



## Michigan Conference United Methodist Archives

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## Charles I. Bragg

### Personal Papers, 1855-1920

#### **Biographical Note:**

Charles Bragg was born 21 February 1877 in Dundee, Michigan. He was a Methodist Protestant minister, served as President of the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and (after the 1939 merger) became a minister in the combined Methodist Church. His first appointment was at Attica in 1906. He also served at Goodland, Yale, Rea, Cone, Lansing Main Street Methodist Church, Columbiaville, Clio, Marlette, London, and Mooreville. He was one of the commissioners of Methodist Union, helping to plan the 1939 merger. He retired completely in 1946. Charles Bragg died 18 February 1967, as Detroit Conference Cane holder (presented to the oldest living member of the conference).

#### **Scope Note:**

The collection contains a typewritten autobiography, drafts of Rev. Bragg's writings on the history of the Michigan Conference of Methodist Protestant Church, a pastor's record book (1909-1912), some sermons, and material he retained from his work on the 1939 Methodist Union.

#### **Extent:**

0.4 linear feet (ca. 800 pages)

#### **Access Restrictions:**

The collection is open to research.

#### **Restrictions on Use:**

Photocopying is handled by the staff and may be limited in certain instances. Before using any material for publication from this collection a formal request for permission to publish is expected and required.

## Appointments List

- 1906-1909: Attica MP
- 1909-1912: Goodland MP
- 1912-1916: Yale MP
- 1916-1918: Conference Evangelist
- 1918-1921: Monroe MP
- 1921-1923: Dundee MP
- 1923-1927: Lansing MP
- 1927-1930: President, Michigan Conference Methodist Protestant Church
- 1930-March 1934: Columbiaville MP
- March 1934-1939: Clio MP
- 1939-1940: Clio Trinity
- 1940-1942: Marlette
- 1942-1943: London
- 1943-1946: London & Mooreville
- 1947-1948: London (retired)
- 1948-1949: London & Mooreville (retired)
- 1950-1951: Wellsville (retired)
- August 1951-1954: Rea (retired)
- 1954-1967: Retired

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Box 1	<p><b>Personal Papers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#"><u><i>A Brief History of the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church</i></u></a> Multiple drafts with editing, 1958-1961</li><li>• "Grass Roots, Mountain Top &amp; Back: Autobiography of The Rev. Charles Bragg – Farmer, Minister, Farmer"</li><li>• <a href="#"><u><i>Memoirs of Outstanding Ministers of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church</i></u></a> Two drafts of this work contain brief biographies of Methodist Protestant ministers drawn from various conference sources: Jeremiah T. Pratt, Elisha Hall, Laban Smith, George B.W. Wooster, Beniah Bain, Harvey H. Johnson, Robert C. Lanning, Peter Snyder, William D. Tomkinson, William F. Oliver, John A. Morey, Christopher England, Willis C. Harger, William H. Cole, Michael Rene Saigeon, Lester Clark, Adam Moffat, John W. Gray, Robert Rutledge, John W. Saxbee, Jared Warner, Ancil C. Fuller, A. Smith, Charles Perry, Jessie M. Crandall, John H. Reilly, Samuel Riley, Francis H. Chase, Quintas E. Knight, John W. Warner, Adam C. Shepherdson, Levi Mills, Horace N. Cook, William Cope, John W. Mulholland, Robert N. Mulholland, James E. Hubble/Hubbell, A.N. Waldo, Silas F. Hale, John R. Stevenson, Lafayette Hutt, Joseph Pomfret, George Mikel, Charles W. Gray, Anson R. McRill, George .H. Lahr, Elias Wonderlic, Chandler Worth Stephenson, Austin B. Hathaway, Fred Traver, William G. Terhune, Clarence L. Ellis, William C. Helmbold, William Bentley, Alva A. Phelps, Lorenzo D. Abbott, Charles D. Paxson, Archibald Levi Bragg, John Kost, William Combs, John W. McCue, Fred Hart, Arthur Bertram Fockley, Samuel Tamblyn, Earnest A. Benedict, Frank Kunsman, Robert Harley Cunningham, Howard John Hescott, W. Henry Clark, John McLucas, Henry Shrauger, James J. Willitts, William J. Kennedy, John Robertson, Charles D. Covil, A.N. Warren, Amos Bradshaw, Delos Short, Moses L. Morden, J. Frank Broughton, William Elkins, David S. Cramer, Alexander E. Fox, James F. Shearer, John J. Beatty, Samuel Windrem, Jerome B. Keith, Melvin Simonds, Lucius D. Boynton, William H. Mitchell, P. Sampson, Alexander Acheson, William C. Griffin, Samuel Reeves, G. Washington White, Howard C. Watkins, Edward Swadling, and Archie Scott.</li><li>• Methodist Union, 1939<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Clippings (includes much on Michigan opponents of Union)</li><li>○ Comparison of Disciplines</li><li>○ General</li><li>○ Joint Commission</li><li>○ Joint Report of Preparatory Committees (3 folders)</li><li>○ Tracts Opposing</li></ul></li><li>• Pastor's Record Book: Methodist Protestant Church It covers baptisms, marriages, funerals, sermons, pastoral visits, and meetings attended from Bragg's time on the Goodland Circuit (1909-1912).</li><li>• Scrapbook News clippings, mostly about Methodist Union.</li><li>• Sermons Eleven sermons, mostly handwritten.</li></ul>