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McDOWELL, WILLIAM GEORGE
Papers, 1906 - 1938

Background:

William George McDowell served as the fifth Episcopal Bishop of Alabama. Born August 2, 1882 in Lexington, Kentucky, McDowell was a graduate of Washington and Lee University and Virginia Theological Seminary. He served as rector of two parishes in Virginia and rector of Church of the Holy Innocents in Auburn, Alabama before being elected Bishop-Coadjutor in 1922. McDowell became Bishop of the diocese in 1928. He died March 20, 1938 in Mobile.

Scope and Content:

The William George McDowell Papers include correspondence relating to McDowell's service as Episcopal Bishop of Alabama, a journal kept by McDowell for the years 1909-1918, photographs, newspaper clippings and a scrapbook of clippings about McDowell's life and career.

Related Collections:

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ALABAMA Records

Subject Areas:

Clergy – Alabama.
Episcopal Church – Alabama.

Size: 2 linear feet (2 boxes)

Source: Episcopal Diocese of Alabama

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File Number:	Description:
1591.1.2	“Historical Address on the Centennial of the Diocese of Alabama,” typescript, 8p. With an order of service pamphlet for the consecration of a Bishop; photograph of Bishop McDowell, news clipping and letter about Bishop McDowell.
1591.1.2	Council address. Handwritten ms., 4p.
1591.1.3	Three letters to Bishop McDowell: John Ridout, 22 March 1934, 7p. John Ridout, 17 March 1934, 7p. w/env. “Isabel,”(Mrs. John Ridout) 9 April 1934, 6p. w/env.
1591.1.4	Ridout correspondence (cont’d) Twelve letters including telegram; November 1933 – April 1934.
1591.1.5	Rupert G. Witt Correspondence, 1932 – 1935.
1591.1.6	Rupert G. Witt Correspondence.
1591.1.7	Rupert G. Witt Correspondence.
1591.1.8	Rupert G. Witt Correspondence.
1591.1.9	Rupert G. Witt Correspondence.
1591.1.10	Memorial address, funerary notices, Bishop McDowell; 5 items; env. 1938.
1591.1.11	The Annual Addresses of the Bishop and Bishop Coadjutor of Alabama, Jan. 24, 1923. Pamphlet, 14p. Also: Order of Service... of Commemoration of Bishop McDowell, April 27, 1938. Pamphlet (2 copies)
1591.1.12	Gloria in Excelsis. Music ms., 4p. Piece for soprano solo by Bishop McDowell.
1591.1.13	News clippings on the consecration of Bishop McDowell as bishop coadjutor; 1922.
1591.1.14	Miscellaneous pamphlet; 4 items.
1591.1.15	Cancelled checks... 1 packet.

- 1591.1.16 From Bishop McDowell's Correspondence File, "A," 17p.
- 1591.1.17 Correspondence, File "B," 30p.
- 1591.1.18 Correspondence, File "C," 16p.
- 1591.1.19 Correspondence, File "D-G," 14p.
- 1591.1.20 Correspondence, File "H," 20p.
- 1591.1.21 Correspondence, File "M," 27p.
- 1591.1.22 Correspondence, File "N-Q," 18p.
With pamphlet, "Suggested Diocesan Programme for Religious Education."
- 1591.1.23 Correspondence, File "R-Z," ca. 45p.
- 1591.1.24 "Private Record of official acts as a minister..." Begins June 18, 1909; last entry June 2, 1918. 300p. record book, of which 158p. are filled in. With a few misc. items interleaved in the pages.
- Oversize items: Scrapbook about Bishop McDowell compiled by Miss May Cook of Montgomery, Alabama. Located in adjacent oversize box marked "Episcopal Diocese of Alabama."
Also: "Biblical notes." Notebook, 1906 – 1907, with penciled Biblical notes, mostly Old Testament.
Also: 7 small calendars, with penciled church notes.