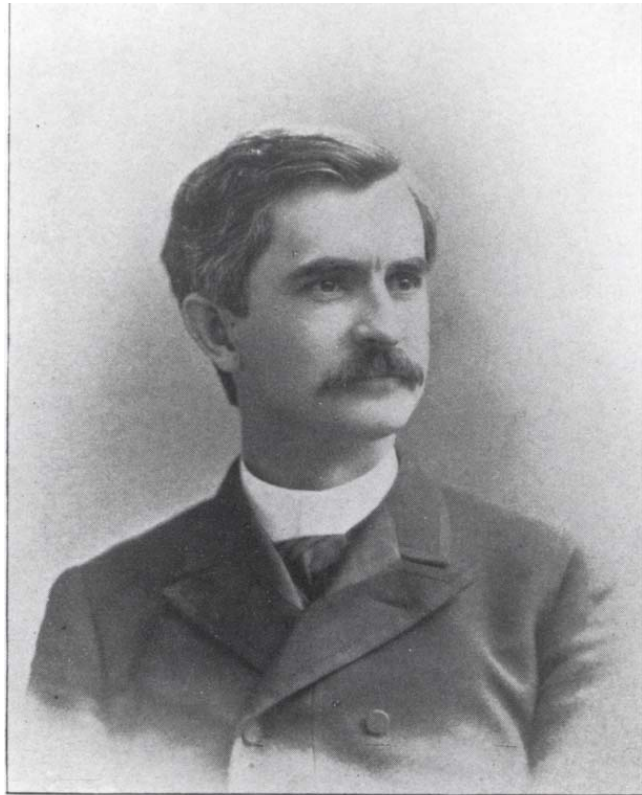


INVENTORY TO THE
AMZI CLARENCE DIXON
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I. Biographical Note

Clergyman--pastor and evangelist for more than fifty years--and author.
Life's motto: "To me to live is Christ."

- 1854, July 6 Born in Shelby, North Carolina, the son of Rev. Thomas and Amanda Elizabeth (McAfee) Dixon; brother of Thomas D., the writer. In his youth he read with great interest the sermons of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, and through them received an inspiration to preach the gospel. His retentive memory gained him some attention in the village school.
- 1865 Was converted while his father was preaching on the text "What must I do to be saved? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Dixon describes his acceptance of Christ as Saviour thus, "I began by simply resting upon Christ, and the promise that He has made. "
- 1866 Baptized by his father in a mountain stream
- 1869 Entered Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, North Carolina
- 1874 A.B., Wake Forest College
Ordained to the Baptist ministry in Bear Marsh Church, a rural church just outside the village of Warsaw, North Carolina
- 1874-75 Pastor of the Baptist churches in Warsaw, (Mount Olive) and Bear Marsh, North Carolina; dividing his time between these. Theological studies at Southern Baptist Seminary, Greenville, S. C.
- 1876-79,
Nov. 7 Pastor of the Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Attended the University of North Carolina while there as pastor. As a result of one evangelistic meeting, in which he preached every day for more than a month, about 100 university students became Christians.
- 1880, July 1 Married Susan Mary (Mollie) Faison, Warsaw, North Carolina. The children in order of their ages were: Howard, Mary Faison, Abner Faison, Clara (MI's. Frank Richardson of Black Mountain, North Carolina), and Grace
- 1879-82 Pastor of the Baptist church in Asheville, North Carolina. During a six weeks evangelistic meeting there, about 300 were converted.
- 1882-90 Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland. He was the first pastor of this church.

