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INTRODUCTION

This collection of sermons and other papers was donated to the Congregational Library by Douglas Horton's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joan Horton. The materials arrived in two cardboard cartons, with little or no order to the contents. Personal letters were copied and the originals returned to the donor, as requested. Additional materials may be sent by the donor in 1994.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Douglas Horton was born in Brooklyn, New York, on July 27, 1891. He attended Princeton, where he earned his bachelor of arts degree; pursued graduate studies at New College in Edinburgh, Scotland, at Mansfield College, Oxford and at the University of Tuebingen, Germany; and earned his bachelor of divinity at Hartford Seminary. He received numerous honorary degrees over the course of his career.

Ordained in the Congregational Church on December 13, 1915, Horton served as Assistant Pastor and then Pastor at the First Church in Middletown, Connecticut, from 1915-1924. He then moved to Brookline, Massachusetts, where he led the Leyden Church from 1925-1931, and from there to Chicago, Illinois, and the United Church of Hyde Park from 1931-1938. His activities at the denominational level included minister and secretary of both the General Council and the National Council from 1938-1955.

Horton was also an educator and a writer. He taught at such institutions as Newton Theological Institution and the Chicago Theological Seminary. From 1955-1960 he served as dean of the Harvard Divinity School. His publications include numerous articles, several translations from German and Latin, and monographs on religion, with such titles as The Art of Living Today; Congregationalism, a Study in Church Policy; and The Meaning of Worship.

Horton died in Randolph, New Hampshire August 21, 1968. For more information, see the article in Who Was Who, volume 5, page 348-9. See the card catalog for books by Horton which are in the library.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of this collection consists of sermons, handwritten and typescript, written by Douglas Horton between about 1920 and 1935. Most are undated. They are arranged in Series A alphabetically by title, if the title is known. Fragments, and sermons with no or an indecipherable title, are arranged at the end of the sermons. An index of titles is appended to this finding aid.

Also included in Series A are other examples of Horton's writing, namely prayers, translations, articles, a transcript of a diary and a narrative of a family trip to Europe, as well as notes, "jottings," and other research materials used to prepare sermons or write articles and books. One group of materials appears to date from his years at Seminary, although the date and provenance are not entirely clear.

Series B consists of correspondence, a mix of personal and business letters, dating 1919-1941. The letters from 1919 relate Horton's impressions
of Europe while serving as a U.S. Navy Chaplain. In 1941 he made a trip across the United States and the letters from that period document his impressions of his own country. Business letters include correspondence with publishers concerning books and articles. Horton had separate files for correspondence with the Congregational Quarterly, 1930-1931, and with Harper's Magazine, 1929, and these files have been maintained.

The final series, Series C, encompasses records and memorabilia from the churches where Horton was pastor, as well as materials from his denominational work and as an educator. The records of the Middletown Church consist of the constitution. Leyden Church records include his installation program, some membership materials, and notes on a pastor's class he held. Reports on the actions of the Commission on Missions date from 1929-1931. Horton was invited twice to give seminars on worship, and materials relating to these seminars are included in Series C. Memorabilia include a program of a church service from the U.S. Navy, 1919; and a memorial leaflet for a young man who died in 1935.

Series A. Writings, 1915-1942. Sermons, prayers, articles, translations, diary, narrative, "jottings," "reflections," research/resources, notes. 31½ inches.

Series B. Correspondence, 1919-1941. ¼ inch.

Series C. Church Administration, 1919-1935. Constitution, installation programs, pastor's class notes, reports on Commission on Missions, seminar on worship, memorabilia. 2 inches.
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Series A. Writings, 1915-1942

Folders 1-27. Sermons, A-O

Box 2

Folders 28-37. Sermons, P-S

Box 3

Folders 38-47. Sermons, T-Y, no titles

Box 4

Folder 48. Sermon fragments
  " 49. Sermon topics by year, 1932-1934
  " 50. Article on sermon, 1924
  " 51. Prayers, n.d.
  " 52. Articles, published sermons, 1929-1942
  " 53. Emil Brunner translation
  " 54. Oedipus translation
  " 55. Diary transcript, ca. 1919
  " 56. Narrative, n.d.
  " 57. Jottings, n.d.

