

DOUGLAS HORTON (1891-1968)  
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## INTRODUCTION

This collection of sermons and other papers was donated to the Congregational Library by Douglas Horton's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joan Horton. The materials arrived in two cardboard cartons, with little or no order to the contents. Personal letters were copied and the originals returned to the donor, as requested. Additional materials may be sent by the donor in 1994.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Douglas Horton was born in Brooklyn, New York, on July 27, 1891. He attended Princeton, where he earned his bachelor of arts degree; pursued graduate studies at New College in Edinburgh, Scotland, at Mansfield College, Oxford and at the University of Tuebingen, Germany; and earned his bachelor of divinity at Hartford Seminary. He received numerous honorary degrees over the course of his career.

Ordained in the Congregational Church on December 13, 1915, Horton served as Assistant Pastor and then Pastor at the First Church in Middletown, Connecticut, from 1915-1924. He then moved to Brookline, Massachusetts, where he led the Leyden Church from 1925-1931, and from there to Chicago, Illinois, and the United Church of Hyde Park from 1931-1938. His activities at the denominational level included minister and secretary of both the General Council and the National Council from 1938-1955.

Horton was also an educator and a writer. He taught at such institutions as Newton Theological Institution and the Chicago Theological Seminary. From 1955-1960 he served as dean of the Harvard Divinity School. His publications include numerous articles, several translations from German and Latin, and monographs on religion, with such titles as *The Art of Living Today*; *Congregationalism, a Study in Church Policy*; and *The Meaning of Worship*.

Horton died in Randolph, New Hampshire August 21, 1968. For more information, see the article in Who Was Who, volume 5, page 348-9. See the card catalog for books by Horton which are in the library.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of this collection consists of sermons, handwritten and typescript, written by Douglas Horton between about 1920 and 1935. Most are undated. They are arranged in Series A alphabetically by title, if the title is known. Fragments, and sermons with no or an indecipherable title, are arranged at the end of the sermons. An index of titles is appended to this finding aid.

Also included in Series A are other examples of Horton's writing, namely prayers, translations, articles, a transcript of a diary and a narrative of a family trip to Europe, as well as notes, "jottings," and other research materials used to prepare sermons or write articles and books. One group of materials appears to date from his years at Seminary, although the date and provenance are not entirely clear.

Series B consists of correspondence, a mix of personal and business letters, dating 1919-1941. The letters from 1919 relate Horton's impressions

of Europe while serving as a U.S. Navy Chaplain. In 1941 he made a trip across the United States and the letters from that period document his impressions of his own country. Business letters include correspondence with publishers concerning books and articles. Horton had separate files for correspondence with the Congregational Quarterly, 1930-1931, and with Harper's Magazine, 1929, and these files have been maintained.

The final series, Series C, encompasses records and memorabilia from the churches where Horton was pastor, as well as materials from his denominational work and as an educator. The records of the Middletown Church consist of the constitution. Leyden Church records include his installation program, some membership materials, and notes on a pastor's class he held. Reports on the actions of the Commission on Missions date from 1929-1931. Horton was invited twice to give seminars on worship, and materials relating to these seminars are included in Series C. Memorabilia include a program of a church service from the U.S. Navy, 1919; and a memorial leaflet for a young man who died in 1935.

Series A. Writings, 1915-1942. Sermons, prayers, articles, translations, diary, narrative, "jottings," "reflections," research/resources, notes. 31½ inches.

Series B. Correspondence, 1919-1941. ¼ inch.

Series C. Church Administration, 1919-1935. Constitution, installation programs, pastor's class notes, reports on Commission on Missions, seminar on worship, memorabilia. 2 inches.

