

**COLLECTION 27: Papers of Margaret T Applegarth,  
1886-1976**

**Administrative Information**

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Papers of Margaret T Applegarth, 1886-1976

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## Biography

The daughter of Baptist minister Henry C. Applegarth and his Quaker wife Mary Tyson, Margaret Tyson Applegarth (1886-1976) was a popular speaker and prolific writer. Best known for her missionary stories, Applegarth wrote over thirty works including children's stories, daily devotionals, sermon illustrations, plays, and essays on Christian themes.

Margaret Applegarth graduated from the University of Rochester (Phi Beta Kappa) in 1908. In 1942, she was granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Denison University. In 1957, she received the Upper Room citation in World Christian Fellowship. A lifelong Baptist, Applegarth became an honorary life member of women's societies in four other denominations: Methodist, Presbyterian, Reformed, and American Lutheran. She wrote for the World Council of Churches Council on Missions, the National Council of Churches, the Methodist Church, the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, and the United Presbyterian Church in the USA.

Applegarth's books include *Heirlooms*, a collection of her poems and prose; *Twelve Baskets Full*, on the subject of Christian stewardship; and *Men as Trees Walking*, a collection of original stories of a devotional nature. Her booklets include

- "They Also Serve," an appeal for funding of the John Milton Foundation for the Blind formed for the purpose of creating Braille texts for Protestant readers;
- the first; "The Secret of His Presence" written as a guide for a "Quiet Day" of prayer for the Woman's Division of Christian Service;
- "Just Like You," a booklet on Christ-likeness for children; and
- "They All Began to Sing," 4 stories of children in Argentina.

## Scope and Content

The Papers of Margaret T Applegarth, 1886-1976 consist of the working files of the prolific speaker and writer, Margaret Applegarth. The collection includes clippings, booklets and notes used in Applegarth's writing, speaking, and correspondence related to these ministries. Also included is a collection of her published and unpublished writings, a small collection of personal correspondence and family memorabilia, and several biographical sketches of Miss Applegarth. Applegarth's personal book collection of her own writings are heavily annotated and cut for use in teaching. In most cases, additional unmarked copies have been kept with the collection.

### Subjects:

Juvenile literature

Missionaries

Missionary stories

Religious poetry – Women authors

Riverside Church (New York, N.Y)

Women authors, American – 20<sup>th</sup> century

## Arrangement

The collection is organized into the following series:

**Series I: Correspondence and Biographical Documents and Photos**

**Series II: Materials collected for Speaking and Writing**

**Series III: Published Books, Pamphlets, Leaflets, and 1 poster**

**Series IV: The Writings of Margaret T. Applegarth**

## Series Description

### **SERIES I: Correspondence and Biographical Documents and Photos (Box 1)**

This series includes all correspondence, both personal and related to publication or speaking engagements, as well as biographical sketches and photographs. In addition, included in the book collection, Box 3, are Bibles and mementoes of biographical interest.

### **SERIES II: Materials collected for Speaking and Writing (Box 2-3)**

This series is a collection of materials gathered for writing and speaking projects, Applegarth's handwritten notes, sketches for story illustrations, and working drafts for many articles, stories and chapters of several of her books. They are organized according to topic or working title and chapter title, as noted by Ms. Applegarth.

### **SERIES III: Collected Books, Pamphlets and Leaflets, 1 poster (Box 3-4)**

This series includes books, pamphlets and songbooks collected and used by Ms. Applegarth in her speaking and writing, as well as her personal Bibles and devotional works.

### **SERIES IV: The Writings of Margaret T. Applegarth (Box 5-11)**

This series includes both published and unpublished works, handwritten drafts, notes for stories and speaking engagements, original stories written for youth serials, prayer and worship service suggestions and drafts, as well as a collection of poems, stories, and quotations gathered in anticipation of the publication of a book whose working title was "King of Kings, Lord of Lords."

Many of the books in this collection were Ms. Applegarth's personal copies and contain her annotations. She cut and annotated pages to use in teaching and then reinserted them in the books.

