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**COLLECTION 27: Papers of Margaret T Applegarth,  
1886-1976**

**Administrative Information**

**Title:**

Papers of Margaret T Applegarth, 1886-1976

**Collection Identifier:**

CFT00027

**Creators:**

Applegarth, Margaret. (Margaret Tyson), 1886-1976

**Size:**

11 Boxes, 6 linear feet

**Repository:**

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## Biography

The daughter of Baptist minister Henry C. Applegarth and his Quaker wife Mary Tyson, Margaret Tyson Applegarth (1886-1976) was a popular speaker and prolific writer. Best known for her missionary stories, Applegarth wrote over thirty works including children's stories, daily devotionals, sermon illustrations, plays, and essays on Christian themes.

Margaret Applegarth graduated from the University of Rochester (Phi Beta Kappa) in 1908. In 1942, she was granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Denison University. In 1957, she received the Upper Room citation in World Christian Fellowship. A lifelong Baptist, Applegarth was made an honorary life member of women's societies in four other denominations: Methodist, Presbyterian, Reformed, and American Lutheran. She wrote for the World Council of Churches Council on Missions, the National Council of Churches, the Methodist Church, the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, and the United Presbyterian Church in the USA.

Applegarth's books include *Heirlooms*, a collection of her poems and prose; *Twelve Baskets Full*, on the subject of Christian stewardship; and *Men as Trees Walking*, a collection of original stories of a devotional nature. Her booklets include "They Also Serve," an appeal for funding of the John Milton Foundation for the Blind, formed for the purpose of creating Braille texts for Protestant readers, the first; "The Secret of His Presence," written as a guide for a "Quiet Day" of prayer for the Woman's Division of Christian Service; "Just Like You," a booklet on Christ-likeness for children; and "They All Began to Sing," 4 stories of children in Argentina.

## Scope and Content

The Papers of Margaret T Applegarth, 1886-1976 consist of the working files of the prolific speaker and writer, Margaret Applegarth. The collection includes clippings, booklets and notes used in Applegarth's writing, speaking, and correspondence related to these ministries. Also included is a collection of her published and unpublished writings, a small collection of personal correspondence and family memorabilia, and several biographical sketches of Miss Applegarth. Applegarth's personal book collection of her own writings are heavily annotated and cut for use in teaching. In most cases, additional unmarked copies have been kept with the collection.

### Subjects:

- Juvenile literature
- Missionaries
- Missionary stories
- Religious poetry – Women authors
- Riverside Church (New York, N.Y)
- Women authors, American – 20<sup>th</sup> century

## Arrangement

The collection is organized into the following series:

Series I: Correspondence and Biographical Documents and Photos

Series II: Materials collected for Speaking and Writing

Series III: Published Books, Pamphlets, Leaflets, and 1 poster

Series IV: The Writings of Margaret T. Applegarth

## Series Description

### **SERIES I: Correspondence and Biographical Documents and Photos (Boxes 1-2, 5)**

This series includes all correspondence, both personal and related to publication or speaking engagements, as well as biographical sketches and photographs. In addition, included in the book collection, Box 5, are Bibles and mementoes of biographical interest.

### **SERIES II: Materials collected for Speaking and Writing (Boxes 2-4)**

This series is a collection of materials gathered for writing and speaking projects, notes in Applegarth's hand, sketches for story illustrations, and working drafts for many articles, stories and chapters of several of her books, organized according to topic or working title and chapter title, as notated by Ms. Applegarth.

### **SERIES III: Collected Books, Pamphlets and Leaflets, 1 poster**

This series includes books, pamphlets and songbooks collected and used by Ms. Applegarth in her speaking and writing, as well as her personal Bibles and devotional works.

### **SERIES IV: The Writings of Margaret T. Applegarth (Box 5)**

This includes both published and unpublished works, handwritten drafts, notes for stories and speaking engagements, original stories written for youth serials, prayer and worship service suggestions and drafts, as well as a collection of poems, stories, and quotations gathered in anticipation of the publication of a book whose working title was "King of Kings, Lord of Lords." Many of the books in this collection are Ms. Applegarth's personal copies and are heavily annotated by Ms. Applegarth, some pages cut out for use in teaching and then reinserted, with notes.

