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### Biography

Irwin Henry Evans was born on April 10, 1862, at North Plains, Ionia County, Michigan. He was educated in the local public schools before attending Battle Creek College. He was baptized in 1874 and entered the ministry in 1882, in Michigan. In 1885, Irwin moved to Kentucky and was ordained to the gospel ministry the following year. In July 1887, he married Emma Ferry. Four children were born to them, three of whom survived. Mrs. Evans died early in the year of 1903. In 1904, Evans married Adelaide B. Cooper, who was then editor of *The Youth's Instructor*. They both served in foreign missions, primarily in China and the Far East.

These were the positions that Irwin H. Evans held.

1891- 1897	President of Michigan Conference.
1897	President of General Conference Association. He also served as a General Conference committee member and remained in that capacity until his death.
1899	President of the Mission Board.
1900	He was sent to Europe to settle affairs of the Christian publishing house.
1901	President and manager of the Review and Herald Publishing Association.
1903	Treasurer of the General Conference.
1905-1909	Treasurer of the General Conference again.
1909	President of the Asiatic Division Mission.
1913-1918	President of the North American Division.
1918	Vice president of the General Conference for the Far Eastern Division.
1930-1936	General vice president of the General Conference.
1936-1941	Field secretary.
1941	Retired from active labor.

Elder Evans was well known among church members not only as a strong administrator but as a forceful preacher and author. He made large contributions to our literature as the author of *The Preacher and His Preaching*, *Ministry of Angels*, *The Way of Love Divine*, and *This Is the Way*, plus scores of periodical articles. In addition to these, he carried heavy responsibility in connection with the development of the 1941 *Church Hymnal*. His efforts towards this production proved an undue strain on his physical health.

In his later years, he was very interested in the development of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and was a member of the board of trustees until failing

health led him to withdraw. He always promoted the development of the younger men in this cause and took great pleasure in watching their growth with responsibility.

He died at Takoma Park, Maryland, on November 24, 1945, at the age of eighty-three.

## **Scope and Content**

Evans' collection contains his books, articles, lectures and sermons written while serving the Seventh-day Adventist Church in various capacities until his retirement in 1941. His books, articles and lectures are on Homiletics and ministry, both published and unpublished. The collection also has articles, mission reports, meeting minutes and special addresses that Evans authored while presiding over the Far Eastern Division. The collection also contains articles edited by J. N. Andrews, letters written by Ellen G. White, James White, James Ertzenberger and Mrs. White's important quotations which are listed in the inventory. Evans was well known not only as a leader of the church but also as a public speaker and author.

## **Arrangement**

The materials are kept in chronological sequence in the categories of book manuscripts, articles, lectures, sermons, reports, letters and articles authored by other writers.

## **Extent**

3 Record Center Boxes and 2 Hollinger Boxes [4.58 linear feet].

## **Provenance**

This collection came to the Adventist Heritage Center probably in the 1970s.

## **Use**

All users of this collection are required to complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Records," and to observe the regulation specified in the "Patron Agreement" and "Researcher's Code of Conduct." All records in this collection are open and available for research. Citation for this collection:

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### INVENTORY

#### I. Writings

##### By Irwin H. Evans

###### Book Manuscripts

- Box 1 Fld 1 *Justification by Faith*, Review and Herald Publishing Association, Washington: 1939.
- Box 1 Fld 2 *Justification by Faith*, Review and Herald Publishing Association, Washington: 1939. Copy 2.
- Box 1 Fld 3 *History of Preaching*. No date.
- Box 1 Fld 4 *History of Preaching*. No date. Copy 2
- Box 1 Fld 5 *History of Preaching* (Great preachers from 16<sup>th</sup> century to the 19<sup>th</sup> century). No date.
- Box 1 Fld 6 *History of Preaching*. No date (Thelma's copy: this is similar to the copies above but has extra study materials).

###### Articles

- Box 1 Fld 7 Reports on Union Conferences, published through *Signs of the Times* and the *Review and Herald*, 1916.
- Box 1 Fld 8 Miscellaneous topics. 1920-1925.
- Box 1 Fld 9 "Justification by Faith" series. *Signs of the Times* and the *Review and Herald*, 1926.
- Box 1 Fld 10 Reports and sermons published through *Ministry*, and the *Review and Herald*. 1931-1934.
- Box 1 Fld 11 Reports and sermons, published through *Ministry*, and the *Review and Herald*. 1933-1945.
- Box 1 Fld 12 "Justification by Faith" series. Not the *Signs* series of 1926.
- Box 2 Fld 1 Reports on conferences and sermons. No date.
- Box 2 Fld 2 Reports, articles and sermons. No date.

- Box 2 Fld 3 "Salvation" series. No date.
- Box 2 Fld 4 "The Law from the Exodus to Christ," series published through *Signs of the Times*. No date.

