

# Guide to the Melatiah Everett Dwight Papers

RG 91



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 91

**CREATOR:** Dwight, Melatih Everett, 1841-

**TITLE:** Melatih Everett Dwight Papers

**DATES:** 1853-1884

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3.5 linear feet (8 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Several hundred sermons, and other writings and notes document Dwight's work as a Congregational minister during the second half of the nineteenth century. Melatih Everett Dwight (1841-1907) was a Congregational minister in Iowa.

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.091>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

Melatih Everett Dwight Papers (RG 91), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1841	○ Born in South Hadley, MA
1860	○ Graduated from New York Free Academy
1864	○ M.D., Bellevue Medical College
1866	○ B.D., Andover Theological Seminary
1866	○ Appointed as missionary to Turkey but unable to serve due to poor health
1869-1888	○ Minister of Congregational Church, Fairfield, Iowa
1870	○ Married Helen Kirby
1904-1907	○ Recording Secretary of National Federation of Churches
1906-1907	○ Trustee of the Congregational Church Building Committee
1906	○ D.D., Parsons College
1907	○ Died

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## Scope and Contents

A very complete run of manuscript sermons provides excellent documentation of the theology and work of a Congregational minister during the second half of the nineteenth century.

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## Arrangement

- I. Biographical Information, undated
- II. Sermons, 1876-1884, undated
- III. Lecture Notes, 1863-1883, undated
- IV. Class Papers and Notes, undated
- V. Writings and Printed Material, undated

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Biographical Information, undated

b. 1, f. 1	Typescript personal account; copy from article in <i>National Cyclopaedia of American Biography</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 1	Photograph of Melatiah Everett Dwight	undated

**Series II: Sermons, undated**

b. 1, f. 2-7	Numerical sequence: 1-98	
b. 2, f. 8-12	Numerical sequence: 100-201	
b. 3, f. 13-18	Numerical sequence: 202-333	
b. 4, f. 19-24	Numerical sequence: 382-634	
b. 5, f. 25-28	Numerical sequence: 647-710	
b. 5, f. 29	Unnumbered sermons	
b. 5, f. 30	Funeral sermons	1876-1884
b. 5, f. 31-32	Notes and fragments	

**Series III: Lecture notes, 1863-1883, undated**

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b. 6, f. 33-36	Miscellaneous subjects: including "Emerson", "The Secret of Teaching", etc.	1863-1883, undated
b. 6, f. 37-38	Sketches of missions: probably drawn from S. C. Bartlett's <i>Sketches of Missions</i>	1853-1883

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## **Series IV: Class Papers and Notes, undated**

b. 7, f. 39-42      Loose papers and two bound volumes

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b. 8, f. 43      Four bound volumes

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## **Series V: Writings and Printed Material, undated**

b. 8, f. 44      Articles, poems, prayers

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b. 8, f. 45      Collected material

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Congregational churches -- Clergy

### **Names**

Dwight, Melatihah Everett, 1841-