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Series A. Writings, 1915-1942

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"	54.	Oedipus translation
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"	2.	Installation material, membership mailings, Leyden Congregational Church, 1924-1928
"	3.	Pastor's class notes, Leyden Congregational Church, ca. 1926
"	4.	Reports, The Commission on Missions, 1929-1933
"	5.	Seminar on worship, 1928, 1930
"	6.	Memorabilia, 1919, 1935

A

An Adventure in Imagination, April 5, 1925  
And David Danced Before the Lord  
The American Board and the Near East  
Americanism  
And walk humbly with thy God  
The Apostolic Succession  
An Appendix to Morals  
Are You in Prison?  
Armistice (holograph)  
Armistice (typescript)  
As We Forgive Our Debtors  
At the C . . . Service  
At the Service of Dedication, All Saints Church, March 21, 1926

B

Baccalaureate Sermon, Oberlin College 7 June 1936  
A Background of Questions  
Be Strong and of a Good Courage, February 15, 1925  
The Beginnings of Religious Life  
Being Saved  
Being Worthy of Christmas  
The Biography of the Holy Spirit  
The Birth of Jesus  
(Boddy) William H. Boddy  
The Boggs Family . . .  
The Boggs Family and the School  
The Book of Mystery  
Bread  
The Bread of Life  
Building the World of Our Desire  
The Business of Being a Human Race  
The Business of Leisure  
By the Side of the Pilgrim Pool

C

A Call to Arms, November 11, 1934  
The Candle in thy Soul, Christmas 1932  
The Carnival at Golgotha, 1920  
The Cave World  
Chance  
Character Reserve  
The Chariots of God  
Christ in the Moldern Maze(?)  
Christ is Coming  
Christian America Ltd.  
The Christian Business Man (2 copies)  
The Christian Character of the Local Church  
Christian Imagination  
Christian Life and the Church

Christian Life and the Government  
The Christian Life and the Home  
Christian Virtues at Reduced Values  
A Christian's Tribute to his Jewish Neighbors in Boston  
The Christianity in Christmas  
Christianity Makes a Difference (holograph)  
Christianity Makes a Difference (typescript)  
A Christmas Meditation  
The Christmas World  
The Church  
The Church and Her Mission  
The Church and other Organizations  
The Church Foursquare (2 copies)  
The City--An Essay  
Cleanness  
Comfort ye, comfort ye my people . . .  
The Coming Age  
The Coming of the Messiah (2 copies)  
The Communion of Saints  
The Communion of the Holy Spirit  
A Communion Sermon  
Concerning Crumbs  
Conditional Immortality  
Congregational Esprit de Corps  
Contentment versus Vocation  
The Conversion of the Elder Son  
The Cost and Magnificence of Prayer, February 14, 1926  
The Crisis in the Life of St. Paul  
Crown Him King, 1933  
The Curse of Adam  
The Curse of Neutrality (3 copies)

D

Dead Faith  
The Death of the Syrian Peasant, April 4, 1920  
Deathless Faith, Easter 1932 (2 copies)  
The Deep-Red Cross, 5 November 1933  
Defense: The Shield of Faith  
The Devotion Point  
The Difficult Witness  
The Dimensions of Thanksgiving, November 1931  
Discipline  
Distance, Loneliness, and Singing  
A Disturbance at the City Gate  
Divine Pressure in Human Progress, February 22, 1925  
The Divine Sureness  
The Drama of the Good Samaritan  
Duty and Accidie

E

The Earth Is the Lord's and The Fullness Thereof  
Easter 1929  
The Easter Virtue  
The Effects of our Prayers  
Elded and Medad  
Election, November 1934  
The Element of Expectancy  
Elijah, October 16, 1932  
An Emmaus Journey  
The Encircling Mystery  
The Encourager  
The Epicureans  
The Epistle and the Hebrews  
Escape  
The Essence of Idolatry  
Established Upon the Flood  
Eternal Life (2 copies)  
Everlasting Mercy  
Everlastingly Real  
Everyday Religion  
Exceeding Great Joy  
The Experience of Prayer  
The E . . . of Christ

F

Failings  
Faith and the Deep Things  
Faith as a Heritage  
Faith in People  
The Fall of Babylon, 6 May 1934  
Fear  
The Fear of Living  
The Fear of Living (new version)  
The Feast of Friendship  
Finding God in Every Experience  
The Fine Art of Contentment  
Fire in the Bones  
The First and Second Adam  
First Things First (holograph)  
First Things First, 29 May 1938  
Forlorn Hopes, June 7, 1914  
Four Good Fridays (2 copies)  
Freedom and Christianity  
The Freedom of the City  
Friendship in its Aspect of Surprise, Christmas 1932  
Friendship-tide  
From Everlasting to Everlasting  
  
Four Grades of Manhood  
Fruitful Living, Palm Sunday 1922  
The F . . .