## Box Inventory

### *Box 1: Correspondence, Biographical Documents & Photos*

Folder	Item	Note
1	MTA "To Father" –with clippings re "A Stitch in Time"	1918
2	Frank Eckerson, missionary to China, MTA	Jan 3, 1922
3	E.H. Crane – separated from The Honorable Japanese Fan	1923
4	J. Roane Lumpkin, <i>publisher True-Blue Magazine</i>	1931
4	Charles C. Shoemaker, The Penn Publishing Co. Philadelphia	1931
4	Allen T. Frazier, Rev. – separated from <i>Please Stand By</i>	1935
4	Mrs. T.C. Gardner –story teller, adapted "The Pot of God"	n.d.
5	Ruth Ransom, clipping –separated from <i>Going to Jerusalem</i>	1936
6	Letters and clippings separated from <i>Three-Cornered Continent</i>	1935
7	Nan Weeks of Foreign Mission Board to MTA	Feb 2, 1943
7	Nan Weeks of Foreign Mission Board to MTA	Feb 15, 1943
7	Nan Weeks of Foreign Mission Board to MTA	April 8, 1943
7	Nan Weeks to MTA	Dec 17, 1943
7	Nan Weeks to MTA	Jan 27, 1944
7	Nan Weeks to MTA	Feb 1, 1944
8	MTA to Margaret Clements re her Bible Sstory	Sept 7, 1947
9-11	Maude Blackstone requesting a prayer for peace for Convention	March 8
12	Edith Eberle to Wm. Baumheckel re <i>Men as Trees Walking</i>	Feb 18, 1953
12	Fred C. Becker to R.E. Walcott re Applegarth book sales	Feb 16, 1953
12	H.B. Holloway to MTA re book sales at Indianapolis Mission	Feb 16, 1953
12	H.B. Holloway to MTA re "Illustrated Luke" for the Mission	Feb 16, 1953
12	Jesse M. Bader, Churches of Christ, to MTA re Indianapolis	Feb 20, 1953
13	David Cook Publishers to MTA	June 29, 1953
13	David Cook Publishers to MTA	Oct 29, 1953
14	George S. Stoneback	n.d.
15	Martha Edens to C. Eichenberger re article in memoriam of MTA in Jan 1977 issue of <i>The Church Woman</i>	Mar 11, 1977
16	Henry C. Applegarth	Clipping, sermon
17, 18	Articles about Margaret T. Applegarth	
19	Applegarth in other archives	
20	Biographical resources	
21	Memberships, leadership roles	
22	Cimade – "Ecumenism in Evangelism" by Max Alain Chevallier	1948
23	National Council of Churches meeting agenda	Notes
24	First Baptist Church Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	
25	Annual Baptist Conference, Green Lake	
26	Reviews	
27	Applegarth quoted	
28	Applegarth recommended	
29-31	Riverside Church, New York	

32	World Council of Churches news release 1963	
33	Worship service bulletins	
34	Frank Laubach on Christian journalism	1952, note
35	Applegarth's writings mentioned in other publications	<i>Today</i> , devotional
36	Clippings separated from <i>More Short Missionary Stories</i> – announcement of a play, “Wait a Minute” from this book	Presbyterian Missions funding
37	Art plates separated from <i>Twelve Baskets Full</i>	
38	Front and back flap proofs for <i>Heirlooms</i>	3 copies
39	Song books created by Applegarth	
	Original folders, annotated	
	Photo portrait of Margaret Applegarth	

### ***Box 2-4: Materials collected for Speaking and Writing***

#### ***Box 5: Collected Books, Bibles, Pamphlets***

##### BOOKS

- n.a., *A Guide to Prayer*, Division of Evangelism, (Riverside Dr., New York: Board of National Missions, United Presbyterian Church U.S.A., n.d.)
- Crafts, Mrs. W.F. and H.P. Main, *Little Pilgrim Songs*, New York and Chicago: Biglow and Main (1883)
- Drummond, Henry, *The Greatest Thing in the World*, (Cincinnati: Forward Movement, Episcopal Church, 1943)
- Hemans, Felicia Dorothea Browne: William Michael Rossetti, *The poetical works of Mrs. Hemans* (1839)
- Holmes, W.H.G., *Newness of Life: Instructions in Christian Life and Worship*, London: Mowbray (1942)
- Horton, Walter M., *Centers of New Life in European Christendom*, WCC, 1947
- Iglehart, Charles W., *War and Missions* (Reprinted by the Episcopal Pacifist Fellowship from *The Church The Gospel and War*, 1940)
- McCracken, Robert J. *The Peril of Conformity: A Sermon Preached in the Riverside Church, New York*
- Maxfield, Jane Crowe, *Blue Chicory* (1961)
- Smith, Roy L. *The John Books*
- Sockman, Ralph W. *The Fine Art of Using*, Board Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, 1946
- Steere, Douglas Van, ed., *The Imitation of Christ*, (The Upper Room, 1950)
- Wood, Violet, *Great is the Company*, New York: Friendship Press (1947)
- Young, Edward D.D., *The Complaint: or Night Thoughts*, Harford: William Andrus (1843)

