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Summary

Main Entry: Edwin Theodore Winkler Papers

Date Span: 1851-1941

Abstract: Southern Baptist minister, journalist, and denominational leader. He served as Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1872 to 1881. Collection includes correspondence, sermons and sermon books, addresses, biographical information, booklets, clippings, poems, writings, and other papers related to Winkler. Papers include letter asking him to serve as pastor to the Siloam Baptist Church in Marion, Alabama.

Size: .5 linear ft. (1 document box)

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Biographical Sketch

Edwin Theodore Winkler (1823-1883) was a Baptist pastor, editor and writer. He was born on November 13, 1823 in Savannah, Georgia. He graduated from Brown University in 1843 and studied at Newton Theological Institution for two years. He returned to Georgia in 1845 and worked as assistant editor for the *Christian Index*. He was ordained to the ministry in 1846 and served as pastor to churches in Georgia and South Carolina. From 1852 to 1854 he was Corresponding Secretary for the Southern Baptist Publication Society and editor of the *Southern Baptist* in 1853. In 1854 he accepted the position of pastor for the First Baptist Church of Charleston, South Carolina. During the Civil War he left his pastorate and served as chaplain in the Confederate Army.

After the war, he returned to Charleston and became pastor of the Citadel Square Baptist Church until 1872 when he accepted the call of the Baptist church in Marion, Alabama. Two years later he became editor of the Alabama Baptist newspaper. For ten years he served as president of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Four times he was vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention and preached the convention sermon in 1862. He published writings on missions, religious liberty, hymnody, and the religious instruction of African Americans. He died in Marion, Alabama, on Nov. 10, 1883.

Scope and Content Note

The collection includes a variety of material, although the bulk of the collection consists of sermons and writings of Winkler. The papers do include addresses, sermons and sermon books, biographical information, clippings, correspondence, poems, photographs, and writings.

The sermons date from 1851 to 1883, although the majority of the sermons cover the period from 1858 to 1860. Winkler would preach these sermons at various locations and more than one time. The sermons are all handwritten and vary in length, usually from two to eight pages. Some are full manuscripts of the sermons, while others are much briefer. Most sermons include the hymn numbers for the songs to sing at that service. It seems that the hymnal references are to Basil Manly's *Baptist Psalmody: A selection of hymns for the worship of God*, published by the Southern Baptist Publication Society. The first volume of sermons is numbered but the other three volumes follow a somewhat chronological order, but are not numbered. Some of the sermon books are indexed by topic and refer to page numbers in the volumes. The sermons cover a wide range of topics, such as the nature of God, the authority of Scriptures, discipleship, salvation, piety, baptism, and the Lord's supper. He does have some sermons related to the Civil War. He preached on the duties of soldiers and the coming war.

The listing below of sermons includes a date, when listed on the sermon. Sermons will sometimes have multiple dates with the earliest date listed on the folder listing.

Among the papers is the original letter (1872) inviting Winkler to accept the invitation of the Siloam Baptist Church in Marion, Alabama to become the pastor of that church. Also included is a resolution of appreciation of the church for Winkler's service.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

Provenance

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Winkler, E. T. (Edwin Theodore), 1823-1883.

Baptists – Alabama

Baptists – Sermons – 19th century

Sermons, American

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Religious aspects.

Related Materials

Winkler, Edwin Theodore. Sermons, 1851-1879. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, MF 1322