- 1886 D. D. from Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia (conferred on him over his protest)
- 1890-1901 Pastor of Hanson Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York.
1893 He was associated for one month with D. L. Moody preaching to throngs in attendance at the World's Fair in Chicago. During his Whole ministry, evangelism was the dominant theme. He was a man of great faith and prayer. To him there was no joy comparable to that of winning the lost to Christ.
- 1901-1906 Pastor of Ruggles Street Baptist Church, Boston, Mass. For some years he was closely associated with Lake Keuka Assembly in mid-western New York State. There he had association with men like R. A. Torrey, Len Go Broughton, Cornelius Woelfkin, Maltbie Babcock, and W. J. Erdman
- 1905 Attended the first Baptist World Congress held in London, England.
- 1906-October--
1911 Pastor of Moody Church, Chicago, Illinois.
- 1911-April--
1919 Pastor Metropolitan Tabernacle (Spurgeon's), London, England In these years were the air raids of World War I on England.
- 1919-22 During these years for three months of every year, he lectured in Los Angeles Bible Institute, Los Angeles, California and the other nine months he mainly lectured for missionary conferences in China and Japan.
- 1922-Aug. 6 Mrs. Dixon died in China, while attending a missionary conference with her husband.
- 1922-25 Pastor of University Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 1923 Attended Baptist World Congress, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 1924-Jan. 25 Married Helen C. Alexander, the widow of evangelistic singer Charles M. Alexander. The marriage took place in London. A. C. Dixon traveled much in England and the continent, as well as in the United States.
- 1925-June 14 Died in Baltimore, Maryland, and was buried in Druid Ridge Cemetery near that city.

II. Scope and Content Note

The papers of Amzi Clarence Dixon numbering approximately 6,100 items are stored in 30 archival boxes and four scrapbooks. They contain an outstanding collection of sermons, sermon notes and illustrations. The 130 sermons compose about one half of the bulk of these materials. Another very valuable part of this collection is the correspondence section, which was used extensively for research in the writing of his biography, A. C. Dixon, a Romance of Preaching by Helen C. A. Dixon. The manuscript of this book is in this collection.

The correspondence is arranged chronologically within these categories: (1) family correspondence, originals and copies, (2) general, (3) letters from all over the world about Dr. Dixon's death in 1925, (4) some correspondence in the folders concerning A. C. Dixon's work in the various churches he pastored, and (5) in the folders of "Author, Lecturer and Traveler." The original family correspondence is well preserved, interesting and important for its biographical content. There are two very old original letters: one written from La Grange, Tennessee has a canceled 2 cent stamp on the first page, envelopes were not always used at that time. The other letter is dated September 28, 1863, from a Civil War soldier, a cousin.

These materials show how widely Dr. Dixon traveled to preach and speak in conferences.

The bulk of this material falls in the period 1870-1925. The main subject headings are: (1) Biographical materials, (2) book manuscript., (3) booklets, (4) church life and polity, (5) conference work, (6) correspondence, (7) evangelism, (8) Hanson Place Church, (9) Immanuel Baptist Church, (10) Los Angeles Bible Institute, (11) Men and Movements, (12) Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, England, (13) Moody Church, Chicago, (14) sermons, (15) University' Baptist Church, Baltimore, and (16) World War I.

Among Dixon's correspondents are: Annie Armstrong, Ralph Atkinson of Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Henry W. Battle, Charles A. Blanchard (President of Wheaton College), Charles T. Ball (President of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary), Len G. Broughton, Prince and Princess Bernadotte, N. B. Broughton, George Dana Boardman, Mrs. Wilbur Chapman, John C. Calhoun (a relative of the more well-known one), J. L. Campbell of Carson Newman College, B. H. DeMent, F. H. Ford, J. M. Frost, Bishop C. D. Foss of Philadelphia, A. F. Gaylord, H. H. Hedley, R. G. (Bob) Ingersoll, J. William Jones, Edward Judson of Chicago University (son of Adoniram), F. H. Kerfoot, Melvin G. Kyle, Joseph W. Kemp, Joshua and Eugene Levering, W. C. Loundes, George O. Manning, F. B. Meyer, Charles C. McCabe, Ella W. McGill of London, Mrs. W. R. Nimmo, W. E. Needham, Louie D. Newton, French E. Oliver, Ambrose Pomeroy, Arthur T. Pierson (editor of Missionary Review of the World), J. E. Passmore, P. W. Philpott (pastor of Moody Church), T. H. Pritchard (President of Wake Forest College 1880), A. J. Rowland, Fleming H. Revell, W. B. Riley, A. T. Robertson, Allan Sutherland (Executive secretary of Pocket Testament League), E. O. Sellers, George Stebbins, J. H. Shakespeare, Ruben Saillens of Paris, France, Thomas Spurgeon of London, England, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Torrey, George W. Truett, T. DeWitt Talmadge, D. B. Towner, R. T. Vann, O.C.S. Wallace, John Wanamaker, George B. Wilmot, and E.Y. Woolley (Dixon's assistant in Moody Church)