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Folder 59. Research/resources, ca. 1920-1930
  " 60. Book and lecture notes
  " 61. Class papers and notes (?), n.d.

Series B. Correspondence, 1919-1941

Folder 1. 1919-1941
  " 2. Congregational Quarterly, 1930-1931

Series C. Church administration, 1919-1935

Folder 1. Constitution, Federated Church of Middletown, n.d.
  " 2. Installation material, membership mailings, Leyden Congregational Church, 1924-1928
  " 3. Pastor's class notes, Leyden Congregational Church, ca. 1926
  " 4. Reports, The Commission on Missions, 1929-1933
  " 5. Seminar on worship, 1928, 1930
A

An Adventure in Imagination, April 5, 1925
And David Danced Before the Lord
The American Board and the Near East
Americanism
And walk humbly with thy God
The Apostolic Succession
An Appendix to Morals
Are You in Prison?
Armistice (holograph)
Armistice (typescript)
As We Forgive Our Debtors
At the C ... Service
At the Service of Dedication, All Saints Church, March 21, 1926

B

Baccalaureate Sermon, Oberlin College 7 June 1936
A Background of Questions
Be Strong and of a Good Courage, February 15, 1925
The Beginnings of Religious Life
Being Saved
Being Worthy of Christmas
The Biography of the Holy Spirit
The Birth of Jesus
(Boddy) William H. Boddy
The Boggs Family ... .
The Boggs Family and the School
The Book of Mystery
Bread
The Bread of Life
Building the World of Our Desire
The Business of Being a Human Race
The Business of Leisure
By the Side of the Pilgrim Pool

C

A Call to Arms, November 11, 1934
The Candle in thy Soul, Christmas 1932
The Carnival at Golgotha, 1920
The Cave World
Chance
Character Reserve
The Chariots of God
Christ in the Moldern Maze(?)
Christ is Coming
Christian America Ltd.
The Christian Business Man (2 copies)
The Christian Character of the Local Church
Christian Imagination
Christian Life and the Church
Christian Life and the Government
The Christian Life and the Home
Christian Virtues at Reduced Values
A Christian's Tribute to his Jewish Neighbors in Boston
The Christianity in Christmas
Christianity Makes a Difference (holograph)
Christianity Makes a Difference (typescript)
A Christmas Meditation
The Christmas World
The Church
The Church and Her Mission
The Church and other Organizations
The Church Foursquare (2 copies)
The City--An Essay
Cleanliness
Comfort ye, comfort ye my people . . .
The Coming Age
The Coming of the Messiah (2 copies)
The Communion of Saints
The Communion of the Holy Spirit
A Communion Sermon
Concerning Crumbs
Conditional Immortality
Congregational Esprit de Corps
Contentment versus Vocation
The Conversion of the Elder Son
The Cost and Magnificence of Prayer, February 14, 1926
The Crisis in the Life of St. Paul
Crown Him King, 1933
The Curse of Adam
The Curse of Neutrality (3 copies)

D

Dead Faith
The Death of the Syrian Peasant, April 4, 1920
Deathless Faith, Easter 1932 (2 copies)
The Deep-Red Cross, 5 November 1933
Defense: The Shield of Faith
The Devotion Point
The Difficult Witness
The Dimensions of Thanksgiving, November 1931
Discipline
Distance, Loneliness, and Singing
A Disturbance at the City Gate
Divine Pressure in Human Progress, February 22, 1925
The Divine Sureness
The Drama of the Good Samaritan
Duty and Accidie
The Earth Is the Lord's and The Fullness Thereof
Easter 1929
The Easter Virtue
The Effects of our Prayers
Elded and Medad
Election, November 1934
The Element of Expectancy
Elijah, October 16, 1932
An Emmaus Journey
The Encircling Mystery
The Encourager
The Epicureans
The Epistle and the Hebrews
Escape
The Essence of Idolatry
Established Upon the Flood
Eternal Life (2 copies)
Everlasting Mercy
Everlastingly Real
Everyday Religion
Exceeding Great Joy
The Experience of Prayer
The E... of Christ

