

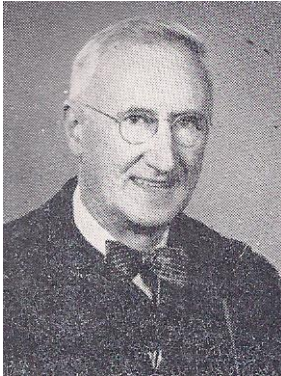
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William Charles Smithson Pellowe Personal Papers, 1910-1964

Biographical Note:

William Charles Smithson Pellowe was born 9 December 1890 in Bristol, England. He received a local preacher's license at the age of 17 for the Falmouth Circuit. At 19, he moved to Michigan and became the pastor at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Peck, Michigan (Sanilac County). From 1912 to 1917, he attended Albion College. In the spring of 1917, he entered the Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois while serving as the pastor at the Methodist Church in Forest Park, Illinois (Rock River Conference). On 19 September 1917, he enlisted as a private in the 337th Field Hospital Corps of the 85th Division of the United States Army, training at Fort Custer, near Battle Creek, Michigan. He later became a corporal in the 319th Infantry regiment of the 85th Division. In July 1918, he was sent to Camp Zachary Taylor in Kentucky, where he became Chaplain, with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. On 1 January 1919, he was discharged from service. He spent a winter studying at Vanderbilt University before returning to Garrett Biblical Institute, where he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree. He received his Master of Arts degree from the University of Chicago in 1921. In 1938 or 1939, he received a Doctor of Sacred Theology from the American Theological Seminary of Wilmington, New Jersey. He returned to Michigan after receiving his degree from the University of Chicago and served at several churches before he became Superintendent of the Saginaw District in 1937. Rev. Pellowe was married three times: first, from August 1918 through 1929 (her death) to Myra C. Salisbury, second, from 10 March 1931 through 15 January 1950 (her death) to Lila Irene Cook, and finally, from 3 May 1952 until his death to Ada B. Campbell. Rev. Pellowe died 2 March 1965 in Adrian, Michigan.

Scope Note:

This collection contains an autograph book, notes, correspondence, and writings.

Extent:

0.8 linear feet (ca. 1,600 pages)

Access Restrictions:

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Conference Appointments

- 1910-1912: Peck
- 1913-1916: Somerset Center & Jerome (West Michigan Conference)
- 1916-1917: Allen (West Michigan Conference)
- 1917-1919: United States Army Chaplain
- 1919: Winn's Chapel (Nashville, Tennessee)
- 1919-1921: Langley Avenue (Rock River Conference)
- 1921-1925: Detroit Preston
- 1925-1930: Detroit East Grand Boulevard
- 1930-1933: Royal Oak
- 1933-1937: Saginaw Jefferson Avenue
- 1937-1943: Superintendent, Saginaw District
- 1943-1952: Port Huron
- 1952-1957: Adrian (retired in 1957)
- Post Retirement: Curator of Conference Historical Society

Contents List

Container	Contents
Box 1	Asa Mahan - Article and Materials Autograph Book, 1910-1945 British and Cornish Preachers Church Union of Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist Churches Correspondence and Articles about Mark Twain, 1943-1964 Correspondence, Other Early Detroit Methodism Research Materials (2 folders)
Box 2	"History of Methodism in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan" Lecture Notes and Travel Journal "Michigan Methodist Chaplains in the Civil War, 1861-1865" Notes on Quarterly Conferences for Saginaw Bay District Churches (A-N), 1938-1943 (O-Z), 1938-1943 Parochial Schools "The Sky-Lines of Paradise: A Novel" (2 folders)