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Activity of Father Władysław Chotkowski (1843–1926) in the Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences

The article endeavours to present the links between Fr Władysław Chotkowski and the Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences (PAU).¹ The research method applied is source analysis, and Fr Chotkowski's activity in the Academy is discussed chronologically. The article uses archival materials from the files of the chancellery of the Academy of Arts and Sciences stored in the Archive of Science of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN) and the Academy of Arts and Sciences. These include the Letters of the Secretary General of the Academy of Arts and Sciences from 1901, 1905, 1908–10, 1914, 1916, 1919; Minutes

- 1 The Academy of Arts and Sciences is a scientific institution established in 1872 in the wake of reorganisation of the Kraków Learned Society that had operated since 1815. After the First World War, it was renamed the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences (PAU).

of meetings of the Faculty of History and Philosophy (II) of the Academy of Arts and Sciences from 1899, 1902–03, 1905, 1909, 1916–17, 1926, as well as the Minutes of the meetings of the Historical Commission from 1883, 1885, 1889, 1900; Minutes of the meetings of the Commission for the History of Polish Literature from 1900–01, and Minutes of the General Assembly of the Academy of Arts and Sciences from 1908. The archival material is complemented by the *Sprawozdania Sekretarza Generalnego z czynności Akademii* [literally: Reports of the Secretary General on the activities of the Academy] published in the “Rocznik Akademii Umiejętności” Yearbook from 1899/1900, 1902/03, 1903/04, 1904/05, 1905/06, 1907/08, 1909/10 and 1916/17, and Fr Władysław Chotkowski’s works published in the “Sprawozdania z Czynności i Posiedzeń Akademii Umiejętności” [literally: Reports on Activities and Meetings of the Academy of Arts and Sciences], “Rozprawy Akademii Umiejętności. Wydział Historyczno-Filozoficzny” [literally: Proceedings of the Academy of Arts and Sciences. Faculty of History and Philosophy], and the “Międzynarodowy Biuletyn Akademii Umiejętności” [literally: International Bulletin of the Academy of Arts and Sciences].

Władysław Longin Chotkowski, a church historian, preacher, professor at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, and social and political activist, was born on 15 March 1843, in Mielżyn near Gniezno. His parents were Franciszka nee Zientkiewicz and Józef Ostoja-Chotkowski, a landowner. Władysław Chotkowski attended the secondary school in Trzemeszno and St Mary Magdalene’s Secondary School in Poznań, which he completed in 1864. He pursued theological and philosophical studies at theology seminaries in Poznań and Gniezno, and the University of Muenster, where, in 1869, he obtained a baccalaureate in theology for a thesis entitled “Rerum gestarum ecclesiae Ruthenae pars prima”. He was also conferred a doctorate in theology by the same university in 1882. In 1870, he returned to Poznań, where he became a curate of the Parish Church of St Martin and prefect of the primary school in Bydgoszcz. Two years later, he was made director of the student lodge founded by Bishop Andrzej Szoldrski. *Kulturkampf* had him expelled from Poznań for his pastoral and patriotic activities. In 1882, he took up the Chair of Church History at the Faculty of Theology of the Jagiellonian University. A canon of the Kraków Cathedral Chapter, a Kraków city councillor, a deputy to the Imperial Council in Vienna, and rector of Jagiellonian University in the academic year 1891/92, he became famous as an outstanding preacher addressing from his pulpit not only religious but primarily national and social issues. He delivered eulogies at the funerals of eminent Poles and

notable Kraków figures. His scientific interest focused on the relations of the Roman Catholic Church in Galicia and the Lutheran Reformation. He was a member of the Poznań Society of Friends of Science and an honorary member of the Scientific Society in Toruń.²

Since 1883, Fr Władysław Chotkowski was associated with the Academy of Arts and Sciences. On 16 November 1883, attending a meeting of the Historical Commission of the Faculty of History and Philosophy of the Academy of Arts and Sciences as a guest, he was elected its member.³ In December 1900, he was nominated to, and in March 1901, elected as a member of the Commission for the History of Polish Literature of the Faculty of Philology of the Academy of Arts and Sciences.⁴ An indefatigable researcher, he participated in the meetings of the Faculty of History and Philosophy, where he reported on the results of his research and academic work. In 1899, at a faculty meeting, Fr Chotkowski “made a contribution to the post-Partitions history”⁵ with a presentation entitled *Z archiwum Ministerstwa Wyznań i Oświaty w Wiedniu do dziejów klasztorów w Galicji* [literally: From the Archives of the Ministry of Religion

- 2 T. Glemma, *Władysław Longin Chotkowski (1843–1926)*, in: *Polski słownik biograficzny*, vol. 3, Kraków 1937, pp. 430–432; J. Grześkowiak, K. Lutyński, *Władysław Chotkowski*, in: *Encyklopedia katolicka*, vol. 3, ed. by R. Łukaszyk, L. Bienkowski, F. Gryglewicz, Lublin 1985, pp. 262–263.
- 3 Archive of Science of the Polish Academy of Sciences and the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences in Kraków [hereafter: Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU], call sign PAU W II–20, Protokół posiedzenia Komisji Historycznej Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 16 XI 1883 r., manuscript, f. 67; *Skład Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie (w styczniu 1884 r.)*, “Rocznik Zarządu Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 1883, p. 44.
- 4 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W I–193, Protokół posiedzenia Komisji Historii Literatury Polskiej Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 15 XII 1900 r., manuscript, f. 35v; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W I–193, Protokół posiedzenia Komisji Historii Literatury Polskiej Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 23 III 1901 r., manuscript, f. 36v; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 605/1901, Pismo K.M. Górskiego z dnia 27 III 1901 r. do Kazimierza Morawskiego, manuscript, n.p.; *Skład Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie (w lipcu 1901 r.)*, “Rocznik Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 1900/01, p. 34.
- 5 *Sprawozdanie sekretarza generalnego z czynności Akademii od maja 1899 r. do maja 1900 r.*, “Rocznik Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 1899/1900, p. 75.

