

DIVINITY SCHOOL LIBRARY
SPECIAL HISTORICAL EXHIBITION
FALL 2015

SETTING THE CAPTIVES FREE: WOMEN OF THE ABOLITION MOVEMENT

The pair of display cases in the Jordan Reading Room this semester contain historical materials related to the life and influence of William Wilberforce (1759-1833), English politician, philanthropist, and slavery abolitionist. The first display case focuses on the theme of “stewardship” in Wilberforce’s career – whether of finances, time, or influence – as a means of attaining his goals. The second case highlights the important contributions women made to the abolitionist movement on both sides of the Atlantic.

"William Wilberforce and the Clapham Sect greeted the dawn of the nineteenth century with a steely determination to make the world understand the sanctity of human life. After decades of toil and serial losses, they succeeded, not only in their famous cause of the abolition of the slave trade, but in child labor, hospital, education, and financial reforms, among many others," – Dr. Gregory Alan Thornbury, The King's College, NYC

The items and descriptions for this special exhibition were curated and produced by Mr. Bill Tetreault of Freeport, New York. In 2007, Bill began collecting 18th and 19th Century 'Wilberforce & Friends' resources in an effort to inspire Americans to both learn from the follow their Christ-centered and culture-impacting examples.