##### SONGBOOKS

- Songs of Many Nations* Cooperative Recreation Service
- Hymns of the Rural Spirit* (1947) Commission on Worship, Federal Council of Churches
- Southland Spirituals* (1936)
- Selected Hymns for the Northfield Conference*

*Little Songs on Bib Subjects*  
*Hymns: The National Christian Mission*

POSTER

The World Hungers – in body and spirit – For the Sake of Christ - GIVE

***Box 6: Writings of Margaret T. Applegarth***

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Note</b>
1	Trials	Handwritten notes
2	Notes for a talk	Handwritten
3	Children's lesson on giving	Print material and notes
4	The Fabric of a New Humanity	Print material and notes
5	Let the Minister Weep	Handwritten
6	Three Mothers Apiece	Handwritten
7	The Pew and I	Handwritten
8	Peter: the Incomplete Angler at the Breakfast Table	Handwritten
9	Composers, musicians	Notes
10	Do Re Mi Were Deaf as a Post	Handwritten
11	The Harp and the Rock	Handwritten
12	The Boy Who Carried His Father in His Pocket - Teens	American Baptist Society
13	Works in progress on the theme of birds	Handwritten
14	What the Offering Had to Say about it	Handwritten
15	They Made it With Their Own Hands	Handwritten
16	Peace Came to the Noisy House	Handwritten
17	The Keys that went on Strike	Explorers' Club
18	Enter Miss Petticoats	Published, annotated
19	It Happened Between Decks of a Hospital Ship	Handwritten
20	Fillers	Handwritten & typed
21	Lost & Found Front Door	Typed, to Discoverers
22	Trimming the New Year's Tree	Typed, to Discoverers
23	Only a Few Days Ago	Typed, to Discoverers
24	Could You Do It Too?	Handwritten
25-27	Editorials	Handwritten
28	A Word to the Gentle Reader – on history	Handwritten
29	He Spent Christmas in Prison	Typed
30	Kidnapped in Alaska	Typed
31	Christ of the Andes	Typed
32	Instead of Their Elephant	Typed
33	Benjamin's Bulb Business	Typed
34	China's Little Teachers	Typed and Handwritten
35	Early Bird Catches Christmas	Typed

**Box 7: Published Writings of Margaret T. Applegarth**

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Date/note</b>
	<i>Bound in the Bundle of Life</i>	Harper & Brothers	1941 2 c.
	<i>Just Like You</i>	Nashville: Broadman Press	1944
	<i>This is My Father's World</i>	Nashville: Broadman Press	1946
	<i>Four Playettes</i>	N.Y.: Friendship Press	1956
	<i>The House with the Steeple: A Series of Nine Stories</i>	American Baptist Home Mission	Oct 12, 1920 inscription
	<i>Because He Came</i> Course VII, Part 3, Pupil's Home Reading, 3 copies & Teacher's Book, 2 copies	Judson Press – Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Conv.	1954
	<i>And Mary Pondered</i>		8 page booklet
	<i>The Secret of His Presence</i>	Women's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions, Methodist Church	n.d.
	"Such Stuff As Dreams Are Made Of"	World Wide Guild	1921, a play
	<i>Right Here Right Now</i>	N.Y.: Harper & Brothers	1950, 2 c.
	<i>Every Man's Land: Nine Intermediate</i>	Department of Missionary	1921
	<i>Home Mission Stories</i>	Education, Amer. Baptist	
	<i>Dream-Makers: Ten Programs for</i>	The World Wide Guild	1925-1926
1	Bibliography		
2	"How the Artist Forgot Four Colors"	in <i>Stories with a Message</i>	photocopy
3	<i>Heirlooms, China Shepherdess</i>		Promo flyers
4	<i>The Tie that Binds</i>	Baptist Board of Education	Title page only
5	<i>A Christmas Madonna</i>		6 page leaflet
6	<i>Going to Jerusalem</i>		6 page story
7	<i>A Friend from Japan, in Primary Lesson Stories</i>	Judson Press	Jan-Mar, 1930 Yr 1. leaflet 21
8	<i>They All Began to Sing, leaders' book</i>	Nashville: Broadman Press	1944
9	<i>Full Sail Ahead</i>	Commission on Ecumenical Mission & Relations, PCUSA	11 page pamphlet, n.d.
10	<i>How to Use the Honorable Japanese Fan</i>	Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions	51 page booklet, n.d.
11	"This Thing Was Not Done in a	N.Y.: Friendship Press	1949