and Education in Vienna to the history of monasteries in Galicia).⁶ In a meeting in May 1902, he presented a paper entitled *Powrót jezuitów do Galicji i ich zniesienie (1820–1848)* [literally: The return of the Jesuits to Galicia and their dissolution (1820–48)].⁷ On 13 July of the following year, he presented a summary of a dissertation dedicated to *Historia polityczna klasztorów w Galicji za panowania Maryi Teresy* [literally: The political history of monasteries in Galicia during the reign of Maria Theresa].⁸ Participants in its discussion included, besides the speaker, the present lawyers: Bolesław Ulanowski (1860–1919)⁹ and Józef Milewski (1859–1916),¹⁰

- 6 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II-3, Protokół posiedzenia Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 20 XI 1899 r., manuscript, f. 71. See also: W. Chotkowski, *Ze studiów w archiwum Ministerstwa Wyznań i Oświaty w Wiedniu do historii klasztorów w Galicji*, “Sprawozdania z Czynności i Posiedzeń Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 4 (1899) no. 9, pp. 6–9.
- 7 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II-3, Zawiadomienie o posiedzeniu Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności dnia 20 V 1902 r., manuscript, print, f. 175; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II-3, Protokół posiedzenia Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 20 V 1902 r., manuscript, f. 176; *Sprawozdanie sekretarza generalnego z czynności Akademii od kwietnia 1902 do kwietnia 1903 r.*, “Rocznik Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 1902/03, p. 99. See also: W. Chotkowski, *Powrót i zniesienie jezuitów w Galicji (1820–1848)*, “Sprawozdania z Czynności i Posiedzeń Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 7 (1902) no. 5, pp. 9–10; W. Chotkowski, *Powrót i powtórne zniesienie jezuitów w Galicji (1820–1848)*, Warszawa 1904.
- 8 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II-3, Zawiadomienie z dnia 8 VII 1903 r. o posiedzeniu Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności dnia 13 VII 1903 r., manuscript, print, f. 220; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II-3, Protokół posiedzenia Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 13 VII 1903 r., manuscript, f. 221; *Sprawozdanie sekretarza generalnego z czynności Akademii od kwietnia 1903 r. do kwietnia 1904*, “Rocznik Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 1903/04, p. 86.
- 9 An active member of the Faculty of History and Philosophy of the Academy of Arts and Sciences since 1893, secretary of the Faculty of History and Philosophy of the Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1898–1919, Secretary General of the Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1903–19. See: W. Uruszczak, *Bolesław Ulanowski (1860–1919)*, in: *Złota Księga Wydziału Prawa i Administracji*, ed. by J. Stelmach, W. Uruszczak, Kraków 2000, pp. 195–201.
- 10 A corresponding member of the Faculty of History and Philosophy of the Academy of Arts and Sciences since 1895.

historians: Bronisław Dembiński (1858–1939)¹¹ and Stanisław Ptaszycki (1853–1933)¹², and the rapporteur. In a letter of 8 January 1905 addressed to Bolesław Ulanowski, Fr Chotkowski expressed his wish to present a lecture on his book entitled *Historia polityczna dawnych klasztorów panieńskich w Galicji (1773–1848)* [literally: The political history of former convents in Galicia (1773–1848)], and requested a subsidy for printing it.¹³ At the meeting of the Faculty of History and Philosophy held on 20 February 1905, he discussed his work based “on highly extensive and yet unexploited archival material”,¹⁴ and the faculty decided to grant a subsidy for its publication from the Foundation of the late Gabriel Krasiński.¹⁵ On the same day, Fr Chotkowski addressed the Board of the Academy of Arts and Sciences in writing, again requesting financial support for the publication. “I shall not find a publisher for it, as none can count on a broad circle of readers and recipients. I must publish it at my own expense, and since it not only costs much but also is unsightly to look at, I dare ask kindly: would the Most Esteemed Board consider a fund from which it could grant me a subsidy for printing this work?”¹⁶ In March 1905, Fr Chotkowski submitted his publication to be printed by the Jagiellonian University Press. It was published “with a grant” from the Faculty

11 A corresponding member of the Faculty of History and Philosophy of the Academy of Arts and Sciences since 1899, a full active member of the faculty since 1917.

12 A foreign corresponding member of the Faculty of History and Philosophy of the Academy of Arts and Sciences since 1903, a full active domestic member of the Faculty of History and Philosophy of the Academy of Arts and Sciences since 1931.

13 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 29/1905, Pismo Władysława Chotkowskiego z dnia 8 I 1905 r. do Bolesława Ulanowskiego, manuscript, n.p.