A later addition to the collection includes two volumes of handwritten sermons, two scrapbooks, a book of his quotations, and some miscellaneous material. These items were given to the Historical Commission by Mrs. F. H. Richardson, August, 1963.

III. Container Lists

BOX 1

Folder 1 Addresses

"Infallibility of the Pope," "The Child Jesus," "Higher Christian Education", "Knowledge and Character," "What Baptists Stand For," "The Prohibition War." The Fruits of Liberalism in New England," "Higher Criticism and Prof. Briggs," "Heads," "Church, College, and Country," etc.

Folder 2 Articles

"What the World Owes to Presbyterianism " "What the World Owes to Congregationalism," "What the World Owes to Baptists," "Funerals," "An Alphabet of Aphorisms," "Jesus, the Church and the Working Man," "Our Brother in Black," "The Baptist Situation in England," "Scripture Gleanings"

Folder 3 Articles

Articles on Modernism. "City Idolatry," "The History of Baptism," Two interviews about Dixon's pastorate in England.

Folder 4 Author, Lecturer, Traveler

List of A. C. Dixon's works
"Caring for the Aged," "Religious Conditions in Europe," "The Non-conformity that is worthwhile," "Marriage Ceremony," "The Historic Claim for Christ"

Folder 5 Author, Lecturer, Traveler

Poems, songs, book reviews.
"Baptist Hymnwriter" (an article)
"Dr. Dixon on Spurgeon," "The future of the Educated Negro"
Pastoral letters

Folder 6 Author, Lecturer, Traveler

Ocean travel and war experiences
Visits to Historic places

Folder 7 Autograph Books

BOX 2

Folder 1 Baptist World Alliance, 1923

Folder 2 Bible Study

Folder 3 Biographical Materials

Dr. Angell, Henry Ward Beecher. Harold Begbie. Billy Sunday, Len G. Broughton, Rev. Charles Brown. J. L. Campbell, W. R. Castle. Rev. Elias Dodson. A. J. Gordon. Gypsy Smith, Warren G. Harding. Louis Harms, John Harper, King of Uganda. Sidney Lanier. Abraham Lincoln, James McGranahan, George O. Maning, Henry Martyn, F. B. Meyer, D. L. Moody, E. Y. Mullins, Robert G. Ingersoll, Charles Darwin.

Folder 4 Biographical Material⁸

Reuben Saillens, W. T. Stead, Milton and Lyman Stewart, R. A. Torrey, William Tyndale, John Wesley. J. L. White. Dinsdale T. Young. visiting preachers to Metropolitan Tabernacle--Charles M. Alexander, Wilbur J. Chapman, W. R. Lane, J. W. Moodie, William Graham Scroggie, T. T. Shields, etc.

Miscellaneous

Folder 5 Biographical Materials

Two indexes to materials in this collection

Folder 6 Biographical Materials

Dixon Family

Personal Ideals

Folder 7 Biographical Materials

Dixon family

Folder 8 Biographical Materials

On A. C. Dixon's death

BOX 3

Folder 1 Biographical Materials

On A. C. Dixon's death

Folder 2 and 3 Biographical Materials

On A. C. Dixon's death

Folder 4 Book Manuscript

"A. C. Dixon, A romance of preaching" by Helen Alexander Dixon, his wife

BOX 4

Folder 1 Book Manuscript

"Light Out of Darkness," A. C. Dixon, editor, 1898

re: experience of God's children in affliction and temptation

Correspondence about the book

Folder 2 Book Manuscript

"Milk and meat -incomplete

Folder 3 Book Studies (on Christ)

