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# Guide to the Henry Hallam Tweedy Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 131

**CREATOR:** Tweedy, Henry Hallam, 1868-1953

**TITLE:** Henry Hallam Tweedy Papers

**DATES:** 1895-1953

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 6 linear feet (15 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Writings and sermons of Tweedy document his theology and his career at Yale. Henry Hallam Tweedy (1868-1953) was professor of practical theology at the Yale Divinity School for thirty years.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.131>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.131>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Tweedy family.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

Henry Hallam Tweedy Papers (RG 131), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

## Biographical / Historical

Henry Hallam Tweedy (1868-1953), a native of Binghamton, New York, was professor of practical theology at the Yale Divinity School from 1909 to 1937. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Yale and also attended Union Theological Seminary and the University of Berlin. A Congregational minister, he occupied pulpits in Utica, New York and Bridgeport before joining the Yale faculty in 1909. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by Lebanon Valley College in 1921. Tweedy was acting dean of the Yale Divinity School from 1934 to 1935. He compiled the hymnal *Christian Worship and Praise* and wrote or co-authored the books *Moral and Religious Training in the School and Home*, *Religion and War*, and *Training the Devotional Life*.

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## Scope and Contents

There is little personal material in this collection, but Tweedy's writings, sermons, and course-related material provide excellent documentation of the theology and methods of one of the Yale Divinity School's most renowned professors of practical theology.

Nearly 400 manuscript sermons by Tweedy are contained in the collection. Places and dates preached are noted on the individual envelopes containing the sermons. A full list of sermon titles is provided only for the first two boxes. Themes addressed by Tweedy reflect the issues of war, urbanization, and morality of concern to American society during the first few decades of the twentieth century.

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## Arrangement

- I. Correspondence, 1922-1928
- II. Writings, 1895-1940, n.d.
- III. Personal Items and Memorabilia, 1924-1953, n.d.
- IV. Notes and Course-Related Material, 1902-1938

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**Collection Contents****Series I: Correspondence, 1922-1928**

b. 1, f. 1	From Channing Pollock	1923
b. 1, f. 1	From J. Robert Halmshaw	1922-1928
b. 1, f. 1	To Bruce Curry	n.d.

**Series II: Writings, 1895-1940, n.d.**

## Personal writings

b. 1, f. 2 Hymns, prayers, poems, stories, Christmas greetings

## Published writings

b. 1, f. 3 "Frank Talks with Honest Doubters" 1904

b. 1, f. 3 "Making Prayer Real" (*International Journal of Religious Education*) 1934

b. 1, f. 3 "Making Devotional Reading Real" (*International Journal of Religious Education*) 1934

b. 1, f. 3 "Is there a Reasonable Basis for a Belief in Personal Survival?" (*The Pilgrim Highroad*) 1935