Failings
Faith and the Deep Things
Faith as a Heritage
Faith in People
The Fall of Babylon, 6 May 1934
Fear
The Fear of Living
The Fear of Living (new version)
The Feast of Friendship
Finding God in Every Experience
The Fine Art of Contentment
Fire in the Bones
The First and Second Adam
First Things First (holograph)
First Things First, 29 May 1938
Forlorn Hopes, June 7, 1914
Four Good Fridays (2 copies)
Freedom and Christianity
The Freedom of the City
Friendship in its Aspect of Surprise, Christmas 1932
Friendship-tide
From Everlasting to Everlasting
Four Grades of Manhood
Fruitful Living, Palm Sunday 1922
The F...
The Galilean Candidate, 30 October 1932
George Washington and St. Paul
Germany, the Source of the Coming Religious Revival
Getting On, Him Honest (?)
The Gift of Sacrifice
The Glory of Individuality, 6 September 1914
God and the Word
God has a lawsuit with the nations
God in Daily Life
God of the Living
God-Intoxicated
God's Call to His People, 5 March 1933
God's Influence Upon Man
God's Re... Call
The Good Shepherd (incomplete)
The Gospel for a World of Unrest
The Gospel Irresistible
The Gospel of Strenuous Life
The Gospel of the Second Chance, April 12, 1925
The Government of Heaven
A Grain of Mustard Seed
The Great Revolution
The Greatest Statement in the World: I Am
The Greatest Thing in the World
(Greene) Frederick William Greene
Growth

The Halo on the Commonplace, November 22, 1925
The Happiness of Christ, 1 November 1925 (2 copies)
The Happiness of Christ
(Harding) Warren Gamaliel Harding
The Haunting Presence of the Most High
Having Done All, To Stand
(Hazen) Azel Washburn Hazen
He Wist Not (2 copies)
Hear, O Israel, the Lord Our God is One Lord (2 copies)
The Heart, 6 November 1932
The Hear of Hosea, 4 October 1925
The Heritage of High Resolve, 5 September 1920
The Hidden Sense of Calm Repose
The Holy Spirit
The Holy Spirit at Work, February 14-15, 1938
The Holy Spirit in the Early Apostolic Age
Hope and Faith
The Horrors of this Armistice Day
Hosea's Way (2 copies)
The Human as Against the Divine
I

I John Saw the Holy City
The Idea of Worship, 13 December 1915
The Ideal: A Path to God
Ideals and How to Evade Them
Ideals and How to Evade Them: The Example of Jonah
Idle Indifference
Imagination
Immanuel, Christmas 1933
Immortality (holograph)
Immortality (typescript)
The Impatience of Job (old version)
The Impatience of Job
The Impatience of Job, 20 March 1927
The Importance of Being a Boy
In Defense of the Irrreligious
In the Beginning, 1 October 1933
Installation Paper (2 copies)
The Interchurch World Movement
International Friendship
Inward the Course of Empire . . ., 12 April 1931
Is Christianity Practicable
Is Repentance Ever Impossible?
Is There Any Religion in the Republican Party?
Is There Anything in Prayer? (holograph)
Is There Anything in Prayer? 25 June 1933
Isaiah the Man

J

The Jest of Protestantism, 26 April 1925
Jesus and Little Children
Jesus and the Old Testament
Jesus' Attitude to Children
Jesus' Attitude to Institutions
Jesus' Attitude to Possession
Jesus' Attitude Toward the Kingdom
Jesus Christ and National Defense, 8 November 1925
Jesus, Christianity and Your Culture
Jesus' Gift of His Mother
Jubal
Judgment Day
Judgment Day, 16 May 1926