Folder 4 Booklets by A. C. Dixon and others

The Angelus is Ringing," "The Birth of J'3sus," "The Bright Side or Death," "By the Blood of Christ," "How Christian Science contradicts the Bible," "Myths and Moths or Criticism," "The Origin of Life," "Reconstruction," "Speaking with Tongues," "Spiritism," "Two Addresses," "Two Questions," "Victory," "Works of the Devil to be Destroyed," "Why a Christian Cannot be an Evolutionist," etc.

Folder 4a Christian, The - August-November, 1915, January-February, 1916

Folder 5 Church Bulletins -miscellaneous copies
"Work and Worship" -Immanuel Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland
"Metropolitan Tabernacle" London
"University Baptist Church, Baltimore

Folder 6 Church Life 81d Polity
Church meetings and membership
Pew rents

Folder 7 Church Life and Polity
False Religions

Folder 8 Church Life and Polity
Drink traffic, prohibition, temperance

BOX 5

Folder 1 Church Life and Polity
Prayer, Soul-winning, and revival

Folder 2 Church Life and Polity
Theological topics, personal beliefs

Folder 3 Church Life and Polity
Ethics: card-playing, dancing, theatre, tobacco smoking
Miscellaneous

Folder 4 College Bulletins
Wake Forest -1924, 1925

Folder 5 Conferences
Keswick, Bible League, etc.

Folder 6 Conferences
Keuka Lake

Folder 7 Correspondence
Family originals -1856, 1863

Folder 8 Correspondence
Family originals -1870-1876

Folder 9 Correspondence
Family originals 1877-1878
(2 letters from John C. Calhoun)

BOX 6

Folders 1-11 Correspondence
Family originals - 1879-1904
Howard died in 1890
ALS letter from Bob Ingersoll in Folder 9

BOX 7

Folders 1-9 Correspondence
Family originals -1905-1928
Mrs. Dixon died in 1922

BOX 8

Folders 1-11 Correspondence
Family copies -1843-1925

BOX 9

Folder 1 Correspondence - after Dr. Dixon's death, June, 1925 (A-B)
Handwritten letter from Princess Bernadette (Ebba) of Sweden

Folder 2-6 Correspondence (C-Z)

Folders 7-11 Correspondence -1890-1920

BOX 10

Folder 1 Correspondence -General, 1921-1922
(Clippings and correspondence re: J. C. Carlile and English Baptism)

Folder 2-4 Correspondence -General 1923-1930
(Dr. Dixon's death -1925)

Folders 5-7 Date Books -1910-1923
(1922 date book has information about Mrs. Dixon's death in China)

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Folders 1 and 2 Evangelism
Past and Present

Folder 3 Federation of Free Churches

Folder 4 Foreign Countries -China
(Mrs. Dixon's death, Dr. Dixon's message at her Funeral)

Folder 5 Foreign Countries -France, Bavaria, Sweden

Folder 6 The Fundamentals
Religious beliefs circular letter to ministers, " Are
You Willing to be Classed Among the Fundamentalists?",
with replies.
Bible League, etc., and the "Down-Grade" Controversy

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Folder 1 The Fundamentals- religious beliefs
"Higher Criticism," Polychrome, Bible, Evolution,
Huxley, Darwin, etc.

Folder 2 "Gospel" 1896, edited by A. C. Dixon, Eleven copies

Folder 3 Hanson Place Church, Brooklyn, New York

Folder 4 Illustrations

Folder 5 Immanuel Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland

Folder 6 Immanuel Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland
London visit, 1889
"Sword and Travel," August, 1889
Paper re: World's Second Sunday School Convention

Folder 7 Los Angeles Bible Institute
Correspondence and Booklets

Folder 8 Los Angeles Bible Institute visit, December, 1924
Correspondence

BOX 12A and 12 B

Illustrations and Stories

BOX 13

Folder 1

Men and Movements
Boeke, Mr. C. and Socialism
Campbell, R> J. and "New Thought"
Canterbury, Archbishop of, and Mission of repentance and Hope
Chalmers, Dr. and the "Great Disruption"
Wood Brothers and the "Young Life Campaign"
Yapp, Sir Arthur and Y.M. C.A. and foreign missions

Folder 2 Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, England
Materials re: call, acceptance, index of sermons, clippings, recognitions
services

Folder 3 Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, England
Internal Institutions, Mission Halls, church annual meetings, pastor's
anniversaries, Thankoffering, etc.

