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Biographical Note

Benjamin Matthias Adams (1830-1902), an American Minister, was born on June 9, 1830, to General Adams, a former officer in the British Army and his wife, in Market Rasen, Lincolnshire, England. Adams attended a private school for boys in Stamford, Connecticut, and became a local preacher at nineteen, in 1849. In 1850, Adams ordained a deacon in New York City and was then elected to the order of elder in 1852, as a member of the New York Conference. Adams continued his ministry with the New York Conference for seventeen years until he transferred to the New York East Conference in 1865, stationed in the Fleet Street Church in Brooklyn where his distinguished career began. Adams married Amanda M. Lockwood, with whom he had only one daughter. Adams died on December 23, 1902, and was buried alongside his wife in the cemetery at Rhinebeck, New York.

Scope and Content Note

Benjamin Adams' Papers date from as early as 1846 to 1902, detailing many aspects of his life as a minister and teacher, including personal diaries to extensive sermons. The records are split into series, which include Journals, Correspondence, Manuscripts, Writing, Sermons, Sunday School Lessons, and Biographical documents.

The Journals, dating from 1846-1902, include personal diaries which reflect his life during his distinguished career as a minister. The diaries show personal experiences such as his early years as preacher and travels across the country. The Correspondence series includes letters and mailings to friends and family dating from 1851-1902, some to his father or brother, all detailing personal topics. The Manuscripts series, dating from 1867-1902 is inclusive of stories by Adams, inspired by teachings and sermons held as a minister or experiences in travel. The Writing series, dating from 1844-1894, similar to the Manuscripts, detail Adams' experiences in foreign countries, such as France or Belgium. They also exhibit information on numerous topics, such as aspects of ministry, or American life during that time. The Sermons, dating from 1875-1902, reflect Adams theological mindset in the later years of his life. Sunday School Lessons, dating from 1879-1882, show Adams' Bible studies. The Biographical series, dating from 1851-1902, includes Adams' autobiography, photographs, and various other documents detailing his life.

Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. basic

JOURNALS.

CORRESPONDENCE.



MANUSCRIPTS.

WRITINGS.

SERMONS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Related Material

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Index Terms

Subject Terms

Autobiographies
Bible--Study and teaching
Education
Ministry
Sermons
Travel

Geographic Terms

Belgium
Brooklyn (New York, N.Y.)
England
France
Germany
Italy
New York (N.Y.)
Scotland
United States

Subject Names - Person

Henry Ward Beecher
Tyng, Stephen H.

Genre Terms

Correspondence.
Journals



Manuscripts
Photographs
Sermons

Occupation Terms

Minister
Writer

Subject Names - Corporate Bodies

Methodist Episcopal Church
Methodist Episcopal Church. New York Conference

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