	Corner” in <i>What’s Ahead? Study and Worship Programs for Women’s Groups</i>		photocopy
12	“The Choir Boy’s Tale”	<i>The Baptist</i>	Feb 21, 1931
13	Teaching Program stories		
14	Prayer Service	Riverside Church, N.Y.	1939
15	God Calling Yet		n.d.
16	Foremothers, 1841-1941 - Script	Riverside Church, N.Y.	1941, photocopy
17	The Most Wonderful Hour		n.d.
18	They Also Serve	John Milton Foundation for the Blind	n.d. 4 copies
19	Devotional & prayer for Sept 1	Nashville: The Upper Room	1955
20	The Pill Bottle: A Medical Missionary Play	inscribed to Dad review enclosed	2 copies
21	The Place Where the Young Child Lay & The Great Grab	Separated from <i>Merry-Go-Round</i>	pages cut from a book
22	Miscellaneous published pages		

**Box 8: Books by Margaret T. Applegarth**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>
<i>Missionary stories for little folks: first series, primary</i>	George H. Doran Company N.Y.	1917
<i>Missionary stories for little folks: second series, junior</i>	George H. Doran Company N.Y.	1917
<i>Junior Mission Stories</i> <i>Primary Mission Stories</i>	Board of Publication and Bible School Work	1917
<i>Jack-of-all-Trades</i> <i>Los Faroleros Mas Alla Del Mar</i> Effie C. Naylor, trans	Council of Women for Home Missions, N.Y.	1918
<i>The School of Mother’s Knee</i>	Woman’s American Baptist Foreign Mission Society	1919
<i>Lamp-lighters across the sea : a story of how the Bible was translated into the languages of missionary lands</i>	Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions, 2 ed.	1920 1922
<i>Next-door neighbors; thumbnail sketches from home missions</i>	Fleming H. Revell	1921
<i>The career of a cobbler; life story of William Carey</i> Review enclosed	Fleming H. Revell	1922 2. c
<i>Short missionary plays</i>	George H. Doran Company N.Y.	1923
<i>More short missionary plays</i>	George H. Doran Company N.Y.	1923

**Box 9: Books by Margaret T. Applegarth**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>
<i>India Inklings</i>	George H. Doran Company, N.Y.	1922
<i>The honorable Japanese fan</i>	Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions	1923
<i>A China Shepherdess</i> – inscribed “To my dearest Dad from Margaret” with reviews pasted on frontispiece	Judson Press	1924
<i>Some Boys and Girls in America</i>	George H. Doran Company, N.Y.	1923
<i>Please stand by</i> and <i>Please stand by: Helps for Junior Leaders</i>	Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions	1926
<i>Going to Jerusalem &amp; Junior Helpers Study Guide</i>	Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions	1929
<i>And so He Made Mothers</i>	Richard R. Smith Inc.	1931
<i>Three-Cornered Continent</i> , 2 copies & <i>How to Use with Juniors</i>	Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions	1935
<i>Missionary stories for boys and girls</i>	Harper & Brothers	1946
<i>Moment by moment</i>	Harper & Brothers	1955

**Box 10: Books by Margaret T. Applegarth**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>
<i>Merry-Go-Round</i>	Judson Press	1925, 2 c.
<i>At the Foot of the Rainbow</i>	N.Y.: Richard R. Smith	1930
<i>Men as Trees Walking</i>	Harper & Bros	1952, 2 c.
<i>Heirlooms</i>	Harper & Row	1967
<i>Twelve Baskets Full</i>	London: Independent Press – 1 copy Harper & Brothers – 3 copies	1957 1957

**Box 11: Draft – Unpublished, Working title: *King of Kings, Lord of Lords* by Margaret T. Applegarth**