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8 linear ft.

Methodist minister.

Summary: Papers of George Frederick Wells include diaries, 1905-1958; writings on the rural church and various theological questions; sermons; scrapbooks and notebooks; and pamphlets, tracts and church programs. Also, correspondence, 1900-1958, much of it with World War II servicemen, but also concerning the Country Church Movement.

Finding aids: Container list.

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Methodist clergyman's papers, consisting of diaries (38 vols., 1905-1909, 1911, 1913-1914, 1917-1920, 1923-1958); numerous drafts of articles on the rural church and its role in the community, religious education of children, ministerial ethics, church federation, theological questions, and other subjects, and copies of periodicals containing his articles; sermons with indexes; scrapbooks and notebooks (18 vols.); loose newspaper and magazine clippings; pamphlets, tracts, and church programs; card files of correspondents in military service, copies of original poems and prayers, bibliography of writings concerning the Country Church Movement, Wells' book The Status of Rural Vermont (1903), photographs, and correspondence (1900-1958), both incoming and carbon copies of outgoing, the bulk of it with World War II servicemen formerly in his Boy Scout troops, but also with Kenyon L. Butterfield, Staley F. Davis, Mark Dawber, Edward R. Eastman, George B. Gilbert, Joseph L. Hills, Henry Israel, Benson Y. Landis, John M. Pearson, Mark Rich, E. B. Sanford, Paul I. Vogt, Frank A. Waugh, Ralph Williamson, much of the latter pertaining to the Country Church Movement. Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene Counties; Tyringham, Massachusetts; South Hero, Vermont.

Main entry:


Cross references to main entry:

Butterfield, Kenyon L
Davis, Staley F
Dawber, Mark
Eastman, Edward Roe, 1835-1970
Gilbert, George B
Hills, Joseph L
Israel, Henry, 1877-
Landis, Benson Y
Pearson, John M
Rich, Mark
Sanford, Elias B., 1843-1932
Vogt, Paul I
Waugh, Frank A
Williamson, Ralph
Country Church Movement
World War II (soldiers' letters)

Columbia County (rural churches)
Delaware County (rural churches)
Dutchess County (rural churches)
Greene County (rural churches)
Massachusetts (Tyringham)
Vermont (South Hero)
Churches (Methodist)
Churches (rural)
Clergy (Methodist)
Education (religious)
Religion (theological studies)
Sermons

Boxes 1-16 are 4" boxes; 17-18 are 16".
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Boxes 1-16 are n.s. 4"
" 17&18 are 16"

Revised box numbers, 12-68:
Box 1 - Correspondence, 1900-1940
Box 2 - Correspondence, 1941
Box 3 - Correspondence, 1942
Box 4 - Correspondence, 1943
Box 5 - Correspondence, 1944-1945
Box 6 - Correspondence, 1946-1958
Box 7 - same contents as on the orig. listing
Box 8 - same  "    "    "    "
Box 9 - same  "    "    "    "
Box 10 - same  "    "    "    "
Box 11 - same  "    "    "    "
Box 12 - same  "    "    "    "
Box 13 - same  "    "    "    "
Box 14 - same  "    "    "    "
Box 15 - formerly Box 1
Box 16 - combination of misc. material formerly in Boxes 5 & 6
Box 17 - same contents as on the orig. listing
Box 18 - same  "    "    "    "

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J. Kanahele's Notes on the George F. Wells Papers: #2141

Box 1:

(1) Looseleaf binder: "High School"—Index to Rev. Wells' sermons by subject, also lists no., title, and text.