14 *Sprawozdanie sekretarza generalnego z czynności Akademii od kwietnia 1904 do kwietnia 1905*, “Rocznik Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 1904/05, pp. 91–92. See also: W. Chotkowski, *Historia polityczna dawnych klasztorów panieńskich w Galicji (1773–1848)*, “Sprawozdania z Czynności i Posiedzeń Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 10 (1905) no. 2, pp. 12–17.

15 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II–3, Zawiadomienie z dnia 15 II 1905 r. o posiedzeniu Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności dnia 20 II 1903 r., manuscript, print, f. 273; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II–3, Protokół posiedzenia Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 20 II 1905 r., manuscript, f. 274.

16 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 131/1905, Pismo Władysława Chotkowskiego z dnia 20 II 1905 r. do Zarządu Akademii Umiejętności, manuscript, n.p.

of History and Philosophy of the Academy of Arts and Sciences by the Gebethner and Co. Publishing House.¹⁷ Early in 1906, the author received a subsidy of 800 crowns. Entitled *Historia polityczna dawnych klasztorów panieńskich w Galicji (1773–1848)* (literally: “The political history of former convents in Galicia (1773–1848)”, the book was considered in the competition for the Probus Barczewski (1833–84)¹⁸ Foundation Prize for the year 1905, but failed to win it. “The work of Prelate Chotkowski [...] is the fruit of meticulous and painstaking archival research. This book is beyond doubt a published part and at the same time a prelude to the complete history of the Catholic Church in Galicia under Austrian rule.”¹⁹

Fr Chotkowski was proposed as a candidate for a member of the Academy of Arts and Sciences at the meeting of the Faculty of History and Philosophy on 29 November 1907. On 15 May 1908, the General Assembly of the Academy of Arts and Sciences elected Fr Chotkowski with 21 votes as a corresponding member of the Faculty of History and Philosophy.²⁰

- 17 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 131/1905, Pismo Władysława Chotkowskiego z dnia 28 II 1905 r. do Bolesława Ulanowskiego, manuscript, n.p.; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 131/1905, Pismo Władysława Chotkowskiego z dnia 3 III 1905 r. do Bolesława Ulanowskiego, manuscript, n.p. See: W. Chotkowski, *Historia polityczna dawnych klasztorów panieńskich w Galicji (1773–1848) na podstawie akt cesarskiej kancelarii nadwornej. Z zasiłkiem Akademii Umiejętności*, Kraków 1905.
- 18 Probus Barczewski (1833–85), a landowner and philanthropist. In his will, he bequeathed to the Academy of Arts and Sciences an endowment fund of 50,000 zlotys in Austrian currency for a prize for the best treatise on Polish history written by a Polish Catholic in Polish, and for a prize for the most beautiful painting made by a Polish artist. See: S. Mikucki, *Probus Piotr Włodzimierz Barczewski (1833–1884)*, in: *Polski słownik biograficzny*, vol. 1, Kraków 1935, p. 301; *Zapisy i dary*, “Rocznik Zarządu Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 1884, pp. 12–15; J. Dużyk, *Z dziejów nagrody im. Probuse Barczewskiego*, “Rocznik Biblioteki Naukowej PAU i PAN w Krakowie” 18 (1972), pp. 149–197.
- 19 *Sprawozdanie i wnioski w przedmiocie nagród fundacji śp. Barczewskiego*, “Rocznik Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 1905/06, pp. 129–130.
- 20 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II–4, Protokół posiedzenia Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 29 XI 1909 r., manuscript, f. 40; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU I–3, Protokół Walnego Zgromadzenia Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 15 V 1908 r., manuscript, f. 64; *Sprawozdanie sekretarza generalnego z czynności Akademii od kwietnia 1907 do kwietnia 1908*, “Rocznik Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 1907/08, p. 122; *Skład Akademii*

At the request of Bolesław Ulanowski, the newly elected corresponding member provided biographical data, which the Academy published in its yearbook.²¹ Fr Chotkowski reviewed and evaluated scientific works submitted to the Academy of Arts and Sciences for qualification to be published by the Academy. In 1908, on behalf of the Faculty of History and Philosophy, Bolesław Ulanowski approached Fr Chotkowski to request an opinion on the works of fathers Adolf Pleszczyński (1841–1925), a church historian and ethnographer, and esteemed parish priest of Międzyrzec Podlaski, and Szczepan Szydelski (1872–1967), a pastor, scholar, and social and political activist.²² Fr Chotkowski considered Father Pleszczyński’s work entitled *Opis historyczno-statystyczny parafii międzyrzeckiej* [literally: Historical and statistical description of the Międzyrzec Parish] a valuable monographic work worthy of publication by the Academy. “The book is the output of long, painstaking, and arduous research. [...] It contributes a plethora of dates to the knowledge of the area, people, customs, and social economy. It is not inferior to other works of the kind [...]. Therefore, I believe it deserves publication at the expense of the Academy as a separate book.”²³ On 30 April 1909, Bolesław Ulanowski informed Adolf Pleszczyński that, at its working meeting on 3 April 1909, the Faculty of History and Philosophy of the Academy decided that his work “*Opis historyczno-statystyczny parafii międzyrzeckiej od najdawniejszych czasów po rok 1890* is not suitable for inclusion in the Academy’s publications”.²⁴ It was only published

Umiejętności w Krakowie (w lipcu 1908 r.), “Rocznik Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 1907/08, p. 32. See: *Poczet członków Akademii Umiejętności i Polskiej Akademii Umiejętności w latach 1872–2000*, ed. by R. Majkowska, Kraków 2006, p. 33.

