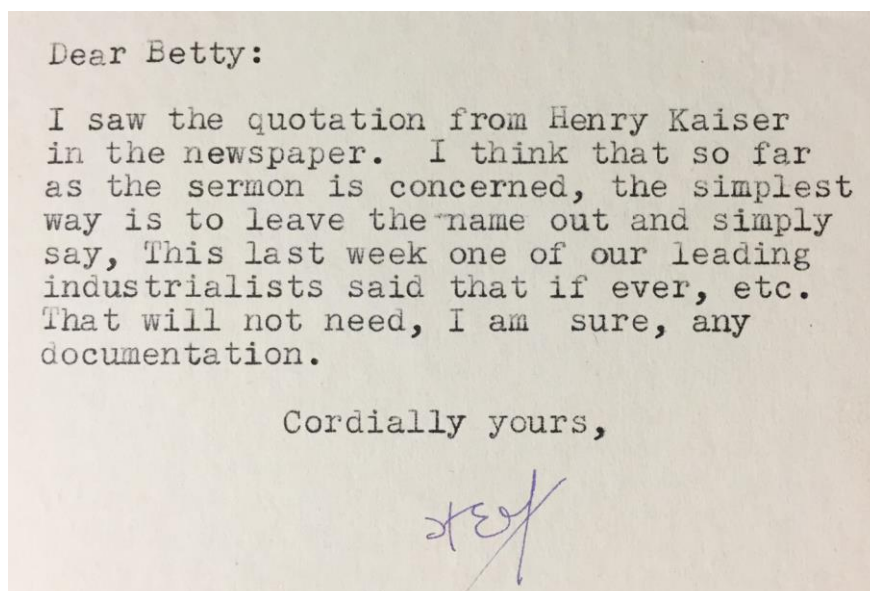


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Finding Aid for

**Hannah Elizabeth Gough Stannard Papers, 1913 – 2006**



Letter from Fosdick to Stannard dated May 4, 1944. Credit to: UTS1: Hannah Elizabeth Gough Stannard Papers, box 1, folder 10, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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**Summary Information**

Creator: Hannah Elizabeth Gough Stannard, 1913-2006  
Title: Hannah Elizabeth Gough Stannard Papers  
Inclusive dates: 1913-2006  
Bulk dates: 1941-1944  
Abstract: Hannah (Betty) Elizabeth Gough Stannard was secretary to Harry Emerson Fosdick when he worked at Riverside Church. Collection contains information on other secretaries that Fosdick employed, correspondence and books given to Betty by Fosdick.  
Size: 3 boxes, 1.25 linear feet  
Storage: Onsite storage  
Repository: The Burke Library  
Union Theological Seminary  
3041 Broadway  
New York, NY 10027  
Email: [burkearchives@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burkearchives@library.columbia.edu)

### Administrative Information

- Provenance: Papers were donated in February 2006 by the daughter of Hannah Gough Stannard, Wendy Stillwell. Wendy's recollections of her mother's comments about Fosdick are found in box 1, folder 14.
- Access: Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to [burkearchives@library.columbia.edu](mailto: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.
- Preferred Citation: Item description, UTS1: Hannah Elizabeth Gough Stannard Papers, box # and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

### Biography

Harry Emerson Fosdick was Union Theological Seminary Professor of Homiletics and Practical Theology, a Baptist Pastor and first pastor of Riverside Church in New York City. He was a renowned preacher, writer and broadcaster, and a central figure in the 1920s Protestant liberal/fundamentalist controversies. Because of his many responsibilities, Fosdick employed a number of secretaries to help him with his work.

Hannah (known as Betty) Elizabeth Gough Stannard (Mrs. Forrest Stannard) was one such secretary. Betty was born March 7, 1913 in Greencastle, Indiana. She was responsible for listening, reading the typing and punctuation of galley proofs. Printers often made errors, and Fosdick was particular about having things exactly right. Betty eventually became the one to sign Fosdick's form letters for him using Fosdick's signature purple ink. This was especially useful in September as there was always a great deal of mail during that time frame as Fosdick's sermons began in September.

Fosdick thanked Betty in the introduction to *A Great Time to Be Alive*. She helped prepare the manuscript, checked references and saw the volume through to the press. Betty worked on this in the summer of 1944, when she was pregnant and living in Madison, Connecticut at the time.

Other secretaries who worked with Fosdick were Alice Neuberger, a typist in the Riverside office who typed Fosdick's sermons. Dorothy Noyes, who typed correspondence, went through Fosdick's mail and sorted it for Fosdick's attention. She typed his answers from a Dictaphone. Dorothy worked on a bibliography project, which is located in the [Fosdick archival papers](#). Mrs. Margaret Rendon was Fosdick's head secretary

### Sources:

From the records themselves and the Social Security Death Index.