## G

The Galilean Candidate, 30 October 1932  
 George Washington and St. Paul  
 Germany, the Source of the Coming Religious Revival  
 Getting On, Him Honest (?)  
 The Gift of Sacrifice  
 The Glory of Individuality, 6 September 1914  
 God and the Word  
 God has a lawsuit with the nations  
 God in Daily Life  
 God of the Living  
 God-Intoxicated  
 God's Call to His People, 5 March 1933  
 God's Influence Upon Man  
 God's Re . . . Call  
 The Good Shepherd (incomplete)  
 The Gospel for a World of Unrest  
 The Gospel Irresistible  
 The Gospel of Strenuous Life  
 The Gospel of the Second Chance, April 12, 1925  
 The Government of Heaven  
 A Grain of Mustard Seed  
 The Great Revolution  
 The Greatest Statement in the World: I Am  
 The Greatest Thing in the World  
 (Greene) Frederick William Greene  
 Growth

## H

The Halo on the Commonplace, November 22, 1925  
 The Happiness of Christ, 1 November 1925 (2 copies)  
 The Happiness of Christ  
 (Harding) Warren Gamaliel Harding  
 The Haunting Presence of the Most High  
 Having Done All, To Stand  
 (Hazen) Azel Washburn Hazen  
 He Wist Not (2 copies)  
 Hear, O Israel, the Lord Our God is One Lord (2 copies)  
 The Heart, 6 November 1932  
 The Hear of Hosea, 4 October 1925  
 The Heritage of High Resolve, 5 September 1920  
 The Hidden Sense of Calm Repose  
 The Holy Spirit  
 The Holy Spirit at Work, February 14-15, 1938  
 The Holy Spirit in the Early Apostolic Age  
 Hope and Faith  
 The Horrors of this Armistice Day  
 Hosea's Way (2 copies)  
 The Human as Against the Divine



## I

I John Saw the Holy City  
The Idea of Worship, 13 December 1915  
The Ideal: A Path to God  
Ideals and How to Evade Them  
Ideals and How to Evade Them: The Example of Jonah  
Idle Indifference  
Imagination  
Immanuel, Christmas 1933  
Immortality (holograph)  
Immortality (typescript)  
The Impatience of Job (old version)  
The Impatience of Job  
The Impatience of Job, 20 March 1927  
The Importance of Being a Boy  
In Defense of the Irreligious  
In the Beginning, 1 October 1933  
Installation Paper (2 copies)  
The Interchurch World Movement  
International Friendship  
Inward the Course of Empire . . . , 12 April 1931  
Is Christianity Practicable  
Is Repentance Ever Impossible?  
Is There Any Religion in the Republican Party?  
Is There Anything in Prayer? (holograph)  
Is There Anything in Prayer? 25 June 1933  
Isaiah the Man

## J

The Jest of Protestantism, 26 April 1925  
Jesus and Little Children  
Jesus and the Old Testament  
Jesus' Attitude to Children  
Jesus' Attitude to Institutions  
Jesus' Attitude to Possession  
Jesus' Attitude Toward the Kingdom  
Jesus Christ and National Defense, 8 November 1925  
Jesus, Christianity and Your Culture  
Jesus' Gift of His Mother  
Jubal  
Judgment Day  
Judgment Day, 16 May 1926

## K

The Kingdom of God and the Mustard-Plant  
The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory

## L

The Lamb of God  
 The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world  
 A Last Obstacle to Faith -(Evil), Palm Sunday 1932  
 Law as Means, 28 June 1914  
 Let the beauty of the Lord of God be upon us  
 Let Us Follow Him, 3 May 1931  
 The Liberty of a Christian Man, Mother's Day 1928  
 Life -- A Schoolroom  
 Life as a Parable of Somthing New  
 Life out of Death  
 Life's Hidden Purpose  
 Life's Restlessness  
 The Light Ahead, 26 November 1933  
 Lincoln Day 1935  
 Living Aimlessly, 13 August 1933  
 The Living Christ  
 Looking forward to Christmas  
 The Lord's Supper  
 Lost Books  
 The Lost Sense of God  
 The love of Christ constraineth us  
 The Love of Man