## Box Inventory

### ***Box 1: Correspondence, Biographical Documents & Photos***

Folder	Item	Note
1	MTA "To Father" –with clippings re play "A Stitch in Time"	1918
2	Frank Eckerson, missionary to China, MTA, correspondence	Jan 3, 1922
3	E.H. Crane – separated from The Honorable Japanese Fan	1923
4	J. Roane Lumpkin, <i>publisher True-Blue Magazine</i>	1931
4	Charles C. Shoemaker, The Penn Publishing Co. Philadelphia	1931
4	Allen T. Frazier, Rev. – separated from <i>Please Stand By</i>	1935
4	Mrs. T.C. Gardner –story teller, adapted "The Pot of God"	n.d.
5	Ruth Ransom, clipping –separated from <i>Going to Jerusalem</i>	1936
6	Letters and clippings separated from <i>Three-Cornered Continent</i>	1935
7	Nan Weeks of Foreign Mission Board to MTA, correspondence	Feb 2, 1943
7	Nan Weeks of Foreign Mission Board to MTA, correspondence	Feb 15, 1943
7	Nan Weeks of Foreign Mission Board to MTA, correspondence	April 8, 1943
7	Nan Weeks to MTA, correspondence	Dec 17, 1943
7	Nan Weeks to MTA, correspondence	Jan 27, 1944
7	Nan Weeks to MTA, correspondence	Feb 1, 1944
8	MTA to Margaret Clements re her Bible Story	Sept 7, 1947
9-11	Maude Blackstone requesting a prayer for peace for Convention	March 8
12	Edith Eberle to Wm. Baumheckel re <i>Men as Trees Walking</i>	Feb 18, 1953
12	Fred C. Becker to R.E. Walcott re Applegarth book sales	Feb 16, 1953
12	H.B. Holloway to MTA re book sales at Indianapolis Mission	Feb 16, 1953
12	H.B. Holloway to MTA re "Illustrated Luke" for the Mission	Feb 16, 1953
12	Jesse M. Bader, Churches of Christ, to MTA re Indianapolis	Feb 20, 1953
13	David Cook Publishers to MTA, correspondence	June 29, 1953
13	David Cook Publishers to MTA, correspondence	Oct 29, 1953
14	George S. Stoneback, correspondence	n.d.
15	Martha Edens to C. Eichenberger re article in memoriam of MTA in Jan 1977 issue of <i>The Church Woman</i>	Mar 11, 1977
16	Henry C. Applegarth, biographical	Clipping, sermon
17, 18	Articles about Margaret T. Applegarth	
19	Applegarth in other archives	2006
20	Biographical resources	
21	Memberships, leadership roles	
22	Cimade – "Ecumenism in Evangelism" by Max Alain Chevallier	1948
23	National Council of Churches meeting agenda	Notes
24	First Baptist Church Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	
25	American Committee for WCC, notes. Program for Annual Baptist Conference, Green Lake, WI	June 23-27, 1949
26	Reviews of Applegarth's work	
27	Articles with Applegarth's quotations or citations	Photocopies
28	Books with Applegarth mentioned as recommendation	Photocopies

29-31	Riverside Church, New York	
32	World Council of Churches news release, “Mexico 1963 – Hopes and Anticipations” by John Sadiq	November 8, 1963
33	Worship service bulletins	
34	Frank Laubach on Christian journalism, Address	1952, note
35	Applegarth’s writings mentioned in other publications	<i>Today</i> , devotional
36	Clippings separated from <i>More Short Missionary Stories</i> – announcement of a play, “Wait a Minute” from this book	Presbyterian Missions funding
37	Art plates separated from <i>Twelve Baskets Full</i>	
38	Front and back flap proofs for <i>Heirlooms</i>	3 copies
39	Book cover for <i>Heirlooms</i>	
40	Song books created by Applegarth	
41	Original folders, annotated	
	Photo portrait of Margaret Applegarth	

### ***Box 2: Materials collected for Speaking and Writing***

Folders labeled and grouped according to Applegarth’s filing system.

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Note</b>
1	Incurably, Autobiographical, “Seneca”, “Bridge”	
2	History, Great Men	
3	Notes for Worship	
4	Collected notes of other authors’ writings	
5	Musings from Margaret	
6	Collected prayers	
7	Notes	
8	Notes – Ideas Notebook	
9	McCracken “Dvorak”, “Thunder”, “Tertullian”, “Pen and Ink”, “In Budapest”	
10	Abe Lincoln	
11	O to be Early Eng	
12	Nature	
13	Way, Corn, Food	
14	Change	
15	Lord’s Prayer, Prayer	
16	Nature, trees	
17	Birds	
18	Face	
19	Bible and Child	
20	American Indians	
21-22	Women	
23	Notes, clippings, ideas	
24	Tree	

25	Prejudice	
26	War, Peace	
27	Books that have changed the world	
28	Motherhood	
29	Corinthians	
30-31	Music	
32	Hope	
33	Death	
34	Leaven for <i>Moment by Moment</i>	
35	Alexandrian Library	
36	Letters, Cornelia Spencer's writing campaign to save U. So. Carolina	
37	Peter: The Incomplete Angler at the Breakfast Table	
38	[Haunting?] as a Parsifal Amen	

### ***Box 3: Materials collected for Speaking and Writing***

Folders labeled and grouped according to Applegarth's filing system.