- 21 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU I-15k, Akta członków Akademii Umiejętności: Władysław Chotkowski, Pismo Bolesława Ulanowskiego z dnia 20 V 1908 r. do Władysława Chotkowskiego, typescript, n.p.
- 22 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 556/1908, Pismo Bolesław Ulanowskiego z dnia 15 października 1908 r. do Władysława Chotkowskiego, typescript, n.p. W. Bieńkowski, *Adolf Pleszczyński (1841–1925)*, in: *Polski słownik biograficzny*, vol. 26/1, issue 108, Wrocław 1981, pp. 722–723; J. Wołczański, *Szczepan Szydelski (1872–1967)*, in: *Polski słownik biograficzny*, vol. 49/1, issue 200, Warszawa 2013, pp. 536–541.
- 23 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 556/1908, Pismo Władysława Chotkowskiego z dnia 12 II 1909 r. do Bolesława Ulanowskiego, manuscript, n.p.
- 24 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 290/1909, Pismo Bolesława Ulanowskiego z dnia 30 IV 1909 r. do Adolfa Pleszczyńskiego, typescript, n.p. See also:

in 1911 by the Polskie Towarzystwo Krajoznawcze [Polish Society for Tourism].²⁵ Chotkowski presented several constructive remarks regarding the introduction and discussion of the sources the author used, writing in his review of Szczepan Szydelski's work entitled *Konstanty Zieliński arcybiskup lwowski* [literally: Konstanty Zieliński, Archbishop of Lviv], that the biography "deserves to be published by the Academy. Yet first, the author should necessarily write an introduction and discuss his sources, as he starts *in medias res*, that is from the appointment of the archbishop, and cites sources that are absolutely foreign and incomprehensible to the reader, because only later does he explain where they come from? The work would also benefit formally, should the author apply his *ultima manu* to the work. He is young, therefore he does not need to rush so vehemently."²⁶ Pursuant to the opinion, Fr Szydelski amended the dissertation, and it was published by the Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1910 thanks to the support from the Foundation of the late Gabriel Krasiński.²⁷

The output of the following years of scientific research conducted by Fr Chotkowski was his greatest work on the history of the Church in the Austrian Partition during the reign of Empress Maria Theresa (1717–80).

Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II-4, Protokół posiedzenia Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 3 IV 1909 r., manuscript, f. 110v. At the request of the author, the manuscript of the work was sent by the Faculty of History and Philosophy to Fr Władysław Knapiński (1838–1910) Rector of the Jagiellonian University. See: Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 290/1909, Pismo Adolfa Pleszczyńskiego z dnia 4 V 1909 r. do Bolesława Ulanowskiego, manuscript, n.p.; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 290/1909, Pismo Bolesława Ulanowskiego z dnia 6 V 1909 r. do Władysława Knapińskiego, manuscript, n.p.

25 A. Pleszczyński, *Opis Historyczno-statystyczny parafii międzyrzeckiej*, Warszawa 1911.

26 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 556/1908, Pismo Władysława Chotkowskiego z dnia 12 II 1909 r. do Bolesława Ulanowskiego, manuscript, n.p.

27 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 535/1908, Pismo Szczepana Szydelskiego z dnia 3 X 1908 r. do Bolesława Ulanowskiego, manuscript, n.p.; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 535/1908, Pismo Bolesława Ulanowskiego z dnia 17 II 1909 r. do Szczepana Szydelskiego, manuscript, n.p.; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 556/1908, Pismo Stefana Szydelskiego z dnia 6 III 1909 r. do Bolesława Ulanowskiego, manuscript, n.p.; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II-4, Protokół posiedzenia Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 3 IV 1909 r., manuscript, f. 110. See also: S. Szydelski, *Konstanty Zieliński arcybiskup lwowski*, Kraków 1910.

On 2 December 1908, he approached the Academy of Arts and Sciences requesting assistance in publishing his carefully prepared study. “The undersigned is just finishing the work entitled *Historia polityczna Kościoła w Galicji za rządów Maryi Teresy*, [literally: Political history of the Church in Galicia during the reign of Maria Theresa]. It comprises 900–1000 printed pages and has to be divided into two volumes. For my last work *Historia dawnych klasztorów panińskich w Galicji*, [literally: The history of former convents in Galicia], which had 931 printed pages, I received a subsidy of 800 crowns, for which I express my kindest gratitude to the Most Esteemed Board, yet I still had to contribute 950 crowns from my own pocket. Could I now ask to find a fund that would fully cover the printing costs, or at least a major part of those, as I have travelled and applied myself diligently to this work for several years, so putting the printing costs on top of those would not be among my great pleasures.”²⁸ During the meeting of the Faculty of History and Philosophy held on 18 January 1909, Fr Chotkowski presented briefly his work, and the discussion was joined by historian of canon law Władysław Abraham (1860–1941)²⁹ and the rapporteur.³⁰ The authorities of the Academy of Arts and Sciences positively responded to the church historian’s request and financed the printing of his work in two volumes, which was published in 1909.³¹ The publication was well received by the academic community, and numerous reviews appeared in journals. Literary historian and President of the Academy of Arts and Sciences Stanisław

28 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 655/1908, Pismo Władysława Chotkowskiego z dnia 2 XII 1908 r. do Zarządu Akademii Umiejętności, manuscript, n.p.

