

**Register of the
L. R. Conradi Collection
Collection 226**

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Scope and Content

Louis (Ludwig) Richard Conradi (1856-1939) was born in Germany where he began to study for the Roman Catholic priesthood. He migrated to the United States at the age of 17 and was converted to the Seventh-day Adventist faith in 1878 while working for James Burton, a farmer in the Midwest. He studied at Battle Creek College and worked for the German-speakers in the Midwest. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1882. In 1886 he was sent by the General Conference to Europe where he did evangelistic work among German speakers, including those in Russia and Romania. He served the church in various administrative capacities including vice-president of the General Conference. As a church leader, he traveled extensively throughout Europe and also visited Africa, Middle East, South America and Far East. He wrote many graphic reports of his missionary journeys for the *Review and Herald* and also several books, including a revision and translation of John N. Andrews', *History of the Sabbath*, into German.

While involved in this project he came to believe Martin Luther was the first to proclaim the three angle's message of Revelation 14. He also came to believe Adventists had not correctly interpreted the meaning of the cleansing of the sanctuary and became convinced the end of the 2300-day prophecy in 1844 did not refer to the heavenly sanctuary. These doctrinal differences over core Adventist beliefs prompted the General Conference to challenge him to defend his views. For four days, in October 1931, he unsuccessfully defended his position before a committee of thirty-five individuals. In 1932, at the age of 76, he separated from the Seventh-day Adventist Church and became a minister for the Seventh Day Baptists.

This collection consists of photocopies of typed and hand written correspondence to, by, and about Conradi, from 1885 until 1934. Portions of many photocopies are not legible. Between 1885 and 1890, most of the letters were written by W. C. White to Conradi. After 1890 the correspondence is mostly from Conradi to church leaders, including W. C. White, Ellen G. White, Ole A. Olsen, William A. Spicer, Arthur G. Daniells, and Leroy T. Nicola. The issues discussed cover a wide range of topics from finances to evangelism in connection with the development of the denomination's work in Europe and other continents.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Provenance

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