

Guide to the David J. Edwards Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 995

CREATOR: Edwards, David J.

TITLE: David J. Edwards papers

DATES: 1882-1909

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence and sermons relating to David J. Edwards' religious work for the American and English Union Church in Leipzig, Germany, and for various churches in the United States and Brussels, Belgium.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

David J. Edwards was pastor of the American and English Union Church in Leipzig from at least 1888 until 1896, when he left due to a dispute with some members of his church. He spent a short time preaching in Brussels, after which he returned to the U.S., preaching between bouts of ill-health he preached in various places including Peace Dale, Rhode Island, between 1897 and 1898, Clifton Springs, New Jersey, in 1902, and Margaretville, New York, in 1904. He appears to have resided in New Haven, Connecticut, during this period and also to have worked for the Y.M.C.A. from time to time.

Scope and Contents

David J. Edwards' papers consist of correspondence; of sermons preached in Germany, Brussels, and the United States; of notes on religious topics and notes for a lecture on Egypt; of four unidentified photographs; and of miscellaneous poems, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia. In Edwards' correspondence is a copy of a letter from him to the American Consul in Leipzig asserting his innocence of unspecified charges of dishonesty which resulted in his departure from Leipzig and protesting the confiscation of his property (1896 Jan 5). Many of the letters written to Edwards in the following few years offer consolation in the face of adversity and support from his friends. The remaining letters are largely from friends in Germany, Brussels, and the United States, and are for the most part concerned with church matters and the personal affairs of the writers. Among these is one letter from a doctor in Tientsin, China, writing of his life there (1891 Feb 28) and a series of letters from a friend describing the social and cultural life of Brussels (1897-1898). A number of letters are in French and German.

The provenance of these papers is unknown.

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b. 1, f. 1 - 6	Correspondence	1882-1909, undated
b. 1, f. 7 - 12	Sermons	1891-1898
b. 2, f. 13 - 19	Sermons	1898-1904, undated
b. 2, f. 20	Miscellaneous notes on religious topics	1896, undated
b. 2, f. 21	"Notes for Lecture on Egypt" English	undated
b. 2, f. 22	Photographs	undated
b. 2, f. 23	Memorabilia and miscellaneous	1882-1885, undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Geographic Names

Brussels (Belgium) -- churches
Europe
Germany
United States -- Religion

Subjects

Church Buildings -- Germany -- Leipzig
Clergy

Genres / Formats

Sermons

Names

Edwards, David J.

Corporate Body

American and English Union Church, Leipzig
(Germany)