## M

The Major Preaching Emphasis for Today  
 The Making of a Human Mind, January 1929  
 The Man for the Ages  
 A Man of Destiny  
 The Man Paul (incomplete)  
 The Man Paul, 24 January 1926  
 The Many and the One  
 The Masquerade of Personal Desires  
 The Mastery of Life, 9 October 1932  
 The Meaning of Divine Immanence  
 The Meaning of Founder's Sunday (holograph, 2 copies)  
 The Meaning of Hallowe'en  
 The Meaning of Thanksgiving  
 Mercy in an Implacable Universe  
 A Mightier than the Almighty  
 The Miracle of Nativity  
 Miracles  
 The Miraculous Life of John Bunyan  
 A Modern Obstruction of Prophecy: Armaments (2 copies)  
 Monica  
 The Moral Armistice  
 The Moral Revolutionist and the Church  
 Teh Moral Revolutionist and the Church (incomplete)  
 Morality and Religion  
 The Morning Star, 2 October 1932  
 Moses and the N.R.A., 17 September 1933

Moses' Communion with Job, 31 May 1914  
Mr. Noah's Ark  
My Gospel, 23 December 1931  
My Name is Legion  
The Mysterious in Man (holograph)  
The Mysterious in Man (typescript)

N

The Need and Promise of Your Worship  
The Need of Protestantism for the Monastery  
The Need of This Hour  
Neighborliness  
New Building Operations, 18 September 1932  
The New Puritanism  
The New Spiritual Responsibilities of Women  
New Testament to New (?)  
The New World  
The New Year  
No Separate Peace  
No Unemployment Here  
N . . . When Changest Not

O

The Obverse of Disaster  
On Growing Old  
One Increasing Purpose, 13 December 1925  
Ordinary Life an Extraordinary Mission  
Ordination Paper  
The Organization of a City  
Organized Neighborliness  
Original Sin!!!  
Otto Riecker: The Cross as a Pattern of Action  
Ought Theology to be Christocentric?  
Our far flung line . . .  
Our Religious Orphans  
Our State in Religion  
Ourselves and Our Children, 10 January 1926  
Ourselves and the Great Church  
Out of the depths  
The Outstanding Event of Every Week

P

The Paradox of Faith  
The Patriot  
Patriotism  
Patriots Pleasant and Unpleasant, 19 April 1931  
Paul's One Idea  
Peace by the Rhodes Principle  
Peace on Earth

Peace When There is No Peace  
The Philosophy of Spontaneity (2 copies)  
A Picture of Living  
The Pilgrim Heritage  
Pioneers Genuine and Not So Genuine  
The Plan of Congregationalism  
Planning . . .  
Playing Together  
A Plea for Less Brotherhood!  
Poise  
The Power of the Resurrection  
Prayer  
Prayer -- Commentary  
Prayer, the Peculiarity of the Pious  
The Preacher Chats with the Biologist  
The Preacher Chats with the Physician  
The Preacher Writes to the Physician  
Preaching and Dogmatic  
Preparing the Temple  
The Presence of God is Demanding  
The Present  
The Present-day Adventures of Jesus  
Presentation to Dr. Hazen  
The Price of Poise  
Priceless Discoveries in Our Town, Palm Sunday 1931  
The Problem of Giving  
The Prophetic Consciousness  
The Prospect Through Prayer  
The Purchase of Goods  
The Purpose of Human Life: To Hear and Speak the Word of God  
The P . . . of Doing Ones Best  
The P . . . of Saintliness

Q

The Quest of Life

R

The Races vs. Humanity  
The Radiance of the Gospel  
The Real Place and Function of a Church Creed  
Regarding the Book of M . . .  
Religion and Music  
Religion as Personal Power  
Religion as the Interpretation of a Man's Task  
Religion in Peril  
The Religion of an Undergraduate  
The Religion of Doing Work Well: Balaam ben Beor  
The Religion of Mastery  
Religious Education, November 20, 1931  
Religious Rumbblings in Europe with an Echo or Two from Bournemouth  
The Religious Situation in the Present Day, by Paul Tillich  
The Religious Value of the Expectation in New Testament Times of the Early  
Return of Jesus Christ

Return of Jesus Christ

Representatives

The Resources Available to the Minister in His Community Task  
The Response of Man to God  
Resurrection, Easter 1937  
Retrospect and . . . , September 15, 1929  
A Retrospect of Ten Years  
Rewards and Punishments  
The Righteousness of God  
The Rising Tide of Buisness--and You  
The Road  
R . . . for j . . . d . . .