## Sermons

b. 1, f. 4 "Abimelech" 1899

b. 1, f. 4 Academic occasions 1896-1938

b. 1, f. 5 "The Acknowledgment of God That Counts" 1900

b. 1, f. 5 "Address to Church in Search of a Pastor" 1920

b. 1, f. 5 "Adjustment to God" 1933

b. 1, f. 5 "Ahasurrus: The Nemesis of Vick" 1900

b. 1, f. 5 "Ageless Calvary" 1899

b. 1, f. 5 "The Aloneness of the Soul" 1900

b. 1, f. 5 "Amusements" (Address) 1931

b. 1, f. 5 "Anarchy" 1901

b. 1, f. 5 "The Answer of Grace" 1902

b. 1, f. 5 "The Answer is an Ungranted Prayer" 1908

b. 1, f. 6 "The Arithmetic of Character" 1898

b. 1, f. 6 "The Art of Life" 1901

b. 1, f. 6 "An Artist's Conceptions of the Gospel: The Christ of Tissot" 1900

b. 1, f. 6 "Atherton's Resurrection" 1901

b. 1, f. 7 "In the Authority of Gashmu" 1902

b. 1, f. 7 "Baked Lives" 1933

b. 1, f. 7 "The Battle Cry of Progress" 1899

b. 1, f. 7 "The Battle for Brotherhood" 1904

## Sermons (continued)

b. 1, f. 7	"The Beatitude of Endurance"	1905
b. 1, f. 7	"The Beatitude of the Peace Makers"	1907
b. 1, f. 8	"The Beauty of Holiness"	1904
b. 1, f. 8	"Benjamin"	1899
b. 1, f. 8	"The Best Degree"	1924
b. 1, f. 8	"The Bible and Science"	1923
b. 1, f. 8	"The Bible of Today"	1901
b. 1, f. 8	"Bible Studies"	n.d.
b. 1, f. 8	"The Biography of the Devil" (Lecture)	1901
b. 1, f. 8	"The Book of Life"	1904
b. 1, f. 8	"Books and the Spiritual Life"	1906
b. 1, f. 8	"The Bridge of San Luis Rey"	1930
b. 1, f. 8	"Bridgeport's Real Four Hundred"	1908
b. 2, f. 9	"Browning's 'My Star': The Revelations of Love"	n.d.
b. 2, f. 9	"Business Men and the Bible"	1926
b. 2, f. 9	"Business Methods in Church Affairs"	1899
b. 2, f. 9	"But"	1905
b. 2, f. 9	"A Call for Volunteers"	1895
b. 2, f. 9	"Can I Believe in God the Father?"	1904
b. 2, f. 9	"Causing the Dragons to Praise God"	1942
b. 2, f. 10	"The Challenge of Easter"	1928
b. 2, f. 10	"The Challenge of the Modern World to the Ministry"	1906
b. 2, f. 10	"The Challenge Presented to the Preacher by the Modern Mind"	1913
b. 2, f. 10	"The Chambers of Imagery"	1909
b. 2, f. 11	Chapel Talks I-IV	1923
b. 2, f. 12	"Character and Creed"	1902
b. 2, f. 12	"Characteristics of Christian Faith"	1898
b. 2, f. 12	"Charge to the People"	1910
b. 2, f. 13	"The Child and the Bible School"	1902
b. 2, f. 13	"The Child and the Pastor" (2 lectures)	1908

## Sermons (continued)

b. 2, f. 13	"Child Labor: A Statement and an Appeal"	1907
b. 2, f. 13	Children's Day Talks	1899-1904
b. 2, f. 13	Children's Sermons	1901-1921
b. 2, f. 13	"The Choice of the Soul"	
b. 3, f. 14-19	"Christ All" - Commemorative Addresses	
b. 4, f. 20-24	"The Commission of a Conqueror" - "The Duty of Transfiguration"	
b. 5, f. 24a-28	"Dying to Live" - "Gideon"	
b. 6, f. 29-33	"The Glory of Young Men" - "How to Hear a Good Sermon"	
b. 7, f. 34-38	"How to Read the Bible" - "Jesus as Executive"	
b. 8, f. 39-42	"Jesus' Way" - "Majoring in Minors"	
b. 9, f. 43-47	"Makers of Holidays" - "Move On"	
b. 10, f. 48-52	"Music and Religion" - "The Problem of the City"	
b. 11, f. 53-56	"Project Method in Preaching" - "Selfish Sympathy"	
b. 12, f. 57-62	"The Sermon of the Cloister" - Thanksgiving addresses	
b. 13, f. 63-67	"Things Left Unsaid" - "What is the Church"	
b. 14, f. 68-71	"What is the Good of Going to Church" - "The Young Man Who Stood By"	



**Series III: Personal Items and Memorabilia, 1924-1953, n.d.**

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b. 14, f. 72	Including photographs, diary, obituary	1924, 1953, n.d.
b. OV-d6	Framed reproduction of Tweedy portrait	

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**Series IV: Notes and Course-Related Material, 1902-1938, n.d.**

b. 14, f. 73-76	Printed material organized by subjects such as prayer, prohibition	1910-1930, n.d.
b. 15, f. 77-80	Notes for sermons and talks	1902-1911, 1935
b. 15, f. 81-82	Notes on Books	1921-1925
b. 15, f. 83	Class schedules and sermon schedules	1927-1938
b. 15, f. 83	Course Bibliographies	1935-1936, n.d.

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Educators

### **Names**

Tweedy, Henry Hallam, 1868-1953

### **Corporate Body**

Yale University. Divinity School