847
E.3.12 (10 iv)	<p>Scheme for dividing the parish of Manchester into independent district parishes.</p> <p>and for the better management and distribution of the revenues arising from the glebe lands and other property connected therewith, which was submitted to counsel by Messrs Richard Birley, John Morley and Thomas Clegg, churchwardens, and formed the foundation of the act of Parliament obtained by them.</p>	1850
E.3.12 (10 v)	<p>Churchwarden's report on parish burial grounds</p> <p>Contains extracts of minutes of churchwardens' meetings re burial grounds.</p>	1854
E.3.12 (10 vi)	<p>Extracts from the minutes of meetings of the churchwardens of Manchester concerning parish burial grounds.</p>	1855
E.3.12 (10 vii)	<p>Booklet entitled The Collegiate Church: Charter of Philip and Mary, from the Manchester Guardian.</p>	19 Feb 1848
E.3.12 (10 viii)	<p>Extract from the Parish Journal</p> <p>From George Lings to the Dean and Chapter, forwarding of memorandum from the Parish Journal re opposition by churchwardens of the inevitable plurality and non-residence of Rev Canon Parkinson due to his having accepted the Presidency of St Bees.</p>	21 Sep 1846

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E.3.12 (10 ix)	Report from the Manchester Guardian of the proceedings of a meeting of district churchwardens and sidesmen and of members of the Church of England.  Held at the town hall, King Street, Manchester on Friday 16 Jul 1847.	17 Jul 1847
E.3.12 (10 x)	Report from the Manchester Guardian of Mr Turner's reply to Mr Gordon's criticism of his argument re the misuse of parochial funds.	11 Mar 1848
E.3.12 (10 xi)	Report from the Manchester Guardian entitled The Collegiate Church Mr Turner's Letter, concerning church finances.	8 Apr 1848
E.33.12 (10 xii)	Report from the Manchester Guardian entitled The Collegiate Church Mr Turner's Fourth Letter, concerning church property and finances.	10 Jun 1848
E.3.12 (10 xiii)	Report from the Manchester Guardian entitled The Collegiate Church Mr Turner's Seventh Letter, concerning the parochial character of the college.	4 Nov 1848
E.3.12 (10 xiv)	Letter to the editor of the Manchester Guardian from Thomas Turner entitled The Collegiate Church, concerning church finances.	8 Apr 1848
E.3.12 (10 xv)	Letter to the editor of the Manchester Guardian from Thomas Turner entitled The Collegiate Charter of 1421, sub-titled Mr Turner's Fifth Letter. Concerning the duties of the warden.	22 Jul 1848
E.3.12 (10 xvi)	Reprint from the Manchester Courier entitled The Evidence of the Bishop of Manchester before a Committee of the House of Commons on the Manchester Rectory Division Bill.	30 Mar 1850
E.3.12 (10 xvii)	Printed translation of the foundation charter of Christ's College, Manchester granted by King Charles I and dated 2 Oct 1635.  Translated by Thomas Wheeler, esq, barrister at law.	1847

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| E.3.12 (10 xviii)    | Booklet entitled The Second Appendix to Mr Turner's Letter to the Bishop of Manchester.   | 1850        |
|                      | Consisting of translations of the several foundation charters of the College of Manchester, with other documents relating to the Collegiate and Parish Church.  |             |
| E.3.12 (10 xix)      | Booklet entitled Reply of the Association...to an article which appeared in the Manchester Courier entitled The Collegiate Church. Concerning the position and duties of the Dean and Canons of Manchester.   | 30 Jun 1847 |
| E.3.12 (10 xx & xxi) | Booklet entitled A Letter on the Collegiate Parish Church of Manchester...by Thomas Turner esq.   | 1850        |
|                      | 2 items   |             |
|                      | With remarks on the bill before Parliament for the division of the parish, and other purposes addressed (by permission) to the Right Rev James Prince, Lord Bishop of Manchester.   |             |
|                      | E.3.12 (10 xxi) is a first edition, (10 xx) is a second edition.  |             |
| E.3.12 (10 xxii)     | Booklet entitled Cathedral Commission and the Collegiate and Cathedral and Parish Church of Manchester. Concerning replies of the Dean and Canons to the investigation into the state of the church by the official commission.   | 1853        |
|                      | Latin and English   |             |
| E.3.12 (10 xxiii)    | Supplement to the Pamphlets Already Published Relating to the Recent Church Reform Proceedings in the Parish of Manchester.   | 1851        |
|                      | Containing a collection of memorials, reports of meetings, newspaper articles, letters and other documents. "It is published in order to preserve a record of the circumstances under which a reform of the ecclesiastical arrangements of the parish of Manchester was sought for and obtained by the parishioners". |             |

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E.3.12 (4 xiv)	<p>Printed petition in favour of Manchester Rectory Division Bill.</p> <p>"Manchester Rectory Division. For dividing the Parish of Manchester into separate Parishes, and for regulating the appropriation and management of the Revenues and Property of the Rectory and Collegiate and Parish Church of Manchester". From churchwardens and other inhabitants of the parish of Manchester. No signatures appended.</p> <p>nd</p>	[?1850]
E.3.12 (4 xv)	<p>Printed copy of Manchester Rectory Division Bill.</p> <p>nd</p>	[?1850]
E.3.12 (4 xvi)	<p>Manchester Rectory Division Bill: printed presentation of the two systems of financial management proposed by the Dean and Canons and the churchwardens</p> <p>nd</p>	[?1850]
E.3.12 (4 xvii)	<p>Manchester Rectory Division Bill: printed presentation of the two systems of financial management proposed by the Dean and Canons and the churchwardens</p> <p>With copies of correspondence between Slater and Heelis, solicitors to the churchwardens for the parish of Manchester, and the Dean and Canons, on the subject of the chairmanship at the parish meeting on 29 May. Also letter from Richard Birley to the editor of the Manchester Guardian.</p>	[1850]
E.3.12 (4 xviii)	<p>Printed statement in favour of Manchester Rectory Division Bill from the Manchester Guardian</p>	13 Feb 1850