**Collection Scope and Content Note**

The collection is organized in two sections. The first section contains materials related to correspondence and activities that Betty Gough Stannard was involved with as one of Fosdick's secretaries. References in the correspondence to Eugene ("EE") Exman was the contact Fosdick had at Harper's (publisher). Fosdick reportedly never met EE face-to-face, but Fosdick thanked him in the forward to his biography. Fosdick often wrote or signed his name as HEF.

The second section contains books given to Betty Gough Stannard by Fosdick. Books that contain annotations or inscriptions from Fosdick to Stannard were kept in the archival collection. Call numbers are included where appropriate. Materials that had no annotations or personal accounts were removed. A full list with call numbers of books that were originally donated but removed is available upon request.

**Processing**

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Acidic items were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed.

**Further Sources**

The Burke Library offers many other collections related to Fosdick, including his official papers. The finding aid for the [Harry Emerson Fosdick Papers](#) is available online. Many printed books and articles can be found by searching the Columbia University Library catalog, [CLIO](#).

## Contents list

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Sermons with Hymns Numbers Riverside Church Service Program, Nov 30, 1930
1	2	Riverside Church 100th Anniversary-Pamphlet and Program, 1941
1	3	Salute to Fosdicks, Riverside Church, May 22, 1963 Fosdick Memorial Service in Carillon, 6 (5) Oct 17, 1969
1	4	Correspondence-Fosdick to Betty Gough, 2 Postcards, 1940; 1942
1	5	Correspondence Queries - HEF and BG Corrections and Memos [Feb?]- Aug 1940
1	6	Personality: Review of Memorandum on Relation between Glandular Function and Personality, by S. R. Hathaway, 1942, sent by R[ichard] M E[lliott]; Our Knowledge of God, by J. Baillie, pp 208-209
1	7	On Being a Real Person - References, Checklist of Authors, [1943] Memo from HEF with Gift copy to BG of On Being a Real Person, 1943
1	8	Correspondence-BG and Alice Neuberger, May-Aug 1944
1	9	Riverside and Dr Fosdick-Memos [194?]
<b>Great Time to be Alive</b>		
1	10	Correspondence and Notes --BG/HEF, 1944
1	11	Correspondence-Mrs Forrest Stannard (BG) and Eugene Exman of Harper Bros, June-Sept 1944; Sermons on Christianity in War Time-Introduction and Contents Notes- Fosdick manuscript
1	12	Correspondence -Eleanor Jordan (Harper Bros), BG, HEF, 1944
1	13	Personal Correspondence: H E Fosdick and Mrs. Forrest Stannard, Feb- Sept 1945, Dec 1955, 1958, 1968
1	14	Manuscript Notes by Wendy Stillwell of Hannah Elizabeth Gough Stannard as she reviewed papers, 2006
1	15	Prayer and Politics-Landmark Church [Riverside] ...Faces Tougher Times, Wall Street Journal, Aug 1990 News Clipping
1	16	A Form for Service for the Solemnization of Marriage
2	1	<i>Adventurous Religion and Other Essays</i> , New York: Harper & Bros, 1926 [UTS] LC BR85.F7 1926
2	2	<i>Great Time to Be Alive: Sermons on Christianity in Wartime</i> , New York: Harper & Bros, 1944 [UTS] LC BX6333.F57 G7 1944
2	3	<i>Guide to Understanding the Bible</i> , New York: Harper & Bros, 1938 [UTS] Union DW30 F74 1938c
2	4	<i>Dear Mr. Brown; Letters to a Person Perplexed about Religion</i> , New York: Harper, 1961 [UTS] Union RD55 F748 D

Box	Folder	Contents
3	1	<i>Living Under Tension: Sermons on Christianity Today</i> , New York: Harper & Bros, 1941 [UTS] Union WW10 F748 L
3	2	<i>The Manhood of the Master</i> , New York: Associated Press, 1913, inscribed 1927 with a picture of Fosdick on his 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday [UTS] FS90 F74
3	3	<i>On Being a Real Person</i> , New York: Harper & Bros, 1943, inscribed from Fosdick to Stannard, seeing Box 1 Folder 7 [UTS] Union PX31 F74 1943e <i>Successful Christian Living</i> , New York: Harper & Bros, 1937, inscribed by Fosdick to Stannard [UTS] LC BX6333.F57 S8
3	4	<i>The Power to See Through</i> , New York: Harper & Bros, 1943 (reprint), inscribed Mrs. Cross from Dr. Cross, teacher of Fosdick [UTS] Union WW10 F748p <i>The Secret of Victorious Living</i> , New York: Harper & Bros, 1934 (2nd Ed), inscribed Mrs. Cross from Dr. Cross, teacher of Fosdick [UTS] Union WW10 F748v