(2) Folder: "Correspondence—Old"—J.K. put these papers in the folder; these papers are not Wells contains:
- Church programs
- Book and magazine mail advertising
- Newspaper clippings, mostly columns by George Mathew Adams
- Church Pamphlets and Tracts
- Two Pamphlets on "Atlantic Union"
- Two Pledge Cards
- Calling Card "Rev. Lincoln MacKensie"
- Membership Card for G.F.W. for League of Vermont Writer Valentine
- Facsimile Title Page of Zion's Herald of 9 January 1823 — "The Federated Churches of Lincoln, Vermont. Articles of Amalgamation"
- Reprint: "The Last Best Hope of Earth: An Interview with the Vice-President of the United States by Frank S. Mead, Editor of the 'Christian Herald'
- "Appeal to Men in Service" by W.C.T.U.
- "The Ten Commandments of Safety"
- "Why I Go To Temple" by Samuel B. Finkel
- Scraps

(3) Folder: "Business"—a handful of receipts, 1 invoice, etc.

(4) Folder: "Newspaper Clippings" concerns:
- Sesquicentennial of Columbia Co., N.Y.
- Scouting
- Boys in the Service to whom he wrote
- Church Unity
- Country Life
- Country Life Leaders, obituaries etc.

(5) Folder: "Mimeo Material" concerns:
- Scouting (mostly)
- Red Cross
- Ground Observers' Corp
- Agricultural Missions Foundation
- Methodist Rural Fellowship etc.

(6) Pamphlet (mimeo Ts.) "Report of Child and Family Committee"


(8) Folder: "Children"—contains: notes and clippings pertaining to the religious education of children, radio sermon on the same subject.
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Box 1:
(9) Black Looseleaf Notebook -- contains misc. clippings, notes, programs, scratch paper, and transcript of radio talk.

Box 2:
(1) Letters -- mostly letters (some postcards and Christmas cards), correspondence with servicemen, their letters and frequently carbons of his replies, occasional clippings, church programs, or picture. States he writes to about 60 men [probably more than that -- J.K.] 1940-45, not in order, still in envelopes. [to be interfiled]

Box 3:
(1) Letters -- H.R. Barlow, most faithful correspondent. James J. Hardie most literate among servicemen, along with Raymond Roberts. Occasional letters to and from chaplains and ministers. 1941-44, not in order, still in envelopes. [to be interfiled]

Box 4:
(1) Letters -- 4" x 6" card file with the names of all military correspondents entered on them; 3" x 5" card file with names and addresses of all military correspondents, 1940-45, not in order. [to be interfiled]. One set almost duplicates the other set exactly.

Box 5:
(1) Folder: "Carbon copies of Rev. Wells' letters to servicemen" -- The folder contains letters as mentioned clippings about the soldiers pasted to looseleaf paper. Not in order. [to be interfiled]

(2) Folder: -- contains newspaper clippings from Windham Journal concerning churches, town history, and obituaries.


(5) Scrapbook kept in volume entitled "Epworth League Notebook" clippings, notes, etc, concerning the league.

Box 6:
(1) Folder: "Ministerial Ethics" -- contains Ms of "A Minister and His Predecessors Critique of Ministerial Ethics" by Rev. Horace Hoffman. Letters between them in the year 1934.

(2) Folder: "Israel" -- contains letters of 1937, to and from concerning Henry Israel of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. [to be interfiled]

(3) Folder: "Dawber" -- contains letters of 1937-38, to and from Rev. Mark A. Dawber of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church. [to be interfiled]
Box 6:
(4) Folder: "Correspondence Current" -- contains letters of 1941 to and from various ministers for information on the Country Life Movement. [to be interfiled]


(6) Scrapbook pages with newspaper clippings related to the service-man and religion, also many copies of prayers.


(8) Pamphlet: "The Church and Veterans" -- contains findings and speeches of Bishops' Conference with Returned Veterans, Columbus, Ohio, July 4-5-6-7, 1946

(9) Scrapbook (black): "Women's Foreign Missionary Society Leader's Workbook" -- carbons of letters to servicemen, 1942-45; occasional clippings; and three issues of the "Messenger". [to be interfiled]

(10) Folder: "My First 100 Sermons" -- contains Church Management, Dec. 1937, and Ms. of "My First 100 Sermons"

(11) Folder: "Engineering" -- contains Ms. of "The Rural Church and Social Engineering."