K

The Kingdom of God and the Mustard-Plant
The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory
The Lamb of God
The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world
A Last Obstacle to Faith -(Evil), Palm Sunday 1932
Law as Means, 28 June 1914
Let the beauty of the Lord of God be upon us
Let Us Follow Him, 3 May 1931
The Liberty of a Christian Man, Mother's Day 1928
Life -- A Schoolroom
Life as a Parable of Somthing New
Life out of Death
Life's Hidden Purpose
Life's Restlessness
The Light Ahead, 26 November 1933
Lincoln Day 1935
Living Aimlessly, 13 August 1933
The Living Christ
Looking forward to Christmas
The Lord's Supper
Lost Books
The Lost Sense of God
The love of Christ constraineth us
The Love of Man

The Major Preaching Emphasis for Today
The Making of a Human Mind, January 1929
The Man for the Ages
A Man of Destiny
The Man Paul (incomplete)
The Man Paul, 24 January 1926
The Many and the One
The Masquerade of Personal Desires
The Mastery of Life, 9 October 1932
The Meaning of Divine Immanence
The Meaning of Founder's Sunday (holograph, 2 copies)
The Meaning of Hallowe'en
The Meaning of Thanksgiving
Mercy in an Implaccable Universe
A Mightier than the Almighty
The Miracle of Nativity
Miracles
The Miraculous Life of John Bunyan
A Modern Obstruction of Prophecy: Ammaments (2 copies)
Monica
The Moral Armistice
The Moral Revolutionist and the Church
Teh Moral Revolutionist and the Church (incomplete)
Morality and Religion
The Morning Star, 2 October 1932
Moses and the N.R.A., 17 September 1933
The Need and Promise of Your Worship
The Need of Protestantism for the Monastery
The Need of This Hour
Neighborliness
New Building Operations, 18 September 1932
The New Puritanism
The New Spiritual Responsibilities of Women
New Testament to New (?)
The New World
The New Year
No Separate Peace
No Unemployment Here
N . . . When Changest Not

The Obverse of Disaster
On Growing Old
One Increasing Purpose, 13 December 1925
Ordinary Life an Extraordinary Mission
Ordination Paper
The Organization of a City
Organized Neighborliness
Original Sin!!!
Otto Riecker: The Cross as a Pattern of Action
Ought Theology to be Christocentric?
Our far flung line . . .
Our Religious Orphans
Our State in Religion
Ourselves and Our Children, 10 January 1926
Ourselves and the Great Church
Out of the depths
The Outstanding Event of Every Week

The Paradox of Faith
The Patriot
Patriotism
Patriots Pleasant and Unpleasant, 19 April 1931
Paul's One Idea
Peace by the Rhodes Principle
Peace on Earth
Peace When There is No Peace
The Philosophy of Spontaneity (2 copies)
A Picture of Living
The Pilgrim Heritage
Pioneers Genuine and Not So Genuine
The Plan of Congregationalism
Planning . . .
Playing Together
A Plea for Less Brotherhood!
Poise
The Power of the Resurrection
Prayer
Prayer -- Commentary
Prayer, the Peculiarity of the Pious
The Preacher Chats with the Biologist
The Preacher Chats with the Physician
The Preacher Writes to the Physician
Preaching and Dogmatic
Preparing the Temple
The Presence of God is Demanding
The Present
The Present-day Adventures of Jesus
Presentation to Dr. Hazen
The Price of Poise
Priceless Discoveries in Our Town, Palm Sunday 1931
The Problem of Giving
The Prophetic Consciousness
The Prospect Through Prayer
The Purchase of Goods
The Purpose of Human Life: To Hear and Speak the Word of God
The P . . . of Doing Ones Best
The P . . . of Saintliness

The Quest of Life

The Races vs. Humanity
The Radiance of the Gospel
The Real Place and Function of a Church Creed
Regarding the Book of M . . .
Religion and Music
Religion as Personal Power
Religion as the Interpretation of a Man's Task
Religion in Peril
The Religion of an Undergraduate
The Religion of Doing Work Well: Balaam ben Beor
The Religion of Mastery
Religious Education, November 20, 1931
Religious Rumbles in Europe with an Echo or Two from Bournemouth
The Religious Situation in the Present Day, by Paul Tillich
The Religious Value of the Expectation in New Testament Times of the Early Return of Jesus Christ
Return of Jesus Christ
Representatives
The Resources Available to the Minister in His Community Task
The Response of Man to God
Resurrection, Easter 1937
Retrospect and . . ., September 15, 1929
A Retrospect of Ten Years
Rewards and Punishments
The Righteousness of God
The Rising Tide of Business—and You
The Road
R . . . for j . . . d . . .

S

The Sacrifice of Service
St. Francis of Assisi
The Sale of Goods
Salvation by Accident
The Sands of Time
(Savonarola) Girolamo Savonarola
The Science of Power
The Second Imprisonment
The Seeming Unreality of Souls
Self-Confidence is Not Faith
Self Denial (2 copies)
Self-Expression
Self-Imposed Discipline
The Seminar on Current Theological Questions
Service
The Seven Stars and Orion
Shall We Let Morality Go?
Sin
Sin and the Providential Order
Sin in Modern Times
Sincerity
Sola Fides
Sola Gratia
The Soldierly Christian (incomplete)
The Solenmity of Living
The Solitude of Christ
Something Coming, 11 December 1932
The Soul of Patriotism
The Source of Happiness
The Source of Life
Speechless Christianity
The Spirit of Adoption
The Spirit of Resurrection
Spiritual Stagnation and New Life
Spiritual Vigor
The Spring of Joy
Standards
The Stoics (incomplete)
The Strange Unconcerns of the Bible
Strength in Union
The Student as Artisan
The Sum of History
The Supreme Experience of Every Week (outline)
The Symbols (2 copies)

Taking things seriously
Thankfulness according to Epicurus and Christ, 22 November 1925
Thanksgiving
That Our Lives May Be More Dramatic, 21 June 1925
That which is sowed
There is a Man on the Cross . . .
There is a Truth beyond the Truth which is nothing more than True
Things New and Old
Things Old and New
The Thirst for Knowledge
This Church, the Churches and the Church
Thomas
Thou and I
Thou who Chastest Not
Three Human Types, 8 March 1925
Three Things Abound
The Times and the Gospel
To Do, To Think, To Pray
To Him That Hath
To . . . divine
Tolstoi's Religion
Towers of Modern Babel
Triumph, Easter 1933
Trouble
The Twilight of the Issues
Two Enthusiasms

The Uncreated World (incomplete)
Undercurrents of Anarchy
The Unfailing Cup, 9 April 1925 (2 copies)
An Unofficial . . . in Europe, 1926
Unsanctioned Saints
The Use of Dogmatic

Vanity Fair, 4 June 1933
The Venture of Prayer
The Voice of the Church in the Present Political Crisis, 26 June 1932
Wagering one's life that God is Love
Walking with God
Wanted - A Title for the Book
War Experiences
The War for Emancipation
The Ways
We Stone Prophets, 10 September 1933
What is a Church?
What is Christian Spirit?
What is Communion
What is Implied in an Open Mind
What is Implied in Heroism, 31 May 1925
What is Sacred?
What is the Church?
What Jesus Accomplished
What kind of a person is God?
What makes Christianity distinctive
What must I do to be saved?
What thank have ye?
What the world is made for . . .
What's the Matter with Middletown?
When the Stars Fight, 14 October 1934
When Trouble Comes That You Do Not Deserve, 18 October 1925 (2 copies)
Where Love Is, 24 September 1933
Who will be the next American President
Why do good men suffer?
Why I am a Catholic, 9 July 1933
Why Psychiatry Needs Religion
Why the Bible Refuses to Die, 17 June 1934
Wickedness, Blundering, and Error
The Wideness (?) of the Eucharist
The Winsomeness of Jesus, 29 March 1925
The Wisdom of Agur, 3 February 1927
Work
The World Church
The World in Trust
A World State
Worship
Worship—Isaiah 55

The Young People in their Teens — Whither?
The Youth Of Jesus