Container Listing

- 1.1 Address – Baccalaureate address – Howard College, June 16, 1878
- 1.2 Biographical/Correspondence, 1872-1920
- 1.3 Clippings – Tributes to Winkler
- 1.4 Photographs – E. T. Winkler
- 1.5 Poetry
- 1.6 Sermon – “Centennial” – Alabama Baptist Convention, July 13, 1876
- 1.7 Sermon Book, 1851- 1879 (sermons numbered)
 - 1. Active obedience, nd
 - 2. Existence of God, Oct. 23, 1851
 - 3. Inspiration of the Scriptures, Dec. 12, 1851
 - 4. Divinity of the Scriptures, Dec. 20, 1851
 - 5. Unity of God, Dec. 28, 1851
 - 6. Trinity of Persons in the Godhead, Jan. 21, 1858
 - 7. Wisdom, nd
 - 8. And behold the Lord passed by Feb. 1858
 - 9. O Lord revive thy work, March 21, 1858
 - 10. Hardness of Heart, nd
 - 11. Christian obligations, March 28, 1858
 - 12. The Idle Laborers, April 2, 1858
 - 13. Moses Prayer, nd.
 - 14. The empty lamps, June 13, 1858
 - 15. The gospel witness, April 9, 1858
 - 16. Mistakes in seeking happiness, nd
 - 17. Our use of God’s Law, April 18, 1858
 - 18. Fear blessed, May 23, 1858
 - 19. The Convicted Soul, May 13, 1860
 - 20. Necessity of repentance, May 16, 1858
 - 21. Nature of repentance, May 23, 1858
 - 22. State of Salvation, May 30, 1858
 - 23. Youthful Piety, May 30, 1858
 - 24. Sowing and reaping, June 6, 1858
 - 25. Jacob’s Life, June 6, 1858
 - 26. A steadfast profession, June 13, 1858
 - 27. Christ in History, June 20, 1858
 - 28. Christ in Humanity, June 20, 1858
 - 29. Office of a servant, nd
 - 30. Work of ministry – an Ordination sermon, June 27, 1858
 - 31. Comfort to God’s People, nd
 - 32. The Good Shepard, Aug. 7, 1859

33. God's Benefits, Aug. 7, 1859
34. Joy and Sorrow blended, Aug. 14, 1859
35. Christian Duties, Aug. 14, 1859
36. God our Father, Aug. 21, 1859
37. Vanity of World, Aug. 21, 1859
38. Glory of the Ascension, Aug. 29, 1859
39. Happiness of the Righteous, Aug. 29, 1859
40. Baptism of Jesus, Sept. 4, 1859
41. Remembering Christ, Sept. 4, 1859
42. Death appointed, Sept. 18, 1859
43. False zeal in religion, nd
44. Operations of the Spirit, Sept. 25, 1859
45. Rewards of Saints, nd
46. Receiving Grace in vain, Oct. 2, 1859
47. Particular judgment, Oct. 2, 1859
48. Growth in Knowledge, Oct. 9, 1859
49. Moderate circumstances, Oct. 9, 1859
50. Salvation neglected for the world, Oct. 16, 1859
51. The Lost Sheep, Oct. 16, 1859
52. Self-Knowledge and humanity, Oct. 23, 1859
53. Self-Knowledge and Piety, Oct. 23, 1859
54. Thanksgiving sermon – Health preserved, Oct. 27, 1859
55. Way of salvation, Oct. 30, 1859
56. Unforgiving temper, Oct. 30, 1859
57. Baptism of Jesus, Oct. 16, 1868
58. Christian economy, Nov. 13, 1859
59. Benefits of the gospel, Nov. 27, 1859
60. The sealing and grieving of the Spirit, Nov. 27, 1859
61. The faithful saying, Dec. 4, 1859
62. The Broad and Narrow Way, Dec. 11, 1859
63. Fear of the Lord, Dec. 11, 1859
64. Prayer, Dec. 18, 1859
65. Self-delusion, Dec. 18, 1859
66. Sabbath schools, Dec. 18, 1859
67. Christ claims to honors, Dec. 25, 1859
68. How to honor Christ, Dec. 25, 1859
69. God's sanctifying Word, Jan. 7, 1860
70. Repentance, Jan. 14, 1860
71. Semblance of Piety, Jan. 14, 1860
72. Kingdom of God, Jan. 22, 1860
73. Signs of Grace, Jan. 21, 1860
74. Special Slumber, Jan. 29, 1860
75. Teachings of a suffering Savior, Jan. 29, 1860
76. Second coming of Christ, Feb. 5, 1860
77. Lesson of the Second Advent, Feb. 5, 1860
78. The Second Advent, a motive to Holiness, April 8, 1860

