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Scope and Content

Goodloe Harper Bell (1832-1899) was a leading figure in the development of the Seventh-day Adventist educational system. After Bell's conversion into Adventism in 1867, he became, in 1872, the first teacher of a small private school (elementary and secondary) at Battle Creek, Michigan. This school, two years later, evolved to become Battle Creek College, the denominations first institution of higher education. Although he never completed his formal education, Bell's love of learning motivated him to study on his own, qualifying him to teach a variety of subjects at Battle Creek College, with English as his specialty. Over the years he published several reading primers. From 1882 to 1884, Bell became the founding principal of South Lancaster Academy in Massachusetts, after which he retired, still occupied with writing articles and textbooks on education. Bell passed away in a tragic horse and carriage accident in 1899.

This collection consists of documents collected by Allan G. Lindsay (b. 1935) for his 1982 Doctor of Education dissertation, *Goodloe Harper Bell, Pioneer Seventh-day Adventist Christian Educator*, at Andrews University. Allan Lindsay became director of the Ellen G. White and Adventist Research Centre in Australia. He wrote and presented the *Keepers of the Flame* video series on Adventist history, produced by the Adventist Media Centre in Sydney.

Arrangement

This collection is divided into five major sections, all related to the life and career of G. H. Bell: General Biographical, Correspondence, Writings, Battle Creek College, and History. For more detail see the Table of Contents.

Provenance

Allan Lindsay donated his dissertation research materials to the Andrews University Heritage Room in 1982.

Extent

1 Hollinger Box [0.4 linear feet]

Use

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