Box 7:
(1) "Correspondence - Status of Rural Vermont": -- contains letters (1903-06) to and from Joseph L. Hills, of U. of Vermont concerning the publication of his senior thesis "Status of Rural Vermont" and to and from Kenyon L. Butfield of Carnegie Institute concerning work Wells did for C.I. [to be interfiled]

(2) Scrapbook contains newspaper and religious journal clippings 1898-1921.

(3) Folder: "Wells, G.F., Mss." -- contains sermons, articles, stray pages and notes.

(4) Folder: "The Unity, Federation, and Correlation of Christian Forces" -- contains manuscript of "A Report submitted in response to the request of the Business Committee of the Federal Council, made by their Meeting held in New York, April 12, 1911."


(6) Folder: "Church Unity and Domestic Missions in Vermont" -- contains Ms. (several drafts of it).

(7) Folder: "Institutional Churches" -- contains Ms. of "The Institutional Church in History" and Ms. of "The Literature of the Country Church Movement."
Box 7:
(8) Ms.: "9,555 Parish Calls: A Preliminary Study."

(9) Black Looseleaf Notebook: "9,555 Parish Calls: A Preliminary Study"
-- contains correspondence of 1912, 1917, 1921, 1935, 1939, 1941
and misc. including letters of recommendations for Rev. Wells, letters to ministers, etc., notes, newspaper clippings, medical form, etc.
[to be interfiled]
Box 8:
(1) Notebook: "Administration of Church Music"—contains clippings, notes, and programs
(2) Notebook: "G. F. Wells. Windham D.V.B.S."—Daily Vacation Bible School; list of contributions, bills, programs, clippings, notes, etc.
(3) Notebook: with picture of Scout pasted on the cover; notes on Scout troops, clippings, tellers, bills.
(4) Notebook: "Play"—contains game instruction, articles and clippings.
(5) Notebook (maroon)—notes on art, clippings.
(6) Brown notebook: "Composition"—sermon notes, articles, pamphlets.

Box 9:
(1) Folder: "Wells, George Frederick, 'The Rural Church on Community Service" [2 copies of it]
(2) Folder: "Wells, George Frederick, Report of Daily Vacation Bible School at Windham" 31 July 1930 [2 copies reprinted from Windham Jour.]
(3) Folder: "Church Unity Lecture Notes"
(4) Folder: "A Select Bibliography on the Country Church"
(6) Folder: "Church Federation Facts" Nos. 1, 2, 3. [2 each]
(7) Folder: "Christian Unity in Fact and Practice"
(8) Folder: "An Answer to the New England Church Question" by Wells
(9) Folder: "Vermont and the Rural Churches" by Wells
(10) Folder: "Rural Exodus and Social Progress, 1903. Commencement Address"
(12) Folder: "Origin of the Country Church Movement" Ms.
(14) Pamphlet: "A Social Survey for Rural Communities". pamphlet by Wells, 1911.
Box 9 (cont.):

(15) Folder: Letter dated 6 Nov. 1941 from W. A. Anderson, Cornell, returning manuscript.

(16) Folder: "Old Home Day" [to be interfiled] — Letters and news clipping, regarding "Old Home Day" at various parishes.

(17) Folder: "Persons Rural Leaders" — Letters 1915-50, clippings, notes and misc. [to be interfiled]


(19) Folder: "Ralph Williamson"—Letters to and from Ralph Williamson [to be interfiled] on the Rural Church Institute — 1951, 1953. the Rural Fellowship, Summer 1951.

(20) Folder: "Landis"—Letters to and from Benson Y. Landis, The Home Missions Council 1937-38, programs, etc. [to be interfiled]

(21) Folder: "Larger Parish"— mimeo notes on the subject.


(23) Folder: "Rural Preaching Mission"—notes, clippings, pamphlets, form letters 1936-37.