29 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 667/1908, Zgłoszenie odczytu Władysława Chotkowskiego z dnia 9 XII 1908 r., manuscript, n.p.; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II-4, Zawiadomienie z dnia 12 I 1909 r. o posiedzeniu Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności dnia 18 I 1909 r., manuscript, print, f. 91; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II-4, Protokół posiedzenia Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 18 I 1909 r., manuscript, f. 92. See also: W. Chotkowski, *Historia polityczna Kościoła w Galicji za rządów Maryi Teresy*, “Sprawozdania z Czynności i Posiedzeń Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 14 (1909) no. 1, pp. 8–13.

30 A corresponding member of the Faculty of History and Philosophy of the Academy of Arts and Sciences since 1892, a full active member of the faculty since 1901.

31 W. Chotkowski, *Historia polityczna Kościoła w Galicji za rządów Maryi Teresy*, vols 1–2, Kraków 1909; U. Perkowska, *Ksiądz profesor Władysław Chotkowski (1843–1926) historyk Kościoła, działacz społeczny i kaznodzieja*, Lwów–Kraków 2016, pp. 188–192.

Tarnowski (1837–1917)³² wrote in “Przegląd Polski”: “Not only is the work first in the field, not only is it very much needed, not only is it strictly scholarly and facts-based using official documents, but it also brims with new information, it is a great contribution to history, and immensely interesting for the discerning reader. The painted image of church relations in the Polish lands under Austrian rule, of very complicated relations, yet perfectly clearly unravelled and presented: a complete image, covering all sections and parts of church affairs and laws, in an orderly transparent arrangement. [...] While reading, one is oft consumed by indignation, yet often does one also learn and draw conclusions as to how the payback for such behaviour of the state towards the Church sooner or later comes back on the state as a bitter pill. We conclude as we began, with the most sincere and fervent wish that the venerable author could fulfil what he intends to and, as he declared in his foreword, continue the work he had begun and continue the history of the Church in Galicia as far as possible *ad maiorem Dei gloriam*, for the education and benefit of Polish society.”³³ The General Assembly of the members of the Academy of Arts and Sciences appreciated Fr Chotkowski’s monograph, awarding him the Probus Barczewski Foundation Prize for 1910 in the amount of 2250 crowns.³⁴ “An exhaustive work based on many years of archival research, encompassing a plethora of historical facts unearthed for the first time. [...] Not just the size matters. Far more important is the fact that the author undertook to investigate a completely new subject yet of profound significance. For this is a subject equally interesting for the history of the Church in general, as well as for the history of the Church in Poland and Austria. With respect to the Church’s relationship to the state, the reigns of Maria Theresa and Joseph II constitute a fully autonomous era, in which enlightened absolutism experienced its greatest triumphs. Applied to Poland, a country only recently annexed into the Habsburg empire in the wake of its partitioning, this system provided the greater reflection, the fewer were the moments attuned to the Austrian statehood in the Polish practice. Studying for many

32 A full active member of the Faculty of Philology of the Academy of Arts and Sciences since 1873, secretary of the Faculty of Philology of the Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1878–82, Secretary General of the Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1883–18, President of the Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1890–1917.

33 S. Tarnowski, *Kronika literacka*, “Przegląd Polski” 175 (1910), pp. 369, 376.

34 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 414/1910, Pismo Bolesława Ulanowskiego z dnia 25 V 1910 r. do Władysława Chotkowskiego, typescript, n.p.

years the plentiful archival materials gathered in Vienna and Rome, the author always works on the subject first-hand. And even if many more sources (e.g. in the governmental archives of Lviv) could have been exploited, what Prelate Chotkowski took into account and processed is of such a great value and encompasses such a lavish array of detail that the historical image he has painted will remain valuable even should subsequent monographic works provide supplements or corrections in some points.”³⁵

Besides the monographic work on the history of the Church in the Austrian Partition during the reign of Maria Theresa, Fr Chotkowski prepared another publication in two volumes, based on sources from the Viennese archives and entitled *Dzieje klasztorów i monasterów galicyjskich w czasach rozbiorowych* [literally: The history of monasteries and convents in Galicia during the time of Partitions]: Volume I: on orders completely dissolved, Volume II on orders decimated. During the meeting of the Faculty of History and Philosophy held on 5 June 1916, he read a summary of the first volume of the work.³⁶ He then repeatedly approached the Board of the Academy of Arts and Sciences soliciting the publication of his work, but for five years he encountered difficulties. “As yet, the author’s requests to have this work printed by the Academy have failed as HE the Secretary General maintained that the history of monastic orders and

35 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 388/1910, *Sprawozdania i wnioski co do nagród z fundacji śp. Probusa Barczewskiego*, manuscript, n.p.; *Sprawozdania i wnioski co do nagród z fundacji śp. Probusa Barczewskiego*, “Rocznik Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 1909/10, pp. 153–154, 155–156.

