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## COLLECTION 0006: Aimee Semple McPherson Scrapbook, 1923-1976

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**COLLECTION 6: Aimee Semple McPherson Scrapbook, 1923-1976**

**Administrative Information**

**Title:**

Aimee Semple McPherson Scrapbook, 1923-1976

**Collection Identifier:**

CFT00006

**Creators:**

Gage, Alice  
McPherson, Aimee Semple (1890-1944)

**Size:**

1 Box, 0.5 linear feet

**Repository:**

David Allan Hubbard Library  
Fuller Theological Seminary  
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Pasadena, CA 91182  
archives@fuller.edu

**Provenance:**

The gift of Alice Gage

**Conditions Governing Access/Restrictions:**

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**Language:**

English

**Processing:**

Nancy Sanders Gower

**Finding Aid Revisions:**

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## Biography

Founder of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Aimee Semple McPherson was ordained in 1909 by William Durham with whom she toured on evangelistic campaigns for several months, before being called to the mission field in China with her husband Robert Semple. After his death from malaria she returned, with their daughter, to the US. In 1911 she married Harold McPherson who became her advance man in organizing the evangelistic campaigns which made Aimee famous. In 1917 she began to publish *The Bridal Call* where she put her teachings into published form. In 1919 she was ordained by the Assemblies of God as an evangelist. On the basis of her popularity as a preacher she undertook the construction of Angelus Temple in Los Angeles. Its cornerstone shows that the temple was dedicated to “the cause of interdenominational and world-wide evangelism.” It is from this pulpit that Aimee became not only an evangelist and church founder, but a celebrity.

## Scope and Content

The Collection consists of a scrapbook kept by Alice Gage, full of clippings from magazines and newspapers on the celebrated comings and goings of Sister Aimee Semple McPherson, as well as collected ephemera such as a postcard and a photo signed by Aimee. The Scrapbook emphasizes Aimee’s use of the media, beginning with a clipping announcing her starring role in a “talky,” and ending with a much publicized trip to the Holy Land by Aimee and her daughter. The entire June 1930 issue of *Bridal Call* is included in the scrapbook. A sacred opera written by Aimee, *Regem Adorate* (Worship the King) is also part of the scrapbook. The collection also includes a number of Sister McPherson’s books and pamphlets and books related to her ministry, listed below.

### Subjects:

International Church of the Foursquare Gospel  
Pentecostalism

## Arrangement

This collection is organized into 1 box.

## Box Inventory

### Box 1:

Item	Author	Title	Publisher	Date
1	Bogard, Ben & Aimee Semple McPherson Stenographer for the debate: J.E. Rhodes, 1934	<i>Bogard-McPherson Debate</i>	Dallas: Rock of Ages	1955
2	Aimee Semple McPherson	<i>Tabernacle Revivalist</i>	Los Angeles: Echo Park Evangelistic Association	c.1923
3	Aimee Semple McPherson	<i>The Personal Testimony of Aimee Semple McPherson</i>	Los Angeles: Starling Press reprint	1986 (1928)
4	Aimee Semple McPherson	<i>Lost &amp; Restored</i>	Los Angeles: The Foursquare Bookshop	1976
5	Aimee Semple McPherson	<i>Correspondence Courses of the L.I.F.E. Bible College, volume III</i>	Los Angeles: L.I.F.E. Bible College	1928
6	Aimee Semple McPherson	<i>Correspondence Courses of the L.I.F.E. Bible College, volume V</i>	Los Angeles: L.I.F.E. Bible College	1928
7	Compiled by Aimee Semple McPherson	<i>This We Believe: Declaration of Faith</i>	International Church of the Foursquare Gospel	2 copies
8		<i>We Believe in Divine Healing</i>	Los Angeles: Foursquare Publications	
9		<i>We Believe in Salvation Through Jesus Christ</i>	Los Angeles: Foursquare Publications	
10		<i>We Believe in The Second Coming of Jesus Christ</i>	Los Angeles: Foursquare Publications	
11	Aimee Semple McPherson	<i>Fishers of Men</i>	Montrose, Cal. : Rusthoi Publications Inc., n.d.	Photocopy