79. Second Advent and Christian Diligence, Feb. 19, 1860
80. Misplaced confidence, Feb. 26, 1859
81. Installation Sermon for James H. Huskins to the pastoral ministry, Feb. 26, 1860
82. Baptisms in Samaria, March 4, 1860
83. Jesus, the day before his death, March 4, 1860
84. Lesson of intercession, April 8, 1860
85. State of Grace, March 18, 1860
86. Vanity of the world realized, March 18, 1860
87. Law and Conscience, March 25, 1860
88. The Christian Inheritance, March 25, 1860
89. Reception of the Holy Ghost, April 1, 1860
90. Gospel Holiness, April 1, 1860
91. Christian Perfection, April 15, 1860
92. God's Law for Society, April 22, 1860
93. Unconsidered Blessings, April 29, 1860
94. Trials of Christians, April 29, 1860
95. Baptism of the Eunuch May 6, 1860
96. Lord's Supper, May 6, 1860
97. Commiseration of Sinners May 13, 1860
98. Children brought to Jesus, May 13, 1860
99. God's Word pure, May, 1879
100. Ministry of Angels, May 20, 1860
101. The Christian and Ungodly compared, May 26, 1860
102. Preparation for Death, May 25, 1860
103. Noah's obedience, May, 1877
104. Our rest not here, June 3, 1860
105. Prayer and work, June 6, 1860
106. Christ Contemned, June 6, 1860

- 1.8 Sermon book, 1858-1883
- Honesty and Piety (some pages missing)
 - Pentecostal revival, Jan. 24, 1858
 - A conscience void of offences, Jan. 3, 1858
 - Joy of a good conscience, Jan. 10, 1858
 - Necessity of Holiness, nd
 - He came unto his own and his own received him not, Jan. 16, 1859
 - Religious indecision, June 15, 1860
 - Forsaking Christ, June 15, 1860
 - The Doctrines of Jesus, June 22, 1860
 - Who's on the Lord's side?, June 24, 1860
 - Paul's conversion, nd
 - Lord's Supper (written not preached) Sept. 1872
 - Tribulations, nd
 - Public worship, July 8, 1860
 - The Law of the Lord is perfect, July 15, 1860
 - Groundless Confidence, July 15, 1860

The Comprehensive Law, nd
 Employment of time, July, 1860
 Mystery of godliness, Aug. 4, 1860
 Christ our Song – sermon to children, Aug. 5, 1860
 Comfort to Afflicted, Aug. 10, 1860
 Blessedness of Saints, Aug. 11, 1860
 Revelations of the judgment, Aug. 11, 1860
 Sanctified use of troubles, Aug. 18, 1860
 Delay of conversion, nd.
 Dispositions for communion, Sept. 1, 1860
 Dangers of Prosperity, nd
 Prodigal Son, nd
 Funeral sermon for E.C. Mowry, Aug. 1860
 Baptism of the first Gentiles, Sept. 1, 1860
 Humiliation, Sept. 9, 1860
 Faith, Sept. 9, 1860
 Repentance, Sept. 15, 1860
 Business and religion, nd
 New Obedience, nd
 Comfort in bereavement, Sept. 24, 1860
 Terms of discipleship, Sept. 30, 1860
 Evidences of adoption, Sept. 30, 1860
 Plan of salvation, Oct. 7, 1860
 God's children – a sermon for children, Oc. 7, 1860
 Domestic Piety, Oct. 12, 1860
 The Atonement, Oct. 14, 1860
 False [Evil] conscience, Oct. 21, 1860
 Human depravity, Oct. 21, 1860
 The Thought of death, nd
 Greatness of our God: Jesus in his divine grandeur, nd
 The nourishment of men – Thanksgiving sermon, Nov. 1, 1860
 Prosperity of Christ's cause – A missionary and baptismal sermon, Nov. 4, 1860
 Benefactor – Lord's Supper sermon, Nov. 4, 1860
 Public Spirit, Nov. 11, 1860
 Denying Christ, Nov. 11, 1860
 National Obligations, Nov. 23, 1860
 Great periods of human life, Nov. 25, 1860
 Piety blessed, Dec. 9, 1860
 Christ our Ark – children sermon, Dec. 9, 1860
 Influence of Christians on the world, Dec. 16, 1860
 Crown of Righteousness, Dec. 16, 1860
 Trouble, Dec. 23, 1860
 Going with God's people, Dec. 30, 1860
 Duties of Citizen Soldiers – a sermon preached Moultrie Guard in the First Baptist
 Church of Charleston, S.C. Jan. 6, 1861
 War, Jan. 13, [1861]

