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Charles Buchanan

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Introduction

The C. H. Buchanan Papers include biographical materials, correspondence, literary productions, scrapbook materials, and printed materials.

The collection contains .8 cubic feet. It covers the adult life and writings of Charles Henry Buchanan. Literary productions make up the bulk of the collection.

Biographical Sketch

Charles Henry Buchanan was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, on August 10, 1858. While still a young man, he felt the call to preach and entered Vanderbilt University to prepare for ministry. On October 20, 1885, he married Maggie Gwinn Baskette. They had one daughter, Miss. Pearl Buchanan.

C. H. Buchanan served charges in the Texas, Baltimore, and Oklahoma conference of the Methodist Church. Later in life Rev. Buchanan moved to Richmond, Kentucky because of his ill health. He lived with his daughter and took a superannuate relation with the West Virginia Conference.

Rev. Buchanan was well known for his writing talent. He wrote *A Gospel for the New Age* which was published in 1925 by Cokesbury Press. He was also a frequent contributor to several magazines including *The Bible Champion*, *Christian Faith and Life*, and *Christian Advocate*. Rev. Buchanan wrote both poetry and prose. He is also remembered for his evangelistic preaching. Charles Henry Buchanan died on April 25, 1940, at the age of 81.

Scope and Content

The C. H. Buchanan papers, with their emphasis on Rev. Buchanan's writings, consist mainly of documents written from 1909 to 1940. The collection is composed of biographical information, literary productions, manuscripts, scrapbook materials, and printed materials. Most series are arranged alphabetically by title, if one was available, or alphabetically by subject. A significant section of the collection is the manuscripts of essays and poetry productions.

Many manuscripts are a collection of previously printed articles. It appears that Rev. Buchanan was collecting these articles to publish in book form. Some articles are written under an apparent pen name, Pasquin.

Series Description

Series 1

Biographical

1 folder

N.D.

A list of friends to be informed of his death.

Series 2

Correspondence

3 folders

1936-1940

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

Series 3

Literary Productions

13 folders

1901-1940 (?)

Manuscripts are arranged alphabetically by title. Other items are then arranged alphabetically by type of production.

Series 4

Scrapbook Materials

3 folders

N.D.

Includes miscellaneous addresses, copies of photos, and poetry gathered from other sources.

Series 5

Printed Materials

2 folders

1938

Arranged alphabetically by type. Includes book reviews and a tract.

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Box/Folder Inventory

| Box | Folder | Series | Title | Date |
|------------|---------------|---------------------|--|------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Biographical | List of Friends to be informed of his death | N.D. |
| | 2 | Correspondence | Coltrane, Morrison | 1939 |
| | 3 | Correspondence | Layton, Mrs. G. | 1940 |
| | 4 | Correspondence | Reid, E. I. | 1936 |
| | 5 | Literary Production | Manuscript: <i>Orthodox Evolution or Darwin Examined As Viewed by Men Trained in Modern Scientific Methods</i> | N.D. |
| | 6 | Literary Production | Manuscript: <i>Philosophical and Religious Essays</i> | 1932-1934 (?) |
| | 7 | Literary Production | Manuscript Poetry Collection: <i>Fancy Dreams</i> | 1910-1940 (?) |
| | 8 | Literary Production | Manuscript: <i>The Pragmatism of the Christian Religion, Being the Defense of Our Faith</i> | 1933-1939 |
| | 9 | Literary Production | Manuscript: <i>Religious Essays</i> | 1930-1935 |
| 2 | 1 | Literary Production | Manuscript: <i>Some Co-Editorial Expressions</i> | 1905-1940 |
| | 2 | Literary Production | Announcement, Birth of relative | 1937 |
| | 3 | Literary | Articles, Misc. | 1935-1940 |

| Box | Folder | Series | Title | Date |
|------------|---------------|------------------------|--|------------------|
| | | Production | | |
| | 4 | Literary Production | Articles, Misc. by Buchanan and Others | 1911-1939 |
| | 5 | Literary Production | Articles, "Pasquin Papers" | 1909-1940 (?) |
| | 6 | Literary Production | Essays, "More Essays" | N.D. |
| | 7 | Literary Production | Poetry, "On to Bonnie Scotland" | N.D. |
| | 8 | Literary Production | Poetry Collection | N.D. |
| | 9 | Scrapbook Materials | Addresses, Misc. | N.D. |
| | 10 | Scrapbook Materials | "Picture Gallery, Old Friends" | N.D. |
| | 11 | Scrapbook Materials | Poems and Misc. | N.D. |
| | 12 | Scrapbook Materials | Book Reviews | 1938 |
| | 13 | Scrapbook Materials | Tract "Originality of the Character of Christ | N.D. |