(26) Folder: "Rural City of God"— notes on subject, church program, letter to "Dear Oscar" [probably his brother] written on 24 August 1941. [to be interfiled]

(27) Folder: "Hewitt"—letters 1940-41 to Arthur, Oscar and Lucy. [to be interfiled].

(28) Folder: "Rural"— Two copies of The Pastor's Journal, March, 1935 containing "A Minister and His Predecessors" by Wells. Letter, 26 Feb., 1938, from Thomas Alfred Tripp, Board of Home Missions of Congregational Church. clippings, church programs, 3 letters [to be interfiled]

(29) Folder: "Programs"— programs, form letters, announcements [to be interfiled]

(30) Mimeo Ts. by Wells: "The New England Country Church Question"
Box 9 (con't):

(31) Folder: "W. L. Anderson and Prof. Frank A. Waugh"—notes, biographical material on W. L. Anderson. Letters to an from Frank A. Waugh of Mass. A. C. 1937. to be interfiled.

(32) Looseleaf Scrapbook (black)—contains clippings, notes, programs, an occasional letter to be interfiled; mostly pertaining to history of local parishes.

(33) Lion's Herald: the issues of March 11, 18, 25, 1953 and of April 1 and 8, 1953. Clippings have been removed.

Box 10:

(1) cc. Ts.: The Church and Rural America by Wells.

(2) Letters: letters to be interfiled, papers, and clippings pertaining to James Weed, one of his servicemen correspondents.

(3) cc. Ts.: "Ministerial Ethics and the Christian Fundamentals" by Wells.

(4) Ms.: "The War and the Country Churches"

(5) cc. Ts.: list of scriptural passages.

(6) Ms.: "Criteria by Which to Identify, Classify and Evaluate Programs Projects in Country Church Work"

(7) Ms.: "Creative Ideas for the Country Church"


(9) Ts. mimeo: "The Kingdom of Christ among Men"

(10) Ts. mimeo: Questionnaire entitled "Church Federation and the Smaller Denominations".

(11) Ms.: "Sir Horace Plunkett by C. J. Galpin"


(13) Folder: "You Ought to Know". Material on dating the Country Church movement.

(14) Carbon paper box containing mostly letters to and from people who like his poetry 1953-57.

(15) Letters to be interfiled and Ms. pages concerning Wells' attempt to write a book for children. Clippings, too.

(16) cc. Ts.: "How With Children?" by Wells

(17) cc. Ts.: "Helping the Children" by Wells
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Box 10 (con't):

(18) Letters to and from relatives and friends, 1946-47, mostly concerning a book he is writing on religious education for children [to be interfiled]

(19) mimeo Ts.: "Religious Nurture Within The Family: A Series of Seven Broadcasts V: Guiding Children in Prayer" not by Wells.

(20) Ts.: "By-Laws of Township Health Committee"


(22) mimeo Ts.: "Message of Israel" 16 Feb. 1947. by Rabbi James G. Heller.

(23) Ms.: "Talking it Over With Children" by Wells.

(24) Ts.: "Talking it Over With Children" by Wells.

(25) Ts.cc.: "A Study of the Efficiency of the County Work of the Young Men's Christian Association" by Wells, 1908.

Box 11:

(1) Folder: "Anthony Vogt, 1937" -- contain pamphlets: (1) "The Size of the Rural Parish" by Ralph A. Fenton; (2) "The Salary of Rural Pastors" by Ralph A. Fenton; (3) "The Rural Church at Worship: programs. Letters [to be interfiled] to and from ministers mostly, 1937, some 1941. Letter from Heber J. Grant, autograph of Mormon President, dated 1937.


(5) Pamphlet: "Buck Creek Parish"


(7) Ts.cc.: "Are 'Union Churches' Advisable" by Wells [2 copies]

(8) Ts.cc.: "The Need of Church Federation in Vermont" by Wells

(9) Ts.cc.: "The Country Life Movement in New England"
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Box 11 (con't.):

(10) mimeo Ts.: "Some Work in the Methodist Church, Lovington, Illinois" by Charles Simeon Lyles.

