

**Register of the
Sarah Peck Collection
Collection 243**

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Scope and Content

Sarah Elizabeth Peck (1868-1968) was an educator, writer and missionary. A native of Wisconsin, she received her education at Battle Creek College and was one of the church's first women missionaries to Africa where she opened up the educational work for children. She worked for a period with Ellen White in Australia and in America in the preparation of manuscripts. In 1906 she became educational secretary for the West Coast. It was at this time she began the preparation of much-needed reading material for the Seventh-day Adventist church schools. The result was the long-lasting series *True Education Readers*. Recognizing the distinct advantages of the denomination's system of education, she also began to prepare suitable Bible textbooks. *God's Great Plan* (1922) provided a biblical foundation for many Seventh-day Adventist young people at the crucial decision-making period of their lives.

She was called to the General Conference Department of Education, where she advanced the cause of Christian education until her retirement in the 1930s. A short time before her death she was cited by Andrews University as its "alumna of alumni." She passed to her rest a few weeks after her 100th birthday.

During the time Sarah Peck worked as secretary for Ellen White in Australia, a compilation of quotations on Church schools was published in the *Union Conference Record* (Sydney, Australia). Due to limited availability in the United States it was reprinted at the Union College Press, Lincoln, Nebraska, with the title, *Church Schools : a Compilation of Testimonies and General Information on the Subject of Church Schools, Together with a Suggestive Graded Course of Study* (c1900, call #: W51 .C49 HER). The materials in this collection are likely the materials compiled in preparation for this small book.

Extent: 0.42 linear feet.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged as described in each folder's bibliography. No effort was made to sort the materials further.

Provenance

This collection was held unprocessed by the *Ellen G. White Estate Branch Office* at Andrews University until 2003 when it was incorporated into the manuscript collections of the *Center for Adventist Research* at the James White Library, Andrews University. It is unknown who selected letters for inclusion.

Use

All users of this collection will complete the “Application to Use Unpublished Records,” and observe the regulation specified in the “Patron’s Agreement” and “Researcher’s Code of Conduct.” All records in this collection are open and available for research. Suggested citation for this collection:

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INVENTORY

Five folders of collected quotations from Ellen G. White manuscripts (published and unpublished).

- Folder #1 The first collection's quotations are from unpublished manuscripts, *Review and Herald* articles, *The Training Advocate*, *The Bible*, *Echo*, and *General Conference Bulletins* covering the broad subject matter of "education." The printed bibliography is correct.
- Folder #2 The second folder is a collection of Ellen G. White quotations from *Testimonies*, *The Christian Educator*, *Counsels on Education*, unpublished manuscripts, *Union Conference Record*, and *The Training School Advocate* regarding "educational advice to students." Many quotations are duplicates from folder #1.
- Folder #3 The third collection consists of Ellen G. White comments and thoughts on the general subject of "education and accountability to God." Many previous quotations are used. The bibliography includes new quotations added in this section. There are original handwritten editorial notes scattered throughout this collection. At the end of the section entitled "True Attitude of a Christian" there is an original editorial note and signature of Ellen G. White.
- Folder #4 The fourth collection consists of Ellen G. White comments on "education and recreation in our sanitariums" along with the general subject of education. Many quotations have been used in previous folders.
- Folder #5 The fifth collection has many quotations previously used regarding the "discipline of education" with further educational advice to teachers.

It is unclear why there are five folders with somewhat overlapping content.

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