36 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 161/1916, Pismo Władysława Chotkowskiego z dnia 22 III 1916 r. do Bolesława Ulanowskiego, manuscript, n.p.; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 161/1916, Pismo Bolesława Ulanowskiego z dnia 25 III 1916 r. do Władysława Chotkowskiego, typescript, n.p.; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II-5, Zawiadomienie z dnia 30 V 1916 r. o posiedzeniu Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności dnia 5 VI 1916 r., manuscript, print, f. 103; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II-5, Protokół posiedzenia Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 5 VI 1916 r., manuscript, f. 104; *Sprawozdanie sekretarza generalnego z czynności Akademii od kwietnia 1916 do kwietnia 1917 r.*, “Rocznik Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 1916/17, p. 27. See also: W. Chotkowski, *Dzieje klasztorów i monasterów galicyjskich w czasach rozbiorowych. Część I. Zakony doszczętnie zniesione*, “Sprawozdania z Czynności i Posiedzeń Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 21 (1916) no. 6, pp. 26–40.

monasteries is of no concern to anyone. The author read a summary of the first volume at a meeting of the Faculty of History and Philosophy in 1916 [...] and he never read the summary of the second volume, because HE the Secretary General did not even deign to make an appointment. Other than the fact that the monasteries of Galicia, particularly eastern, were the mainstays of the Polish national element against the influx of the Ruthenian one, and that their demise was our national disaster as the Polish people were forced to attend church services in Orthodox churches and converted to Ruthenian rites, it has now appeared that the lost monastic estates, the stolen church treasures, archives, and libraries are of profound concern for our society, especially the Reparations Commission for the Former Austrian Partition.”³⁷ Replying to the above, Bolesław Ulanowski notified the author that the question of printing “due to current incredible difficulties with paper as well as due to the printers’ strike announced for July this year, cannot currently be resolved.”³⁸ The Secretary General, however, suggested that Fr Chotkowski presented a summary at a meeting of the Faculty of History and Philosophy in June, “yet only within the maximum limit of two printed pages”.³⁹ Bolesław Ulanowski’s reply outraged the prelate, who answered: “Instead the answer from the Board, I received your response, sir, obviously negative, even if now for a different reason, i.e. the lack of paper and the threats of a strike [NB: used twice in original English spelling – translator’s note]. I am very delighted that HE the Secretary changed his original mind and at least in general terms recognises the need to have my work published. Perhaps, after the strike, such need will be expedited by a demand from the Reparations Commission. I also kindly thank you for allowing me to read a summary of the second volume of my work at the June meeting of the Faculty, yet I cannot benefit of it due to the limitation of the size to ‘the maximum limit of two printed pages’, as I would not be able to offer a sense of the gist of my work summarising in such a manner the 273

37 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 274/1919, Pismo Władysława Chotkowskiego z dnia 2 VI 1919 r. do Zarządu Akademii Umiejętności, manuscript, n.p.

38 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 274/1919, Pismo Bolesława Ulanowskiego z dnia 5 VI 1919 r. do Władysława Chotkowskiego, typescript, n.p.

39 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 274/1919, Pismo Bolesława Ulanowskiego z dnia 5 VI 1919 r. do Władysława Chotkowskiego, typescript, n.p.

folio pages of compact handwriting.”⁴⁰ Fr Władysław Chotkowski’s efforts to have the book published by the Academy of Arts and Sciences brought no expected result. The economic turmoil in the reborn Polish state and the waning strength of the now frail reverend professor meant made the outcome of his tenacious effort remain in manuscript.⁴¹

At the meeting of the Faculty of History and Philosophy on 10 December 1917, Fr Władysław Chotkowski presented his work on the havoc unleashed on the church in Kraków by Prince Michał Jerzy Poniąkowski Primate of Poland, and on 15 May 1920, he briefly presented his work

40 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 274/1919, Pismo Władysława Chotkowskiego z dnia 10 VI 1919 r. do Bolesława Ulanowskiego, manuscript, n.p.

41 U. Perkowska, *Książka profesora Władysława Chotkowskiego...*, p. 193. The manuscript of Fr Władysław Chotkowski’s work is part of the collection of the Scientific Library PAU and PAN in Kraków, to whom it was entrusted by the Historical Commission of the Academy of Arts and Sciences. Biblioteka Naukowa PAU i PAN, Dział Zbiorów Specjalnych, call sign Rkps 2405, W. Chotkowski, “Pogrom zakonów w Galicji (Dzieje klasztorów męskich galicyjskich 1780–1848), vol. 1: “Zakony doszczętnie zniesione”; vol. 2: “Zakony zdziesiątkowane. Zniesione klasztory”. See also: *Katalog rękopisów Biblioteki Polskiej Akademii Nauk w Krakowie. Sygnatury 2299–2630*, ed. by Z. Jabłoński, A. Preissner, B. Schnaydrowa, Wrocław 1967, p. 87. At the meeting of the Faculty of History and Philosophy held on 18 October 1926, Fryderyk Papée (1856–1940), an active member of the faculty, presented the second volume of the late Władysław Chotkowski’s work on the decimated orders. Following the motion from the rapporteur Fryderyk Papée, a decision not to print Fer Chotkowski’s work but only to include its summary in the Sprawozdania i Biuletyn Akademii (Reports and Bulletin of the Academy) was reached. See: Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II–8, Zawiadomienie z dnia 12 X 1926 r. o posiedzeniu Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności dnia 18 X 1926 r., manuscript, print, f. 242; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II–8, Protokół posiedzenia Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 18 X 1926 r., manuscript, f. 246; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II–8, Protokół posiedzenia Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 18 X 1926 r., manuscript, f. 246; W. Chotkowski, *Dzieje klasztorów i monasterów galicyjskich (1780–1848)*, “Sprawozdania z Czynności i Posiedzeń Akademii Umiejętności” 31 (1926) no. 8, pp. 9–17; W. Chotkowski, *Dzieje klasztorów i monasterów galicyjskich od 1780–1848 r. Praca oparta na aktach archiwów państwowych wiedeńskich (L’histoire des couvents et des monasteres grecs–unis en Galicie entre 1780 et 1848. Une étude d’après des recherches aux Archives de l’Etat à Vienne)*, “Bulletin International de l’Académie des Sciences de Cracovie” (1926) no. 1–10 (Janvier–Décembre), p. 10–27.