(11) mimeo Ts.: "The Uniting of Churches - Does it Pay" by Wells [2 copies]

(12) cc. Ts.: "The Problem of the Rescue Mission" [2 copies]

(13) Folder: "Minister and his Predecessors" contains Ts. of "A Minister's Duty to his Predecessor", notes, letters 1934.

(14) Folder: "E. B. Sanford" Letters to be interfiled to and from F. B. Sanford 1916, 1922-23.

(15) Ms.: "Who Are We?"

(16) Ms.: "Community Protection"


(19) mimeo Ts. "An Exclusive Church Rebaptized" (author's name obliterated).

(20) Folder: "Country Church and County Church" - Ts. "The Country Church and the County Work" [3 copies]

(21) Folder: "Better Country Churches" - Ts.

(22) Ms: "The Successful Rural Minister"

(23) The Pulpit, Dec. 1944

(24) Ms.: "The Profit Motive"

(25) cc. Ts. "Minister and the Predecessors" by Wells


(27) cc. Ts.: "A Five Year Program for a Small Town Church..." by Wells.


Box 11 (con't):
(30) Folder: "How We Are Working At Tyringham"-Ts. "How We are Working at Tyringham" by Wells.

(31) Folder: "Biography Personal" containing carbon copy letters to be interfiled to Rev. Staley F. Davis, Board of Sunday Schools, Dec. 1922. Assorted biographical note and fragments papers, notes, lists, form letters, pamphlets, etc. relating to the Boy Scouts.

(32) Folder: "Catskill-Hudson Area Interdenominational Rural Church Conference"-papers relating thereto.

(33) Ms.: Untitled, 1 Aug. 1937.

Box 12:
(1) Folder: "Germantown, New York Church Records"-to be interfiled Letters, 1935, to and from concerning salary difficulties.

(2) Ts.: "The Church As a Society" unsigned.

(3) Ts.: "The Religious Phase of the Rescue Mission Problem" by Wells.

(4) "The Glory of Athletics" unsigned

(5) Ts.: "Pastoral Evangelism" by Wells.

(6) Ms.: "Where is Heaven" by Wells.

(7) Ts.: "The Christian Doctrine of Justification and Reconciliation by Albrecht Ritschl" by Wells.

(8) Ts.: "Helping Children Find God" by Wells.


(10) Folder: "New England Country Church Question" Ts. inside by Wells.

(11) Ms.: "A Country Minister Surveys the Field"

(12) Papers, notes, clippings, catalogues, regarding First Aid and Safety.

(13) Folder: "Is an Organized Country Life Movement Possible"-containing Ts.: "The Country Minister Knowing His Parish" and Ts.: "The Country Pastor and Play" by Wells

(14) Folder: "Answering an Ultimate Question" by Wells

(15) Ts.: "One Way to Solve the Rural Church Problem"

(16) Ms.: "Measuring the Country Church Movement"
Box 12 (cont.):
(17) TS.: "The Status of the Individual in the Church of the Middle Ages"

(18) TS.: "Ministerial Ethics and the Christian Funeral" [2 copies]

(19) TS.: "The Rural Community Church" by Wells

(20) TS.: "Echoes from a Country Parish" by Sanford Faulkner Boardman.


(22) TS.: "Report on Study of New York City Missions"

(23) Folder: "Dawber, Mark A. Must We Revise Our Rural Ideals and Our Rural Life Program?"—mimeo Ts. inside.

(24) TS.: "The Life Work of Professor A. V. G. Allen—as Influenced by his Early Environment."

(25) TS.: "The Status of the Individual in the Early Church" by Phil. P. Jacobs

(26) "A Study in Local Church Federation" by Wells. Ts.

