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Allen Macy Dulles Papers, 1930

Cover of Lecture, 1930. Credit to: ATS: Allen Macy Dulles Papers, 1930, box 1 folder 1,
The Burke Library Archives at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Summary Information
Creator: Allen Macy Dulles, 1854 –1930
Title: Allen Macy Dulles Papers
Dates: 1930
Abstract: Theologian, pastor and later a professor at Auburn Theological Seminary. Small collection of lectures and notes on the history and nature of apologetic.
Size: 1 box, 0.25 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
3041 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
Email: burkearchives@library.columbia.edu
Administrative Information

Provenance: Presented by Mrs. Dulles and deposited in Burke Library of the Union Theological Seminary by Auburn Seminary Library

Access: Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to burkearchives@library.columbia.edu, or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. Burke Library staff is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.

Access Restrictions: The collection is unrestricted to readers. Certain materials, however, are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying.

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Biography

Allen Macy Dulles a theologian and pastor, was born on August 19, 1854 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and died November 13, 1930 in Auburn, New York. He married Edith Foster on January 13, 1886. Dulles was the son of Reverend John Welsh Dulles, a Presbyterian missionary in Maras, India, and Harriet Dulles. He graduated from Princeton with a Bachelor degree in 1875, Masters in 1878 and from the Princeton Theological Seminary in 1879.

After his time at the University Dulles traveled abroad to Leipzig University and Gottingen in Germany. Finally he received a doctoral degree from Hamilton College in 1901. Dulles engaged in archaeological research in the Sinaitic Peninsula of Egypt in 1881, then became pastor of the Trumbull Avenue Presbyterian Church of Detroit Michigan until 1887, before serving as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Watertown, New York for eighteen years and finally became professor of theology at the Auburn Theological Seminary in 1904. Dulles was an ardent Christian who mixed theological liberalism with austere devotion. With his wife he raised five children, three of whom, John Foster Dulles, Allen Welsh Dulles and Eleanor Lansing Dulles would go on to have distinguished careers within the American government.

Sources


Collection Scope and Content Note
The papers consist of 1 folder of lectures and notes related to the history and nature of apologetic. The condition of the collection is fair with the paper in good condition with the exception of the title page which has significant wear around the binder ring holes and a scattered number of individual pages that have small rips and tears.

Processing
The papers were removed from their original binder and placed in a new acid-free folder and box.

Further Sources
The Burke Union Stacks also have a number of sermons and studies by Dulles. These include The True Church: A Study (historical and scriptural), The New Apologetic, and What is Necessary in the Christian Religion : A Sermon.

The Burke Library Archives also contain a collection from the Auburn Theological Seminary which consists of administrative records of Auburn, and personal papers including scrapbooks, notebooks, sermons and photographs from alumni and faculty.
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