Unpublished manuscript

- Box 2 Fld 5 Parliamentary Paper, vol 29, part 1-2 (Minutes of the Interview that occurred between Sami Bey and Rifat Bey, 1840).

**By Others**

- Box 2 Fld 6 Andrews, John N., *Review and Herald*, 1851-1869.
- Box 2 Fld 7 Andrews, John N., *Review and Herald*, 1869-1870.
- Box 2 Fld 8 Andrews, J. N., Ertzenberger, and James White, *Review and Herald*, 1870-1873.
- Box 2 Fld 9 Poems and Hymns, 1862- 1945.
- Box 2 Fld 10 Growth of Seventh-day Adventist church. Collections of articles with issues of the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, Jun 26, Jul 31, 1919 & Jan 15, 1920. Each issue contains different topics by different authors.
- Box 2 Fld 11 Robinson, D. E., *Battle Creek Sanitarium: It's Origin, Development, Ownership, and Control*. No date.  
White, L. Arthur. *The Prophetic Gift in Action-Experience of Mrs. E. G. White-Receiving & Imparting the Prophetic Message*, 1944 (Reprinted).  
*Bibelkursus fur prediger* (Bible Course for Preachers), Battle Creek, MI, 1889. No Author.

**II. Lectures**

- Box 2 Fld 12 Evangelism notes.
- Box 2 Fld 13 Homiletics: History of Preaching, O. T., outlines.
- Box 2 Fld 14 Homiletics: lesson outlines.
- Box 2 Fld 15 Homiletics. written lectures.
- Box 2 Fld 16 Homiletics: Lecture Materials, 1936.
- Box 2 Fld 17 Homiletics: Lecture Materials, 1936, Copy 2.
- Box 2 Fld 18 Improvement of Ministry: How to improve one's ministry.

- Box 2 Fld 19 History of Preaching (lesson 11).
- Box 2 Fld 20 Lay Evangelism. Evans' Collections though it was authored by John H. N. Tindall.

### III. Sermons

- Box 3 Fld 1 Sermons preached at various places including Baltimore; St. Helena, CA; Loma Linda, CA; South Lancaster, Pittsburgh, Madison, and Takoma Park, 1914-1916.
- Box 3 Fld 2 Sermons on Salvation series: 1916.
- Box 3 Fld 3 Sermons on Ministry. Delivered at the Institute for colored workers, Huntsville, Alabama, Jan 4, 1917.
- Box 3 Fld 4 General Conference Session Sermon, Mar-Apr, 1918.
- Box 3 Fld 5 Sermons on various topics. 1917-1925.
- Box 3 Fld 6 Sermons for Special Occasions, 1919-1923.
- Box 3 Fld 7 Sermons. Collection of Evans' sermons preached between 1931 to 1938.
- Box 3 Fld 8 Sermons (written), 1938.
- Box 3 Fld 9 Collection of sermons. No date.
  - "The Kingdom of God is within you."
  - "The Sabbath was not made for man."
  - "The Spirit of Christ."
- Box 3 Fld 10 Homiletics (Written or Oral).
- Box 3 Fld 11 Old Sermon notes (hand-written). No date.
- Box 3 Fld 12 Poems & Sermon outlines. No date.
- Box 3 Fld 13 Sermons, class notes & outlines (hand written).
- Box 3 Fld 14 Sermon notes and study materials. No date.
- Box 3 Fld 15 Sermon outlines (I). No date.
- Box 3 Fld 16 Sermon outlines (II). No date.
- Box 3 Fld 17 Sermons outlines (III). No date.
- Box 3 Fld 18 Sermon topics on "justification." No date.
- Box 3 Fld 19 Sermon topics on "God is love." No date.

### IV. Far Eastern (and Asiatic) Division Records

- Box 4 Fld 1 Articles, reports and sermons, 1903- 1944. Published through the *Far Eastern Division Outlook and Review & Herald*.
- Box 4 Fld 2 Collection of articles, reports and sermons, 1908-1933.
- Box 4 Fld 3 Reports, 1912- 1922.
- Box 4 Fld 4 Articles and Reports, 1918-1925.
- Box 4 Fld 5 Meeting Reports, 1921- 1924.
- Box 5 Fld 1 Graduation address at Shanghai, China, 1929.

Box 5 Fld 2 Materials on Far Eastern Division, 1930. Meeting minutes & Reports. No date.

Box 5 Fld 3 Financial Reports. No date.

**V. Ellen G. White Letters/Quotations**

Box 5 Fld 4 Collection of quotations on various topics.

Box 5 Fld 5 Copies of manuscripts on various topics, 1884-1907.

Box 5 Fld 6 Quotations on the "Ministry." No date.

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