Folder 4 Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, England
Work during pastorate for outside organizations, work and soldiers
and their families, air-raid experiences, evangelistic missions ,
soul-winning campaigns

Folder 5 Metropolitan Tabernacle
Farwells

Folder 6 Metropolitan Tabernacle
List of sermons on "Glories of the Cross"
Past and present worthies, special occasions, pastors college,
Colportage Association, Stockwell Orphanage

Folder 7 Metropolitan Tabernacle
"Sword and Trowel" scattered copies, 1911-1915

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Folder 1 Metropolitan Tabernacle
"Sword and Trowel" scattered copies, 1916-1919

Folder 2 Miscellaneous

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Folder 3 and 4

Moody Church, Chicago, Illinois -letter of acceptance ALS
Material about his leaving to go to Metropolitan Tabernacle
Moody Church manual -sermons (list) of sermons preached at Moody Church

Folder 5 Mrs. A. C. (Mollie) Dixon

Folder 6 Newspaper - The Examiner and Chronicle Dec. 23 , 1875

Folder 7 Personal -obituary notices about A. C. Dixon, June, 1925
Certificate of membership to Archaeologic al Inati tute of
Anterica, newspaper clipping "Blacksburg Citizen Owns Valuable
Southern Relics" mentions Tom Dixon

Folder 8 Quotations from Dr. Dixon

Folder 9 Roman Catholic Lecture Notes

Folder 10 Ruggles Street Baptist Church, Boston
Souvenir program or pastor's Farewell
Correspondence, notes, and clipping8
Itinerary of London trip, 1905
Brochure of Gordon College of Theology and Missions, etc.

BOX 15

Folder 1 Sermon booklets published in 1903 and 1904

Folders 2-5

Sermon notes and outlines
"The Myths of Modernism" and " A Mossback's Reply to Modernism" in
Folder 5

Folder 6 Sermon notes and outlines

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Folders 1-5 Sermon notes

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Folders 1-5 Sermon notes

BOX 18

Folders 1-3 Sermon notes
Dated lists 1879-1911 in Folder 3

Folder 4- 7 Sermons - Genesis

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Folder 1 Sermons - Exodus

Folder 2 Sermons - Leviticus

Folder 3 Sermons -Numbers

Folder 4 Sermons -Deuteronomy

Folder 5 Sermons -Joshua

Folder 6 Sermons -Judges

Folder 7 Sermons - Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel

Folder 8 Sermons - 1 and 2 Kings

Folder 9 Sermons - 1 and 2 Chronicles

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Folder 1 Sermons -Esther, Ezra, Nehemiah

Folder 2 Sermons -Job

Folder 3 Sermons -Psalms

Folder 4 Sermons -Psalms

Folder 5 Sermons - Psalms

Folder 6 Sermons - Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

BOX 21

Folder 1 & 2 Sermons -Isaiah

Folder 3 Sermons -Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel

Folder 4 Sermons -Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum

Folder 5 Sermons -Habakuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Malachi

Folder 6 Sermons -Matthew

Folder 7 Sermons -Matthew

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Folders 1-5 Sermons -Matthew

BOX 23

Folders 1-2 Sermons-Mark

Folders 3-6 Sermons -Luke

Folder 7 Sermons -John

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Folder 1-4 Sermons - John

Folder 5 Sermons -Acts

BOX 25

Folders 1-4 Sermons -Acts

Folders 5 Sermons -Romans

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Folders 1-3 Sermons -Romans

Folders 4-6 Sermons -1 Corinthians

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Folder 1 Sermons - 2 Corinthians