S

The Sacrifice of Service  
St. Francis of Assisi  
The Sale of Goods  
Salvation by Accident  
The Sands of Time  
(Savonarola) Girolamo Savonarola  
The Science of Power  
The Second Imprisonment.  
The Seeming Unreality of Souls  
Self-Confidence is Not Faith  
Self Denial (2 copies)  
Self-Expression  
Self-Imposed Discipline  
The Seminar on Current Theological Questions  
Service  
The Seven Stars and Orion  
Shall We Let Morality Go?  
Sin  
Sin and the Providential Order  
Sin in Modern Times  
Sincerity  
Sola Fides  
Sola Gratia  
The Soldierly Christian (incomplete)  
The Solemnity of Living  
The Solitude of Christ  
Something Coming, 11 December 1932  
The Soul of Patriotism  
The Source of Happiness  
The Source of Life  
Speechless Christianity  
The Spirit of Adoption  
The Spirit of Resurrection  
Spiritual Stagnation and New Life  
Spiritual Vigor  
The Spring of Joy  
Standards  
The Stoics (incomplete)  
The Strange Unconcerns of the Bible

Strength in Union  
The Student as Artisan  
The Sum of History  
The Supreme Experience of Every Week (outline)  
The Symbols (2 copies)

T

Taking things seriously  
Thankfulness according to Epicurus and Christ, 22 November 1925  
Thanksgiving  
That Our Lives May Be More Dramatic, 21 June 1925  
That which is sowed  
There is a Man on the Cross . . .  
There is a Truth beyond the Truth which is nothing more than True  
Things New and Old  
Things Old and New  
The Thirst for Knowledge  
This Church, the Churches and the Church  
Thomas  
Thou and I  
Thou who Changest Not  
Three Human Types, 8 March 1925  
Three Things Abound  
The Times and the Gospel  
To Do, To Think, To Pray  
To Him That Hath  
To . . . divine  
Tolstoi's Religion  
Towers of Modern Babel  
Triumph, Easter 1933  
Trouble  
The Twilight of the Issues  
Two Enthusiasms

U

The Uncreated World (incomplete)  
Undercurrents of Anarchy  
The Unfailing Cup, 9 April 1925 (2 copies)  
An Unofficial . . . in Europe, 1926  
Unsanctimonious Saints  
The Use of Dogmatic

V

Vanity Fair, 4 June 1933  
The Venture of Prayer  
The Voice of the Church in the Present Political Crisis, 26 June 1932

## W

Wagering one's life that God is Love  
 Walking with God  
 Wanted - A Title for the Book  
 War Experiences  
 The War for Emancipation  
 The Ways  
 We Stone Prophets, 10 September 1933  
 What is a Church?  
 What is Christian Spirit?  
 What is Communion  
 What is Implied in an Open Mind  
 What is Implied in Heroism, 31 May 1925  
 What is Sacred?  
 What is the Church?  
 What Jesus Accomplished  
 What kind of a person is God?  
 What makes Christianity distinctive  
 What must I do to be saved?  
 What thank have ye?  
 What the world is made for . . .  
 What's the Matter with Middletown?  
 When the Stars Fight, 14 October 1934  
 When Trouble Comes That You Do Not Deserve, 18 October 1925 (2 copies)  
 Where Love Is, 24 September 1933  
 Who will be the next American President  
 Why do good men suffer?  
 Why I am a Catholic, 9 July 1933  
 Why Psychiatry Needs Religion  
 Why the Bible Refuses to Die, 17 June 1934  
 Wickedness, Blundering, and Error  
 The Wideness (?) of the Eucharist  
 The Winsomeness of Jesus, 29 March 1925  
 The Wisdom of Agur, 3 February 1927  
 Work  
 The World Church  
 The World in Trust  
 A World State  
 Worship  
 Worship--Isaiah 55

## Y

The Young People in their Teens -- Whither?  
 The Youth Of Jesus