(27) TS.: "Review and Introduction"

(28) TS.: "A Macedonian Cry"

(29) TS.: "Called to Account" [2 copies]

(30) TS.: "A Call to Standardness" [2 copies]

(31) TS.: "Learning Things First Hand"

(32) TS.: "Among the Hills"

(33) TS.: "Possibilities. I. Among the Hills"

(34) TS.: "Lincoln"

(35) TS.: "A Dirge"

(36) TS.: "Echoes from a Country Parish...I. A Challenge"

(37) Pamphlet: "The Signs of the Times" by Rev. Louis V.S. Hatton

(38) Folder: "History of Church Movement" notes on above rural movement.

(39) TS.: jokes (2 pp.)

(40) Folder: "Retired Preachers. What a Retired Preacher Does"—rough drafts of article "What do Retired Ministers Do?"; clipping from Vermont Alumni News Nov. 1949; program; Pension Progress, July, 1950; pamphlet, The Retired Minister by Wm. J. Thompson
Box 12:
(40 - a) Folder: "Typist Portfolio" -- contains rough drafts and notes for "The Minister's Message to the Rural People", "Scouting in the Country Church Program"
Box 12 (con't):
(41) Picture of group of men, unidentified and signed by W. W. Watson

(42) Picture of the Cornell Summer School for Town and Country Ministers, Wells identified, 1926-1940.

(43) Pamphlet: "1803-1903, Centennial of the Old First Congregational Church, Windham New York; Windham Journal Print, 1903; Pulled Place, and in File cataloged separately W.F. 4-30-65.


Box 13:
(1) Black Scrapbook entitled "Compositions", but containing clippings pasted in 1907-1932 and notes primarily concerning weekday Bible School.

(2) Ms.: "The Pastor Evangelist"

(3) Notes on "Francis Asbury"

(4) Notes on Luther's funeral

(5) Ms.: "Between Ministers"

(6) Ms.: "A Second Word to Ministerial Associations"

(7) Ts.: "You Ought to Know" [2 copies]

(8) Notes, etc., on Church Federation

(9) Scriptural quotations and clippings, poetry (original and otherwise) some of it clippings, prayers - original and otherwise.

(10) Country Church Movement notes, rough drafts, questionnaires, printed mimeo bibliographies, price lists, and other material

(11) Papers from his stint with the Ground Observer Corps, Albany Air Defense Region.

(12) Notes, odd pages, etc., probably from sermon preparation.

(13) Newspaper clippings, programs, advertising pamphlets, other odd printed matter.

(14) "Town and Country Church, May, 1953"

(15) Ts.: "How One Country Pastor Did Community Work" by Wells

Box 14:
(1) Folder: "Federal Council" containing Ts. and Ms. copies of Wells' poetry
Box 14 (con't):

(2) Ts.: "The Social Problem of the Country Church" by Rev. Wells  

(3) Mimeo Ts.: "Community Leadership: A Course in Social Engineering  
for Village and Country Communities Prepared for the State Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of New York  
1914"

(4) Sermons - labelled in numbered envelopes:  
74. "Not Forsaken God's Care of the Aged."
87. "Mountain Peaks"
88. ""
89. ""  
91. "This Grand Display of God"
92. "The God of Elijah"

(5) Other numbered, "unnumbered":  
"The Country Church, Lecture Notes"  
"What the First American Methodists Stood For"  
"The Country Church and Social Service, The Gospel of the Kingdom"  
"How to Organize a Church Federation"  
"How Two Country Churches Became One"  
"Inter-Church Federation"  
"The Needs of the Country Church"  
"The Mission of Methodism in New England"  
"The Survey-Idea in Country-Life Work" by L.H. Bailey, a pamphlet

(6) Folder: "Anniversary Cletout" placed in this empty folder by J.K.  
screws and fragments of sermons, articles, etc., scratch paper—  
anything odd that does not form some recognizable whole.