on the state of the Basilian Orders during the reign of Maria Theresa.⁴² The Academy of Arts and Sciences published these two works on the history of the Church in Galicia as part of the proceedings of the Faculty of History and Philosophy.⁴³ Another valuable source publication that Fr Chotkowski prepared for printing was the diary of the Jesuit monastery in Kraków penned by a historian and Jesuit Fr Jan Wielewicki (1566–1639).⁴⁴ The first volume of the diary covering the years 1579–99 was published by Józef Szujski in 1881, after whose death, the Academy of Arts and Sciences entrusted the publication of the subsequent volumes to Fr Chotkowski.⁴⁵ At a meeting of the Historical Commission of the Academy held in March 1885, the prelate declared that he would undertake the entrusted publication, yet limiting the critical scientific apparatus.⁴⁶ The second volume of the diary covering the years 1600–08, was published in 1886, the third (1609–1619) was announced by Fr Chotkowski in 1889, and the

42 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II–5, Zawiadomienie z dnia 4 XII 1917 r. o posiedzeniu Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności dnia 10 XII 1917 r., manuscript, print, f. 155; Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II–5, Protokół posiedzenia Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 10 XII 1917 r., manuscript, f. 156. See also: W. Chotkowski, *Ks. Prymasa M. J. Poniatowskiego spustoszenia kościelne w Krakowie. Przyczynek do dziejów Uniwersytetu*, “Sprawozdania z Czynności i Posiedzeń Akademii Umiejętności w Krakowie” 22 (1917) no. 10, pp. 7–15; W. Chotkowski, *Redukcje monasterów bazylikańskich w Galicji*, “Sprawozdania z Czynności i Posiedzeń Akademii Umiejętności” 25 (1920) no. 3, pp. 9–15.

43 W. Chotkowski, *Księcia Prymasa Poniatowskiego spustoszenia kościelne w Krakowie. Przyczynek do dziejów Uniwersytetu*, “Rozprawy Akademii Umiejętności. Wydział Historyczno-Filozoficzny” 36 (1918), pp. 87–231; W. Chotkowski, *Redukcje monasterów bazylikańskich w Galicji*, Kraków 1922 (Rozprawy Akademii Umiejętności. Wydział Historyczno-Filozoficzny, 38).

44 J. Wielewicki, *Dziennik spraw domu zakonnego oo. jezuitów u św. Barbary w Krakowie od r. 1579 do r. 1599 (włącznie)*, vol. 1, Kraków 1881.

45 Józef Szujski (1835–83), historian, an active member of the Faculty of History and Philosophy of the Academy of Arts and Sciences since 1872, secretary of the faculty in 1872–76, Secretary General of the Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1872–83. Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II–20, Protokół posiedzenia Komisji Historycznej Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 4 XII 1883 r., manuscript, f. 75v.

46 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II–20, Protokół posiedzenia Komisji Historycznej Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 24 III 1885 r., manuscript, f. 89v.

fourth volume covering the years 1620–29 was released ten years later.⁴⁷ The Academy remunerated Fr Chotkowski’s editorial work at “6 florins per print sheet and reimbursed the costs of copying at 3 florins per print sheet [...] as well as the costs of compiling the index”.⁴⁸ The publication of the fourth volume did not conclude the editorial work on Fr Jan Wielewiczki’s diary as its last part, covering the years 1630–39, still remained unpublished. Fr Władysław Chotkowski undertook to rectify that, and consequently, on the motion of Wincenty Zakrzewski (1844–1918),⁴⁹ a fee of “8 zlotys per text sheet, and 15 zlotys per index sheet” for editorial works was announced at the meeting of the Historical Commission held on 6 February 1900.⁵⁰ However, for unknown reasons, the fifth and final volume of Fr Chotkowski’s diary remained unpublished. It was only in 1999 that the volume, now edited by reverend Professor Ludwik Grzebień (1939–2020), appeared in print.⁵¹

Let the tribute to Fr Władysław Chotkowski’s activity at the Academy of Arts and Sciences be the words of the eulogy Professor Jan Łoś (1860–1928)⁵² delivered at the funeral of the distinguished Church historian: “Through my mouth, the Jagiellonian University and the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences bid farewell to their long-standing and deserving