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Note</b>
1	Copies	
2	Print material – ideas for books	1930s
3	Christmas – Love	1937
4	Print material	1940s
5	Day Apart Service	
6	United Nations – Christian Century article	1953
7	Print material	1950s
8	Print material	1960s
9	Wills, Goodwill	
10	Iona	
11	Landscape, Ps of 10 Thunderstorms	
12	Gospel according to...	
13	Illustrations	
14	Inventions	
15	Collected from Couder's Reader	
16	Religions	
17	Collected quotations, notes	
18	Article on children and silent prayer	
19	Quotations on pain, thanks, death	
20	China	
21	EXPT General. <i>The Witness</i> by George Boyle. <i>Calvin</i> by Richard Armstrong.	
22	For <i>They Also Serve</i>	
23	"Ideas <u>surely</u> to be used in books", Thought for the Day	

24	Stories	
25	Giving	
26	Notes and sketches	
27	Famous child musicians	Writings
28	Ole Bull and the Hornet	Writings
29	How to Yodel	Writings
30	O You Little Piccolo Player	Writings
31	In God We Trust	Writings
32	Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise	Writings
33	Katy – Did	Writings
34	Do Re Me	Writings
35	Famous Child Missionaries	Writings
36	Birds in the Bible	Writings
37	A Japanese Proverb	Writings
38	A Strange Election	Writings
39	Manuscript	Writings
40	Purchased – for illustrations. Photographs	

### ***Box 3: Collected Books, Bibles, Pamphlets***

#### **SONGBOOKS**

*Songs of Many Nations* Cooperative Recreation Service

*Hymns of the Rural Spirit* (1947) Commission on Worship, Federal Council of Churches

*Southland Spirituals* (1936)

*Selected Hymns for the Northfield Conference*

*Little Songs on Big Subjects*

*Hymns: The National Christian Mission*

#### **BOOKS**

n.a., *A Guide to Prayer*, Division of Evangelism, (Riverside Dr., New York: Board of National Missions, United Presbyterian Church U.S.A., n.d.)

Bible

Crafts, Mrs. W.F. and H.P. Main, *Little Pilgrim Songs*, New York and Chicago: Biglow and Main (1883)

Drummond, Henry, *The Greatest Thing in the World*, (Cincinnati: Forward Movement, Episcopal Church, 1943)

Hemans, Felicia Dorothea Browne: William Michael Rossetti, *The poetical works of Mrs. Hemans* (1839)

Holmes, W.H.G., *Newness of Life: Instructions in Christian Life and Worship*, London: Mowbray (1942)

Iglehart, Charles W., *War and Missions* (Reprinted by the Episcopal Pacifist Fellowship from *The Church The Gospel and War*, 1940)

Maxfield, Jane Crowe, *Blue Chicory* (1961)

McCracken, Robert J. *The Peril of Conformity: A Sermon Preached in the Riverside Church, New York*  
 New Testament  
 Sockman, Ralph W. *The Fine Art of Using*, Board Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, 1946  
 Wood, Violet, *Great is the Company*, New York: Friendship Press (1947)  
 Young, Edward D.D., *The Complaint: or Night Thoughts*, Harford: William Andrus (1843)  
 Steere, Douglas Van, ed., *The Imitation of Christ*, (The Upper Room, 1950) - Missing

#### POSTER

The World Hungers – in body and spirit – For the Sake of Christ - GIVE - Missing

### ***Box 4: Collected Books, Bibles, Pamphlets***

Folder / Item	Title	Note
1	Horton, Walter M., <i>Centers of New Life in European Christendom</i> , WCC, 1947	Book
2	Smith, Roy L. <i>The John Books</i>	Book
3	Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America and Council of Women for Home Missions, <i>Toward Power in Service: A Retreat</i> , New York World Council of Churches, <i>The Story of Inter-Church Aid: Fellowship in Christian Strategy</i> , Geneva (1951)	Booklets
4	Applegarth, Margaret. Heirlooms. Letters for Permission to Quote to Publishers	Notebooks
5	Applegarth, Margaret. Handwritten Notes.	Notebooks