Paul's Charge, Jan. 13, [1861]
Blessed Dead, Jan. 20, 1861
Witnesses of the Transfiguration, Jan. 27, 1861
Method of Salvation, nd
Mary's Commendation, Sept. 1879
Final Account, nd
I am the door, nd.
Conversion of Lydia, March 3, 1861

1. 9 Sermon books, 1855-1881
a. Volume beginning Feb. 1855

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall never pass away, Feb. 1878
All honor to the Scriptures of the Lord, nd
Abraham, nd
For the Son of Man is come to save that which was lost, nd
The light of the body is the eye....., Feb. 1878
Christ's estimations of his people, nd
Doom of the ungodly anticipated, Feb. 1855
Partial knowledge, Feb. 1855
Faith tested, Feb. 1855
Hope tested, Feb. 1855
Excellence of Charity, Feb. 1855
Public Amusements, nd
Burden of sin removed, Feb. 1855
Blessed are they that mourn, Feb. 1855
Open my eyes that I may see, March, 1855
Judge not, Sept. 1880
Deal bountifully with thy servant that I may live and keep thy word, Feb. 1855
Gratitude for the gift of Christ, March 1855
Creation, a type of redemption, March 1855
Our communion is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ, nd
Glory of God displayed in Christ, March, 1855
The truth shall make you free, nd
Redeemer, nd
My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee....., March, 1855
Vicissitudes of Christian expression, March 29, 1855
Prayer for Revival, April 1, 1855
Redemption, April 1, 1855
Address to be delivered before the Sons of Temperance in anticipation of the annual
session of the national division in June, 1855 at the city of Charleston
God will arise and have mercy on Zion, nd
Extent of redemption, nd
The kindness love of God toward man now appeared, Bristol Baptist Church, 1855
Life of Christ in the soul, April, 1855

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b. Volume beginning June, 1855 (Indexed)

Divine Guidance, June, 1855
Design of the Lord's Supper, July 1855
Lecture – Psalms 1, July, 1855
Christian Brotherhood Illustrated, July 1, 1855
Truth of Fiction – before Literary Club, July, 1855
The Kingdom and victory of the Messiah – Psalms 2, nd
Time eternity, July 8, 1855
Faith's complaints and comforts – Psalms 3, July 12, 1855
A Believers' cry for help to God – Psalms 4, nd
Crosses, July 12, 1855
Fervent prayer of the ungodly, nd
A penitential psalm, nd
Sin of knowledge, July, 1855
Complaints or Trust, nd
God's greatness on man, nd
Importance of small duties, August 5, 1855
Praise and prayer, August, 1855
Prayer for help – Psalms 10, nd
Ignorances of Christians, August 12, 1855
Trust in God, nd
Prayer of hypocrites, men of violence, nd
Elements of Religion, August 19, 1855
Cry of help to God, August 23, 1855
The great corruption of the world – To the Chief Musician- Psalms 14, August 26, 1855
Ease of Service, August 26, 1855
Who receives the grace of God?, August 30, 1855
Rest and peace in God, Sept. 2, 1855
Glorifying God, Sept. 2, 1855
Prayer for help and salvation – Psalms 17, nd
Praise for salvation – Psalms 18, nd
Ends of the Gospel, Sept. 9, 1855
I will praise God, my preserver, Sept. 13, 1855
Praise of God's glory in nature, Sept. 16, 1855
Invitation of Christ, Sept. 16, 1855

1.10 Tupper, James – Memorial booklet, 1868

1. 11 Writings – Winkler

1.12 Writings – “Notes and Question” by E. T. Winkler, 1858

1. 13 Writings – “Policy of Internal Improvement, nd