Folder 2 Sermons - Galatians

Folder 3 Sermons - Ephesians

Folder 4 Sermons - Philippians

Folder 5 Sermons -Colossians

Folder 6 Sermons -1 and 2 Thessalonians

Folder 7 Sermons -1 Timothy

BOX 28

Folder 1 Sermons -2 Timothy

Folder 2 Sermons -James

Folder 3-6 Sermons -Hebrews

Folder 7 Sermons -Titus

Folder 8 Sermons - 1 Peter

BOX 29

Folder 1 Sermons - 1 and 2 Peter

Folder 2 Sermons - 1 John

Folders 3-7 Sermons - Revelation

BOX 29A

Sermons - manuscript in notebook

BOX 30

Folder 1 Sunday School Lessons, 1908
Folder 1a Sunday School Lessons, 1881 and 1882
Folder 2 Travel Notes
Folder 3-5 University Baptist Church, Baltimore
Folder 6 Woman's Missionary Society
Folder 7-8 World War I

ADDENDUM (added Jan. 24, 1964)

BOX 31

Folder 1 Miscellaneous
Folder 2 Sermons - handwritten volume
Folder 3 Sermons -handwritten volume
Personal hymnbook from Metropolitan Tabernacle

Scrapbooks
1. Printed commentary on 1907 Sunday School lessons by A. C. Dixon from the Home Herald.
2. Clippings of Some of Dr. Dixon's sermons, 1904 and 1905, from the ~ Union News.
3. Three pages from a scrapbook with materials gathered from Metropolitan Tabernacle in London while he was pastor there. Pictures, invitations, programs

Addendum (added 11-16-66)

Folder 4 Family correspondence
Folder 5 Picture of First Baptist Church of Providence, R.I.
Sketch by Spurgeon

A package containing certificates and 3 papers:
The Christian Inquirer Nov. 19, 1891
The Evangel May 15, 1895
Christian World, Feb. 21, 1874

BOX 32

Folder 1 Biographical information
Folder 2 Clippings
Folder 3 Correspondence

Folder 4 Correspondence - Family

Folder 5 Correspondence

Messages of condolence after the death of the first Mrs. Dixon in China in 1922 and about her last illness.

Folder 6 Diary material

Folder 7 Hanson Place Church

Folder 8 Metropolitan Tabernacle in London

Folder 9 Metropolitan Tabernacle in London

Folder 10 Miscellaneous

Folder 11 Notes

Folder 12 Personal

Folder 13 Pictures --China 1922 and the Dixons in China

Folder 14 Sermons

Folder 15 University Baptist Church, Brooklyn. N. Y.

Folder 16 World War I materials

In the family correspondence there is interesting details of life in London, England during World War I.

In the miscellaneous folder the bulk of the materials are from Dixon's time in London while he was pastor of Metropolitan Tabernacle. This includes programs, brochures, invitations, etc.

In the University Baptist Church folder is a copy of resolutions made on Dr. Dixon's death.

The messages sent at the time of the first Mrs. Dixon's death in China in 1922 are of interest.

Addenda BOX 33 103 items (600 p.) processed Jan., 1970

Folder 1 Asheville, North Carolina 1st Baptist Church

Folder 2 Bear Marsh and Mt. Olive, North Carolina churches

Folder 3 Biographical information. Dixon, Aycock, George W. Truett (his conversion -- he was Dixon's spiritual grandson), Charles M. Alexander.

Folder 4 Book -copy at A. C. Dixon's A Romance of Preaching.

Folder 5 Correspondence, several handwritten Letters of A.C. Dixon.

Folder 6 Diary 1876-77 when in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
Also an old tin type photograph of a group golfing

Folder 7 Miscellaneous, including a copy or Martin Luther's seal at Wittenberg.

Folder 8 Photographs including a good one or Thomas Dixon

Folder 9 Sermons and articles --handwritten by Charles H. Spurgeon