### ***Box 4: Writings of Margaret T. Applegarth***

Folder	Title	Note
6	Trials	Handwritten notes
7	Notes for a talk	Handwritten
8	Children's lesson on giving	Print material and notes
9	The Fabric of a New Humanity	Print material and notes
10	Let the Minister Weep	Handwritten
11	Three Mothers Apiece	Handwritten
12	The Pew and I	Handwritten
13	Peter: the Incomplete Angler at the Breakfast Table	Handwritten



14	Composers, musicians	Notes
15	Do Re Mi Were Deaf as a Post	Handwritten
16	The Harp and the Rock	Handwritten
17	The Boy Who Carried His Father in His Pocket - Teens	American Baptist Society
18	Works in progress on the theme of birds	Handwritten
19	What the Offering Had to Say about it	Handwritten
20	They Made it With Their Own Hands	Handwritten
21	Peace Came to the Noisy House	Handwritten
22	The Keys that went on Strike	Explorers' Club
23	Enter Miss Petticoats	Published, annotated
24	It Happened Between Decks of a Hospital Ship	Handwritten
25	Fillers	Handwritten & typed
26	Lost & Found Front Door	Typed, to Discoverers
27	Trimming the New Year's Tree	Typed, to Discoverers
28	Only a Few Days Ago	Typed, to Discoverers
29	Could You Do It Too?	Handwritten
30-32	Editorials	Handwritten
33	A Word to the Gentle Reader – on history	Handwritten
34	He Spent Christmas in Prison	Typed
35	Kidnapped in Alaska	Typed
36	Christ of the Andes	Typed
37	Instead of Their Elephant	Typed
38	Benjamin's Bulb Business	Typed
39	China's Little Teachers	Typed and Handwritten
40	Early Bird Catches Christmas	Typed

***Box 5: Writings of Margaret T. Applegarth***

Folder	Title	Note
1	For Junior Boys	
2	For the Pulpit (1946)	
3	Inventing a House	Typed
4	The Lid of a Tea Kettle	Typed
5	Let the Minister Weep, I Will Build my Church	Typed and Handwritten
6	For Junior Society, Missionary Stories	
7	Easter	Handwritten and copy

8	A School in India, O is for Egg, 6 Important Things, Belgium	Handwritten
9	Butterflies	
10	Boy with the Blue Plate (Hungry Inside Out)	Handwritten
11	The Merry Widow	Handwritten
12	Practicing a Private Joe	Handwritten
13	The Goobers Take a Trip	Handwritten
14	The Boy with the Lunch Box	Handwritten
15	Prickly Pedro	Handwritten
16	They All Began to Sing	Handwritten
17	Silent Night	Typed and Handwritten
18	Children's Worship	Handwritten
19	There's a Marvelous Pump in You	Discoverers
20	Making Christmas Out of Almost Nothing	Handwritten
21	In God We Trust	Typed
22	Notes	Handwritten
23	Writings	Typed

***Box 6: Published Writings of Margaret T. Applegarth***

<b>Folder / Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Date / Note</b>
1	<i>Bound in the Bundle of Life</i>	Harper & Brothers	1941 2 c.
2	<i>Just Like You</i>	Nashville: Broadman Press	1944
3	<i>This is My Father's World</i>	Nashville: Broadman Press	1946
4	<i>Four Playettes</i>	N.Y.: Friendship Press	1956
5	<i>The House with the Steeple: A Series of Nine Stories</i>	American Baptist Home Mission	Oct 12, 1920 inscription
6	<i>Because He Came</i> Course VII, Part 3, Pupil's Home Reading, 3 copies & Teacher's Book, 2 copies	Judson Press – Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Conv.	1954
7	<i>And Mary Pondered</i>		8 page booklet
8	<i>The Secret of His Presence</i>	Women's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions, Methodist Church	n.d.
9	"Such Stuff As Dreams Are Made Of"	World Wide Guild	1921, a play
10	<i>Right Here Right Now</i>	N.Y.: Harper & Brothers	1950, 2 c.
11	<i>Every Man's Land: Nine Intermediate</i>	Department of Missionary	1921

