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### Biographical Information

Born 1865 into a Seventh-day Baptist home, missionary, editor, and administrator William Ambrose Spicer early became an active Seventh-day Adventist. At 16, he served as a callboy for the Battle Creek Sanitarium and within a few years as a secretary to Dr. John H. Kellogg, the medical superintendent of that institution.

He went to England in 1887 as a secretary to Stephen N. Haskell. He returned to America in 1892 as foreign missionary secretary of the General Conference, and the next year helped to establish the Solusi Mission in Matabeleland on 12,000 acres of land obtained from Cecil Rhodes, then prime minister of Cape Colony. In 1898 he went to India, and the next year became editor of the newly founded *Oriental Watchman*.

Having demonstrated leadership abilities in India, Spicer returned to America in 1901 as secretary of the Mission Board at Battle Creek, Michigan, and in 1903 became secretary of the General Conference. In 1922 he became President of the General Conference holding that office until 1930. He then served as general field secretary of the General Conference until his retirement in 1940.

He continued as associate editor of the *Review and Herald*, and for a short time was its editor. Spicer wrote continuously for the *Review and Herald* for 50 years, and produced numerous books, such as *Our Day in the Light of Prophecy*, *Miracles of Modern Missions*, and *The Hand that Intervenes*. He died at his home in Takoma Park, Maryland, October 17, 1952.

### Scope

The collection contains correspondence, papers, manuscripts, articles, quotations, clippings, notes, an account of a symposium, etc. written by Spicer and others during the course of his life.

### Arrangement

Where possible the material has been kept in the arrangement made by Spicer himself. See the following inventory for details regarding the contents of the collection. Citations to the collection or items in the collection should include the following: William Ambrose Spicer Collection, Adventist Heritage Center, James White Library, Andrews University.

### Provenance

George E. Hutches of South Bend, Indiana, donated the papers of William A. Spicer to the Andrews University Adventist Heritage Center in May 1973.

### Use

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### INVENTORY

#### I. Correspondence

Bx 1 fld 1 1902-1951. 26 letters

#### II. Papers, Manuscripts, Articles, Etc. by W. A. Spicer

Bx 1 fld 2 Beacon light of prophecy. 214 leaves  
 Bx 1 fld 3 Beginning work among cannibals, #2. 5 leaves  
 Elder Spicer's talk at the Medical Council Meeting Sunday night, October 12, 1924. 9 leaves.  
 Experiences of E. G. White and Grandfather A. C. Spicer. A five-fold impossibility. 8 leaves.  
 Foreign missions. Lectures by W. A. Spicer, General Conference, Bible School, summer 1934. 45 leaves.  
 The Foundation of our faith. 10 leaves.  
 More about early Sabbath keepers in Europe. 2 leaves.  
 Notes on Lombards. 15 leaves.  
 Notes on the number of the beast. 11 leaves.  
 Remarks at Loma Linda, February 28, 1923. 15 leaves.  
 Rising waters a rear guard. 1 page.  
 Suggestive notes on the study of the time of the fifth and sixth trumpets of Revelation. 13 leaves.  
 Enclosure: Notes on some years of European intervention in Turkish affairs between 1827 and 1856. 2 leaves.  
 This generation representative teaching of the denomination on this question through the years. 14 leaves.

#### III. Quotations, Notes, Clippings, Etc.

Bx 1 env 1 Armageddon. Rev. 16.  
 Bx 1 env 2 Babylon.  
 Bx 1 env 3 Bible.  
 Bx 1 env 4 Children.  
 Bx 1 env 5 Clippings.  
 Bx 1 env 6 Creation, witness of.  
 Bx 1 env 7 Daniel 11 - no. 1.  
 Bx 1 env 8 Daniel 11 - no. 2.  
 Bx 1 env 9 Daniel 12:4. Religious. Opening world.  
 Bx 1 env 10 Daniel 12:4. Inventions.  
 Bx 2 env 11 Diet. Loma Linda.  
 Bx 2 env 12 Early advent.  
 Bx 2 env 13 Education.  
 Bx 2 env 14 Exodus.  
 Bx 2 env 15 History notes. Facts.  
 Bx 2 env 16 The Law.  
 Bx 2 env 17 Great Britain. Lombards.

Bx 2 env 18 Health. Treatment.  
 Bx 2 env 19 Man and Beast.  
 Bx 2 env 20 Many items for short articles.  
 Bx 2 env 21 Matter for fine points of prophetic fulfillments.  
 Bx 2 env 22 Medo-Persia.  
 Bx 2 env 23 Missions.  
 Bx 2 env 24 Mature of man.  
 Bx 2 env 25 Open door and shut door.  
 Bx 2 env 26 Plucked up.  
 Bx 2 env 27 Present truth. Vol. 1, 1849. (copy)  
 Bx 2 env 28 Providences.  
 Bx 2 env 29 Religious liberty.  
 Bx 2 env 30 Rome-Daniel 7.  
 Bx 2 env 31 Rome-Daniel 8.  
 Bx 2 env 32 Revelation 1-3. Seven churches.  
 Bx 2 env 33 Revelation 4-8. Seals.  
 Bx 2 env 34 Revelation 8. Trumpets.  
 Bx 2 env 35 Revelation 9. Saracens.  
 Bx 2 env 36 Revelation 9. Turks.  
 Bx 3 env 37 Revelation 11.  
 Bx 3 env 38 Revelation 12. Rome.  
 Bx 3 env 39 Revelation 13. The "number."  
 Bx 3 env 40 Revelation 14.  
 Bx 3 env 41 Revelation 17-20. Antichrist.  
 Bx 3 env 42 Revelation 19-22.  
 Bx 3 env 43 Sabbath. Canright.  
 Bx 3 env 44 Signs in heaven.  
 Bx 3 env 45 Stories.  
 Bx 3 env 46 Testimony of the centuries. Babylon.  
 Bx 3 env 47 Testimony of the centuries. Egypt.  
 Bx 3 env 48 Testimony of the centuries. Palestine, Jerusalem.  
 Bx 3 env 49 Textual.  
 Bx 3 env 50 Tithe.  
 Bx 3 env 51 Visit Russia and China.

#### IV. Miscellaneous

Bx 3 fld 1 Miscellaneous

#### V. Papers, Manuscripts, Articles, Etc. by Others

Bx 3 fld 2 Gate, A. P. How we started our married life.  
 Bx 3 fld 3 White, Ellen Gould. A Message to our physicians, June 2, 1905.  
 7 leaves.  
 Our attitude toward doctrinal controversy, Aug. 8, 1910. 5 l.  
 Bx 3 fld 4 Anonymous. A definite call from Jesus Christ, the recognized  
 physician-in-chief, and founder of S.D.A. sanitariums, for  
 decided changes in the medical practice. 4 leaves.  
 Good health. Editorial. Fifty years ago and now. 8 leaves.  
 White, W. C. Great Controversy. New edition. A statement  
 made before the General Conference Council, Oct. 13,  
 1911. 6 leaves.

**VI. Symposium of Seventh-day Adventist Pioneers and Others**

- Bx 3 fld 5 Farnsworth, Eugene William, 1847-1935. 5 leaves.  
Farnsworth, William, 1807-1888. 3 leaves.  
O. A. Olsen's visit to Danzing. Report in the *Review and Herald*,  
Feb. 14, 1889, p. 108. 1 page.  
Preble, Thomas M., 1810.  
Stevens, Cyprian. 2 leaves.

**Items Removed**

A number of published books and pamphlets were removed from this collection and placed in the Adventist Heritage Center collection as needed.