- 47 J. Wielewiczki, *Dziennik spraw domu zakonnego oo. jezuitów u św. Barbary w Krakowie od r. 1600 do r. 1608 (włącznie)*, vol. 2, Kraków 1886; J. Wielewiczki, *Dziennik spraw domu zakonnego oo. jezuitów u św. Barbary w Krakowie od r. 1609 do r. 1619 (włącznie)*, vol. 3, Kraków 1889; J. Wielewiczki, *Dziennik spraw domu zakonnego oo. jezuitów u św. Barbary w Krakowie od r. 1620 do r. 1629 (włącznie)*, vol. 4, Kraków 1899. See also: Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU KSG 190/1914, Pismo Bolesława Ulanowskiego z dnia 24 II 1914 r. do Władysława Chotkowskiego, typescript, n.p.
- 48 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II–20, Protokół posiedzenia Komisji Historycznej Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 5 VII 1889 r., manuscript, f. 141v.
- 49 A corresponding member of the Faculty of History and Philosophy since 1881, an active full member of the faculty since 1884, director of the Faculty of History and Philosophy in 1917–18.
- 50 Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, call sign PAU W II–20, Protokół posiedzenia Komisji Historycznej Akademii Umiejętności z dnia 6 II 1900 r., manuscript, f. 215.
- 51 J. Wielewiczki, *Dziennik spraw domu zakonnego oo. jezuitów u św. Barbary w Krakowie 1630–1639*, vol. 5, publ. by L. Grzebień, Kraków 1999.
- 52 A corresponding member of the Faculty of Philology since 1906, an active full member of the faculty since 1917, secretary of the Faculty of Philology in 1922–23, acting director of the faculty in 1927–28.

member, the late Fr Canon Władysław Chotkowski. The 84 years of active life, 59 years of priesthood, and 45 years of fruitful academic work — these numbers speak for themselves. The late Władysław Chotkowski [...] developed a stalwart character, consolidated his energy to further actively his ideals, and combined the pursuits of academic work with the needs of the actual contemporary life and its current interests in general. [...] As far as Church history, and especially the history of the Church in Poland, goes, he specialised mainly in three areas: the history of the Reformation and its expansion in Polish lands, the history of monastic orders and their dissolution during the period of enlightened absolutism [...]

God blessed his work and gave him a happy life. He also allowed him to choose a profession that suited his nature, talents, interests, and true calling. He allowed him to work in this profession in favourable circumstances and for many years. He allowed him to extend his activities to various areas of thought and life. However, above all, he allowed him to witness the restoration of Fatherland and thus to die a free citizen of his own sovereign state, in which the rights of the Church are guaranteed by the constitution, and the tragedy of the union has forever been averted. [...] He was bestowed with high ecclesiastical and university honours, while, in recognition of his academic merit, the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences counted him among its members. His fellow Poles honoured him with their trust, electing him their representative in legislative bodies and self-governments. [...] Władysław Chotkowski was like the faithful servant known from the Gospel, who did not squander or bury the talents given to him by the Lord but wisely, honestly, and laboriously used them to multiply and, thus multiplied, return them to his Lord.⁵³

The activity of Władysław Chotkowski at the Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences was beneficial both for the scholar and for the Academy. As an expert on the history of the Church in Galicia, he participated in the sessions of the Faculty of History and Philosophy of the Academy, presenting the results of his scholarly research, while the Academy, by subsidising and publishing his works, enriched its printed collections in the field of historiography of the Church in the 18th and 19th centuries.

53 J. Łoś, *Śp. ks. dr prof. Władysław Chotkowski*, "Dzwon Niedzielny" (1926) no. 30, p. 7.

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Abstract

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*Activity of Father Władysław Chotkowski (1843–1926)
in the Academy of Arts and Sciences
and the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences*

Władysław Chotkowski (1843–1926), a Catholic priest and patriotic activist, lectured on Church history at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków. The excellent preacher who addressed national and social issues from the pulpit, he delivered eulogies at the funerals of eminent Poles and notable Kraków figures. The article presents the relationship of Władysław Chotkowski with the Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 1883, he was elected a member of the Historical Commission, and in 1901 appointed to the Commission for the History of Polish Literature. Since 1907, he was a corresponding member of the Faculty of History and Philosophy at the Academy of Arts and Sciences. As a researcher of the Church history in Galicia, he participated in the meetings of the faculty, during which he presented the results of his research and scientific work that were published by the Academy of Arts and Sciences as dissertations and monographic works. The text, based on archival materials from the resources of the Archive of Science of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN) and the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences (PAU), fills the knowledge gap in the research on the scientific activity of prelate Władysław Chotkowski in the Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Keywords:

Władysław Chotkowski, Academy of Arts and Sciences, priest, Church's history, corresponding member

Abstrakt

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*Działalność ojca Władysława Chotkowskiego (1843–1926)
w Akademii Umiejętności i Polskiej Akademii Umiejętności*

Władysław Chotkowski (1843–1926), duchowny katolicki, działacz patriotyczny, wykładał historię Kościoła na Uniwersytecie Jagiellońskim. Znakomity kaznodzieja poruszający z ambony zagadnienia narodowe i społeczne, wygłaszał mowy żałobne na pogrzebach wybitnych Polaków i znakomitości krakowskich. Artykuł przedstawia związki Władysława Chotkowskiego z Akademią Umiejętności. W 1883 roku został wybrany członkiem Komisji Historycznej, w 1901 roku powołany na członka Komisji Historii Literatury Polskiej. Od 1907 roku członek korespondent Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii Umiejętności. Badacz historii Kościoła w Galicji biorący udział w posiedzeniach Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego Akademii, podczas których referował wyniki swoich badań i prac naukowych, a Akademia Umiejętności ogłaszała drukiem jego rozprawy i monografie. Tekst, oparty na materiałach archiwalnych z zasobu Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, wypełnia lukę poznawczą w badaniach nad działalnością naukową prałata Władysława Chotkowskiego w Akademii Umiejętności i Polskiej Akademii Umiejętności.

Słowa kluczowe:

Władysław Chotkowski, Akademia Umiejętności, ksiądz, historia Kościoła, członek korespondent