(7) Folder: contains New York Daily News of June 12, 1939 and clippings  
of the U.S. Visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth and a few on  
Roosevelt

(8) Folder: contains references/recommendations for boys desiring to  
join Rev. Wells' Scout troop at Hyde Park  
Ts.cc. "A Challenge"  
Ts.cc. "In God's Country"  
Ts.cc. "A Minister and His Predecessors"  
Ts.cc. "The Minister's Message to the Royal People"  [2 copies]  
Ts. "Origin of the Country Church Movement"  
Ms. "The Preachers in New York City"  
Ms. "Nitrogen" -- really on nitrogen, not a sermon, apparently  
dated 26 Nov. 1900) done as a paper at the U. of Vermont  
Ts.cc. "Why Not Christian Funerals?"  
Ts.cc. "Ministerial Ethics and the Christian Funeral"  
Ts. bibliography of the Country Church Movement  
Ts. "Decent Christian Burial condensed from the Forum" by  
"Marian J. Caste"

Box 15:

(1) Letters in Envelopes. In chronological order by year - some unlisted  
[to be interfiled]
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Box 16:
1. Letters -- flat-filed (1900-1958) In chronological order by year - some undated. 4 E. C. Law letters July 15, Aug 18, 1922; Feb 12, 1925; Feb 26, 1926.

Box 17:
15. August 1907 containing "The Country Church and the Making of Manhood" by Wells.
18. April, 1911, containing "How to Federate and Unite Country Churches" by Wells [2 copies].
Box 17 (con't):

(14 con't) Periodical: The Homiletic Review: October 1915 -- containing "How to Build Up the Small Country Church" by Wells.

(15) Periodical: Methodist Review: July-August, 1907 -- containing "What Our Country Churches Need" by Wells; November-December, 1912 -- containing "The Rural Church in Community Service" by Wells; November-December, 1915 -- containing "Efficient Church Union for Country Towns" by Wells.

(16) Scrapbook (black) 1917-34: containing clippings, programs, notes, etc., mainly related to Sunday School. Photograph pasted to back cover.

(17) Scrapbook (tan canvas) "Church Federation" 1904-1910 -- containing newspaper clippings, magazine articles, principally by Rev. Wells, programs related to Church Federation and comity.

(18) Scrapbook (tan canvas) binding: W 2 1909-1919, 1929 -- containing newspaper clippings, magazine article, principally by Rev. Wells, programs, notes, one letter, chiefly related to Church Federation and comity.

(19) Group photograph: -- probably Cornell University Summer School for Rural Ministers 1926. Also attendance list.

(20) Notebook: --picture pasted on cover, two men, one of which has Einstein-like hair. Contains drafts of letters, notes, clippings, 1933-35.

Box 18:

(1) Diary: "A Mine A Day" -- containing notes from 1 January, 1905 to 5 March, 1909. a comparative record for five years with all same dates on same page. many gaps, very superficial.

(2) Diary: "A Mine A Day" -- containing notes from:
   1 Jan. 1911 - 16 June 1911
   17 May 1913 - 20 May 1913
   8 Mar 1914 - 20 May 1914
   6 Apr. 1917 - 31 Dec. 1917
   1 Jan. 1918 - 31 Dec. 1928
   1 Jan. 1919 - 31 Dec. 1919
   1 Jan. 1920 - 22 Dec. 1920
   1 Jan. 1925 - 31 Dec. 1925
   Many gaps within these inclusive dates. Note: 25 Jan. 1911, meets President Taft.

(3) Diary: "1923" -- containing notes from 1 Jan. 1923 to 31 Dec. 1923. Many gaps.

(4) Diary: "1924" -- containing notes from 1 Jan. 1924 to 30 Sept. 1924. Mostly blank
Box 18:


(18) Diary: "Date Book 1939" -- containing notes from 1 Jan. 1939 to 31 Dec. 1939.

(19) Diary: "Date Book 1940" -- containing notes from 1 Jan. 1940 to 31 Dec. 1940.

(20) Diary: "Date Book 1941" -- containing notes from 1 Jan. 1941 to 31 Dec. 1941.


(22) Diary: "Date Book 1943" -- containing notes from 1 Jan. 1943 to 31 Dec. 1943.
Box 18:


