

PREFACE

This register of the Amzi Clarence Dixon Collection is the seventh in a series of registers prepared by the Dargan-Carver Library Staff. This collection is the property of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

This is not a piece-by-piece description, but the register will give the researcher enough information to guide him. It is intended to give an over-all description with enough detail about subject headings, names, and dates to help the researcher. The Dixon materials are organized according to categories. The correspondence is arranged chronologically within the following classifications: family originals, copies, general, and letters after Dr. Dixon's death.

AMZI CLARENCE DIXON COLLECTION

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The papers of Amzi Clarence Dixon (1854-1925), clergyman and author, were given to the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention by Mrs. Frank H. Richardson ^(Clara Dixon, A. C. Dixon's daughter) October 2, 1953. They are chronologically arranged within subject headings wherever possible. The sermons are arranged according to the books of the Bible.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 15

Approximate number of items: 6,100 ^{8,800}

Literary rights in the unpublished writings of A. C. Dixon in these papers are restricted by the Southern Baptist Historical Commission. This collection is available for research in the Dargan-Carver Library which is located in the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

A description of this collection is included in the 1963-64 volume of the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections. p.200.

7 now at the Southern Baptist Historical Library + Archives (SBHLA)

AMZI CLARENCE DIXON COLLECTION

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Amzi Clarence Dixon numbering approximately 6,100 items are stored in 30 archival boxes and four scripbooks. They contain an outstanding collection of sermons and sermon notes. ^{and his practices} The 1,300 sermons compose about one half of the bulk of these materials. Another very valuable part of this collection is the correspondence section which was used extensively for research in the writing of his biography "A. C. Dixon, a Romance of Preaching" by Helen C. A. Dixon. The manuscript of this book is in this collection.

The correspondence is arranged chronologically within these categories: (1) family correspondence, originals and copies, (2) general, (3) letters from all over the world about Dr. Dixon's death in 1925, (4) some correspondence in the folders concerning A. C. Dixon's work in the various churches he pastored, and (5) in the folders of "Author, Lecturer and Traveler." The original family correspondence is well preserved, interesting and important for its biographical content. There are two very old original letters: one written from La Grange, Tennessee. It has a canceled 2¢ stamp on the first page, envelopes were not always used at that time. The other letter is dated September 28, 1863, from a Civil War soldier, a cousin.

These materials show how widely Dr. Dixon traveled to preach and speak in conferences.

The bulk of this material falls in the period 1870-1925. The main subject headings are: (1) Biographical materials, (2) book manuscripts, (3) booklets, (4) church life and polity, (5) conference work, (6) correspondence, (7) evangelism, (8) Hanson Place Church, (9) Immanuel Baptist Church, (10) Los Angeles Bible Institute, (11) Men and Movements, (12) Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, England, (13) Moody Church, Chicago, (14) sermons, (15) University Baptist Church, Baltimore, and (16) World War I.

Among Dixon's correspondents are: Annie Armstrong, Ralph Atkinson of Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Henry W. Battle, Charles A. Blanchard (President of Wheaton College), Charles T. Ball (President of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary), Len G. Broughton, Prince and Princess Bernadotte, N. B. Broughton, George Dana Boardman, Mrs. Wilbur Chapman, John C. Calhoun (a relative of the more well-known one), J. L. Campbell of Carson Newman College, R. H. DeMent, F. H. Ford, J. M. Frost, Bishop C. D. Foss of Philadelphia, A. F. Gaylord, H. H. Hadley, R. G. (Bob) Ingersoll, J. William Jones, Edward Judson of Chicago University (son of Adoniram), F. H. Kerfoot, Melvin G. Kyle, Joseph W. Kemp, Joshua and Eugene Levering, W. C. Loundes, George O. Manning, F. B. Meyer, Charles C. McCabe, Ella W. McGill of London, Mrs. W. R. Nimmo, W. E. Needham, Louie D. Newton, French E. Oliver, Ambrose Pomeroy, Arthur T. Pierson (editor of Missionary Review of the World), J. E. Passmore, P. W. Philpott (pastor of Moody Church), T. H. Pritchard (President of Wake Forest College 1880), A. J. Rowland, Fleming H. Revell, W. B. Riley, A. F. Robertson, Allan Sutherland (Executive secretary of Pocket Testament League), E. O. Sellers, George Stebbins, J. H. Shakespeare, Ruben Saillens of Paris, France, Thomas Spurgeon of London, England, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Torrey, George W. Truett, T. DeWitt Talmadge, D. B. Towner, R. T. Vann, O.C.S. Wallace,

John Wanamaker, George B. Wilmot, and E. Y. Woolley (Dixon's assistant in Moody Church).

There are names of many important people in the correspondence with the book manuscript "Light Out of Darkness."

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Two volumes of handwritten sermons, two scrapbooks, a book of his quotations, and a few items of miscellanea.

Given to the Historical Commission by his daughter Mrs. F. H. Richardson, August, 1963.

See also museum artifact 64.35.4

" " " " 66.63.4 - a locket given to A.C. Dixon by Adoniram Tudson Family.

AMZI CLARENCE DIXON

Biographical Note

Clergyman--pastor and evangelist for more than fifty years--and author

Life's motto: "To me to live is Christ."

- 1854, July 6 Born in Shelby, North Carolina, the son of Rev. Thomas and Amanda Elizabeth (McAfee) Dixon; brother of Thomas D., the writer. In his youth he read with great interest the sermons of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, and through them received an inspiration to preach the gospel. His retentive memory gained him some attention in the village school.
- 1865 Was converted while his father was preaching on the text "What must I do to be saved? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Dixon describes his acceptance of Christ as Saviour thus, "I began by simply resting upon Christ, and the promise that He has made."
- 1866 Baptized by his father in a mountain stream
- 1869 Entered Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, North Carolina
- 1874 A.B., Wake Forest College
Ordained to the Baptist ministry in Bear Marsh Church, a rural church just outside the village of Warsaw, North Carolina
- 1874-75 Pastor of the Baptist churches in Warsaw, (Mount Olive), and Bear Marsh, North Carolina; dividing his time between these.
Theological studies at Southern Baptist Seminary, Greenville, S.C.
- 1876-79,
Nov. 7 Pastor of the Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Attended the University of North Carolina while there as pastor. As a result of one evangelistic meeting, in which he preached every day for more than a month, about 100 university students became Christians.
- 1880, July 1 Married Susan Mary (Mollie) Faison, Warsaw, North Carolina. The children in order of their ages were: Howard, Mary Faison, Abner Faison, Clara (Mrs. Frank Richardson of Black Mountain, North Carolina), and Grace
- 1879-82 Pastor of the Baptist church in Asheville, North Carolina. During a six weeks evangelistic meeting there, about 300 were converted.
- 1882-90 Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland. He was the first pastor of this church.
- 1886 D.D. from Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia (conferred on him over his protest)

- 1890-1901 Pastor of Hanson Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York.
- 1893 He was associated for one month with D. L. Moody preaching to throngs in attendance at the World's Fair in Chicago. During his whole ministry, evangelism was the dominant theme. He was a man of great faith and prayer. To him there was no joy comparable to that of winning the lost to Christ.
- 1901-1906 Pastor of Ruggles Street Baptist Church, Boston, Mass.
For some years he was closely associated with Lake Keuka Assembly in mid-western New York State. There he had association with men like R. A. Torrey, Len G. Broughton, Cornelius Woelfkin, Maltbie Babcock, and W. J. Erdman
- 1905 Attended the first Baptist World Congress held in London, England.
- 1906-October--
1911 Pastor of Moody Church, Chicago, Illinois.
- 1911-April--
1919 Pastor Metropolitan Tabernacle (Spurgeon's), London, England
In these years were the air raids of World War I on England.
- 1919-22 During these years for three months of every year, he lectured in Los Angeles Bible Institute, Los Angeles, California and the other nine months he mainly lectured for missionary conferences in China and Japan.
- 1922-Aug. 6 Mrs. Dixon died in Kuling, China, while attending a missionary conference with her husband.
- 1922-25 Pastor of University Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 1923 Attended Baptist World Congress, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 1924-Jan. 25 Married Helen C. Alexander, the widow of evangelistic singer Charles M. Alexander. The marriage took place in London.
A. C. Dixon traveled much in England and the continent, as well as in the United States.
- 1925-June 14 Died in Baltimore, Maryland, and was buried in Druid Ridge Cemetery near that city.

Good source of information: *Baptist Biography*, Vol. 3 by B. J. W. Graham.

BOOKS BY A. C. DIXON

(as given in Box 1, Folder 4)

Bright Side of Death, The
Bright Side of Life, The
"Christian Science" Delusion, The
Evangelism, Old and New
Glories of the Cross, The
Heaven on Earth
Is Christian Science Humbug?
Jonah, the Prophet
Lights and Shadows of American Life
Milk and Meat
Present Day Life and Religion
Reconstruction: the Facts Against Evolution
Speaking with Tongues
Spiritism: Is it of God or the Devil?
Through Night to Morning
Touches of God, The
Why I Am a Christian
Young Convert's Problems, The

Booklets, etc.

Angelus is Ringing, The
Battle-lines Between Christianity and Modernism
Bible as Literature, and How Much More, The
Birth of Jesus, the Incarnation of God, The
Destructive Criticism vs Christianity
Divorce and Remarriage as Taught by Jesus
The God-Man
How Christian Science Contradicts the Bible
Is the Bible a Sectarian Book?
Lanier, Sidney, the Johns Hopkins Poet
Modern Vargaries: "Spiritualism"
Myths and Moths of Criticism
Origin of Life, The
Person and Work of the Holy Spirit, The
Rome and the Bible
Scriptures and the Power of God, The
The True and the False
Trustworthy Bible, the Warrant of an Unquestioning Faith, A
Victory
What the World Owes to the Methodists
Whole Christ in the Whole Bible for the Whole World, The
Why I am an Evangelical Christian and Not a Modernist
Works of the Devil to be Destroyed

Folder 4 Biographical Materials

Reuben Saillens, W. T. Stead, Milton and Lyman Stewart, R. A. Torrey,
William Tyndale, John Wesley, J. L. White, Dinsdale T. Young, visiting
preachers to Metropolitan Tabernacle--Charles M. Alexander, Wilbur J.
Chapman, W. R. Lane, J. W. Moodie, William Graham Scroggie, T. F. Shields, etc.
Miscellaneous *Mrs. Spurgeon*

Folder 5 Biographical Materials

Two indexes to materials in this collection

Folder 6 Biographical Materials

Dixon family
Personal Ideals

Folder 7 Biographical Materials

Dixon family

Folder 8 Biographical Materials

On A. C. Dixon's death

Box 3

Folder 1 Biographical Materials

On A. C. Dixon's death

Folder 2 and 3 Biographical Materials

On A. C. Dixon's death

Folder 4 Book Manuscript

"A. C. Dixon, A Romance of Preaching" *by Helen Alexander Dixon's wife*

Box 4

Folder 1 Book Manuscript

"Light Out of Darkness," A. C. Dixon, editor, 1898
re: experience of God's children in affliction and temptation
Correspondence about the book

Folder 2 Book Manuscript

"Milk and Meat" - incomplete

Folder 3 Book Studies (on Christ)

Folder 4 Booklets by A. C. Dixon and others

"The Angels is Singing," "The Birth of Jesus," "The Bright Side of Death,"
"By the Blood of Christ," "How Christian Science Contradicts the Bible,"
"Rights and Wrongs of Criticism," "The Origin of Life," "Reconstruction,"
"Speaking with Tongues," "Spiritualism," "Two Addresses," "Two Questions,"
"Victory," "Works of the Devil to be Destroyed," "Why a Christian Cannot
be an Evolutionist," etc. *Why Jesus is God's Son* (Jan., Feb.)

Folder 4-A - The Christian 1915 (Aug. - Nov.), 1916 (Jan., Feb.)

Folder 5 Church Bulletins - miscellaneous copies

"Work and Worship" - Emmanuel Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland
"Metropolitan Tabernacle" - London
"University Baptist Church" - Baltimore

Folder 6 Church Life and Polity

Church meetings, membership
New rents

Folder 7 Church Life and Polity

False Religions

Folder 8 Church Life and Polity

Drink traffic, prohibition, temperance

Box 5

Folder 1 Church Life and Polity

Prayer, Soul-winning, and revival

Folder 2 Church Life and Polity

Theological topics, personal beliefs

Folder 3 Church Life and Polity

Ethics: card-playing, dancing, theatre, tobacco smoking
Miscellaneous

Folder 4 College Bulletins

Wake Forest - 1924, 1925

Folder 5 Conferences

Keswick, Bible League, etc.

Folder 6 Conferences

Kauka Lake

Folder 7 Correspondence

Family originals - 1856, 1863

Folder 8 Correspondence

Family originals - 1870-1876

Folder 9 Correspondence

Family originals 1877-1878
(2 letters from John C. Calhoun)

Box 6

Folders 1-11 Correspondence

Family originals - 1879-1904
Howard died in 1890
ALS letter from Bob Ingersoll in Folder 9

Box 7

Folders 1-9 Correspondence

Family originals - 1905-1928
Mrs. Dixon died in 1922

Box 8

Folders 1-11 Correspondence

Family copies - 1843-1925

Box 9

Folder 1 Correspondence - after Dr. Dixon's death, June, 1925 (A-B)
Handwritten letter from Princess Bernadotte (Folke?) of Sweden
(Ella)

Folders 2-6 Correspondence (C-Z)

Folders 7-11 Correspondence - 1890-1920 *add. 7. 1890-1920*

Box 10

Folder 1 Correspondence - General, 1921-1922
(clippings and correspondence re: J. C. Carlile and
English Baptism)

Folder 2-4 Correspondence - General 1923-1930
(Dr. Dixon's death - 1925)

Folders 5-7 Date Books - 1910-1923
(1922 date book has information about Mrs. Dixon's death in China)

Box 11

- Folders 1 and 2 Evangelism
Past and Present
- Folder 3 Federation of Free Churches
- Folder 4 Foreign Countries - China
(Mrs. Dixon's death, Dr. Dixon's message at her funeral)
- Folder 5 Foreign Countries - France, Bavaria, Sweden
- Folder 6 The Fundamentals
Religious beliefs circular letter to ministers, "Are
You Willing to be Classed Among the Fundamentalists?",
with replies.
Bible League, etc., and the "Down-Grade" Controversy

Box 12

- Folder 1 The Fundamentals - religious beliefs
"Higher Criticism," Polychrome, Bible, Evolution,
Huxley, Darwin, etc.
- Folder 2 "Gospel" 1896, edited by A. C. Dixon. Eleven copies
- Folder 3 Hanson Place Church, Brooklyn, New York
- Folder 4 Illustrations
- Folder 5 Immanuel Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland
- Folder 6 Immanuel Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland
London visit, 1889
"Sword and Trowel," August, 1889
Paper re: World's Second Sunday School Convention
- Folder 7 Los Angeles Bible Institute
Correspondence and booklets
- Folder 8 Los Angeles Bible Institute visit, December, 1924
Correspondence

Box 12 A & B

Illustrations & stories
Box 13

- Folder 1 Men and Movements
Boeke, Mr. C. and Socialism
Campbell, R. J. and "New Thought"
Canterbury, Archbishop of, and Mission of Repentance and Hope
Chalmers, Dr. and the "Great Disruption"
Wood Brothers and the "Young Life Campaign"
Yapp, Sir Arthur and Y.M.C.A. and foreign missions
- Folder 2 Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, England
Materials re: call, acceptance, index of sermons, clippings,
recognitions services

- Folder 3 Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, England
Internal Institutions, Mission Halls, church
annual meetings, pastor's anniversaries, Thankoffering, etc.
- Folder 4 Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, England
Work during pastorate for outside organizations, work and soldiers
and their families, air-raid experiences, evangelistic missions,
soul-winning campaigns
- Folder 5 Metropolitan Tabernacle
Farewells
- Folder 6 Metropolitan Tabernacle List of members and families of the Church
Past and present worthies, special occasions, pastors college,
Colportage Association, Stockwell Orphanage
- Folder 7 Metropolitan Tabernacle
"Sword and Trowel" scattered copies, 1911-1915

Box 14

- Folder 1 Metropolitan Tabernacle
"Sword and Trowel" scattered copies, 1916-1919
- Folder 2 Miscellaneous
- Folder 3 and 4 Moody Church, Chicago, Illinois - letter of acceptance ALS
Material about his leaving to go to Metropolitan Tabernacle
Moody Church manual - sermons (list) of sermons preached at Moody Church
- Folder 5 Mrs. A. C. (Mollie) Dixon
- Folder 6 Newspaper - "The Examiner and Chronicle" Dec. 23, 1875
- Folder 7 Personal - obituary notices about A. C. Dixon, June, 1925
Certificate of membership to Archaeological Institute of
America, newspaper clipping "Blacksburg Citizen Owns Valuable
Southern Relics" mentions Tom Dixon
- Folder 8 Quotations from Dr. Dixon
- Folder 9 Roman Catholic Lecture Notes
- Folder 10 Ruggles Street Baptist Church, Boston
Souvenir program of pastor's farewell
Correspondence, notes, and clippings
Itinerary of London trip, 1905
Brochure of Gordon College of Theology and Missions, etc.

Box 15

- Folder 1 Sermon booklets published in 1903 and 1904
- Folders 2-5 Sermon notes and outlines
"The Myths of Modernism" and "A Mossback's Reply to Modernism" in
Folder 5
- Folder 6 Sermon notes and outlines

Box 16

Folders 1-5 Sermon notes

Box 17

Folders 1-5 Sermon Notes

Box 18

Folders 1-3 Sermon Notes
Dated lists 1879-1911 in Folder 3

Folders 4-7 Sermons - Genesis

Box 19

Folder 1 Sermons - Exodus

Folder 2 Sermons - Leviticus

Folder 3 Sermons - Numbers

Folder 4 Sermons - Deuteronomy

Folder 5 Sermons - Joshua

Folder 6 Sermons - Judges

Folder 7 Sermons - Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel

Folder 8 Sermons - 1 and 2 Kings

Folder 9 Sermons - 1 and 2 Chronicles

Box 20

Folder 1 Sermons - Esther, Ezra, Nehemiah

Folder 2 Sermons - Job

Folder 3 Sermons - Psalms

Folder 4 Sermons - Psalms

Folder 5 Sermons - Psalms

Folder 6 Sermons - Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

Box 21

<u>Folder 1 & 2</u>	Sermons - Isaiah
<u>Folder 3</u>	Sermons - Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel
<u>Folder 4</u>	Sermons - Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum
<u>Folder 5</u>	Sermons - Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Malachi
<u>Folder 6</u>	Sermons - Matthew
<u>Folder 7</u>	Sermons - Matthew

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<u>Folders 1-5</u>	Sermons - Matthew
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Box 23

<u>Folders 1 and 2</u>	Sermons - Mark
<u>Folders 3-6</u>	Sermons - Luke
<u>Folder 7</u>	Sermons - John

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<u>Folders 1-4</u>	Sermons - John
<u>Folder 5</u>	Sermons - Acts

Box 25

<u>Folders 1-4</u>	Sermons - Acts
<u>Folder 5</u>	Sermons - Romans

Box 26

<u>Folders 1-3</u>	Sermons - Romans
<u>Folders 4-6</u>	Sermons - 1 Corinthians

Box 27

<u>Folder 1</u>	Sermons - 2 Corinthians
<u>Folder 2</u>	Sermons - Galatians
<u>Folder 3</u>	Sermons - Ephesians
<u>Folder 4</u>	Sermons - Philippians
<u>Folder 5</u>	Sermons - Colossians
<u>Folder 6</u>	Sermons - 1 and 2 Thessalonians
<u>Folder 7</u>	Sermons - 1 Timothy

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Folder 1 Sermons - 2 Timothy
Folder 2 Sermons - James
Folder 3-6 Sermons - Hebrews
Folder 7 Sermons - Titus
Folder 8 Sermons - 1 Peter

Box 29

Folder 1 Sermons - 1 and 2 Peter
Folder 2 Sermons - 1 John
Folders 3-7 Sermons - Revelation

Box 29 A

Sermons - 1/5 in Notebooks
Box 30

Folder 1 Sunday School Lessons, 1908
" 1A " " 1881-1882
Folder 2 Travel Notes
Folder 3-5 University Baptist Church, Baltimore
Folder 6 Woman's Missionary Society
Folder 7-8 World War I

Addenda

Box 31

Folder 1 Miscellanea
Folder 2 Sermons - handwritten volume
Folder 3 Sermons - " "

Personal Hygiene from Metropolitan Tabernacle days

2 Scrapbooks' contents:

1. Printed commentary on 1907 Sunday School lessons by A. C. Dixon from the Home Herald.
2. Clippings of some of Dr. Dixon's sermons, 1904 and 1905, from the Gospel Union News.
3. Three pages from a scrapbook with materials gathered from Metropolitan Tabernacle in London while he was pastor there. Pictures, invitations, programs.

Box 31 Addenda 11-16-66

Folder 4 Family correspondence

" 5 Picture of church 1st one in Rhode Island -- at Providence
Sketch by Spurgeon

A package containing certificated and 3 papers: The Christian Inquirer Nov. 19, 1891
The Evangel May 15, 1895
Christian World Feb. 21, 1874