12	Home Mission Stories	Education, Amer. Baptist	
13	Dream-Makers: Ten Programs for	The World Wide Guild	1925-1926
14	Bibliography record from WorldCat		
15	"How the Artist Forgot Four Colors"	in Stories with a Message	photocopy
16	Heirlooms, China Shepherdess		Promo flyers
17	The Tie that Binds	Baptist Board of Education	Title page only, 1924-1925
18	A Christmas Madonna		6 page leaflet
19	Going to Jerusalem		6 page story
20	A Friend from Japan, in Primary Lesson Stories	Judson Press	Jan-Mar, 1930 Yr 1. leaflet 21
21	They All Began to Sing, leaders' book	Nashville: Broadman Press	1944
22	Full Sail Ahead	Commission on Ecumenical Mission & Relations, PCUSA	11 page pamphlet, n.d.
23	How to Use the Honorable Japanese Fan	Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions	51 page booklet, n.d.
24	"This Thing Was Not Done in a Corner" in <i>What's Ahead? Study and Worship Programs for Women's Groups</i>	N.Y: Friendship Press	1949 photocopy
25	"The Choir Boy's Tale"	<i>The Baptist</i>	Feb 21, 1931
26	Teaching Program stories		
27	Prayer Service	Riverside Church, N.Y.	1939
28	God Calling Yet		n.d.
29	Foremothers, 1841-1941 - Script	Riverside Church, N.Y.	1941, photocopy
30	The Most Wonderful Hour		n.d.
31	They Also Serve	John Milton Foundation for the Blind	n.d. 4 copies
32	Devotional & prayer for Sept 1	Nashville: The Upper Room	1955
33	The Pill Bottle: A Medical Missionary Play	inscribed to Dad review enclosed	2 copies
34	The Place Where the Young Child Lay & The Great Grab	Separated from <i>Merry-Go-Round</i>	pages cut from a book
35	Miscellaneous published pages		

**Box 7: Books by Margaret T. Applegarth**

Item	Title	Publisher	Year
1	<i>Missionary stories for little folks: first series, primary</i>	George H. Doran Company N.Y.	1917
2	<i>Missionary stories for little folks: second series, junior</i>	George H. Doran Company N.Y.	1917
3-4	<i>Junior Mission Stories</i> <i>Primary Mission Stories</i>	Board of Publication and Bible School Work	1917
5-6	<i>Jack-of-all-Trades</i> <i>Los Faroleros Mas Alla Del Mar</i> Effie C. Naylor, trans	Council of Women for Home Missions, N.Y.	1918
7-8	<i>Lamp-lighters across the sea : a story of how the Bible was translated into the languages of missionary lands</i>	Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions, 2 ed.	1920 1922
9-10	<i>The career of a cobbler; life story of William Carey</i> <i>Review enclosed</i>	Fleming H. Revell	1922 2. c
11	<i>The School of Mother's Knee</i>	Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society	1919
12	<i>Next-door neighbors; thumbnail sketches from home missions</i>	Fleming H. Revell	1921

**Box 8: Books by Margaret T. Applegarth**

Item	Title	Publisher	Year
1	<i>India Inklings</i>	George H. Doran Company, N.Y.	1922
2-3	<i>The honorable Japanese fan</i>	Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions	1923, 2 c.
4	<i>Short missionary plays</i>	George H. Doran Company, N.Y.	1923
5	<i>More short missionary plays</i>	George H. Doran Company, N.Y.	1923
6	<i>A China Shepherdess</i> – inscribed “To my dearest Dad from Margaret” with reviews pasted on frontispiece	Judson Press	1924
7	<i>Some Boys and Girls in America</i>	George H. Doran Company, N.Y.	1923

8-9	<i>Please stand by and Please stand by: Helps for Junior Leaders</i>	Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions	1926
10-11	<i>Going to Jerusalem &amp; Junior Helpers Study Guide</i>	Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions	1929

***Box 9: Books by Margaret T. Applegarth***

Item	Title	Publisher	Year
1	<i>And so He Made Mothers</i>	Richard R. Smith Inc.	1931
2-3	<i>Three-Cornered Continent, 2 copies &amp; How to Use with Juniors</i>	Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions	1935
4	<i>Missionary stories for boys and girls</i>	Harper & Brothers	1946
5	<i>Moment by moment</i>	Harper & Brothers	1955
6-7	<i>Merry-Go-Round</i>	Judson Press	1925, 2 c.
8-9	<i>At the Foot of the Rainbow</i>	N.Y.: Richard R. Smith	1930, 2 c.

***Box 10: Books by Margaret T. Applegarth***

Item	Title	Publisher	Year
1-2	<i>Men as Trees Walking</i>	Harper & Bros	1952, 2 c.
3	<i>Heirlooms</i>	Harper & Row	1967
4-7	<i>Twelve Baskets Full</i>	London: Independent Press – 1 copy Harper & Brothers – 3 copies	1957 1957

***Box 11: Draft – Unpublished, Working title: King of Kings, Lord of  
Lords by Margaret T. Applegarth***

Folder	Title	Note
1-14	King of Kings. Lord of Lords.	