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Abstract

Graduate of Hope College in 1915; graduate of Western Theological Seminary in 1918. Licensed and ordained by the Classis of Iowa in 1918. Served in YMCA War Service in France, 1918-1919. Served as pastor of Sixth Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan, 1919-1928; Coopersville Reformed Church in Coopersville, Michigan, 1928-1943; Wichert Reformed Church in St. Anne, Illinois, 1943-1955; Trinity Reformed Church in Battle Creek, Michigan, 1955-1959. He was president of the Particular Synod of Chicago, 1950-1951. Papers include addresses, articles, stories and sermons prepared during his years in the pastorate and in retirement.

Accessions No: W94-1163
Provenance: John H. Bruggers
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Biography

John H. Bruggers was born on February 10, 1883, in the Netherlands. He graduated from Hope College, Holland, Michigan, in 1915 and from Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, in 1918. He was licensed and ordained by the Classis of Iowa in 1918. After serving in France in 1918-1919, he pastored at four churches; Sixth Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan (1919-1928), Coopersville Reformed Church in Coopersville Michigan (1928-1943), Wichert Reformed Church in St. Anne, Illinois (1943-1955), and Trinity Reformed Church in Battle Creek, Michigan (1955-1959). He was given an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Hope College in 1954 and served as President of the Particular Synod of Chicago in 1950-1951.

John H. Bruggers died in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on June, 26, 1971.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of addresses, articles, stories and sermons of Rev. John H. Bruggers during his thirty-two years as pastor of several churches, as well as writings and sermons which he produced in retirement. The collection is arranged alphabetically; sermons are arranged by subject and by books of the Bible. Bruggers preached mostly from sermon outlines, which are found in the collection the way he used them.

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Box 2

Diplomas awarded to Rev. John H. Bruggers

Honorary degree from Western Theological Seminary, n.d.

Hope College A.B. diploma, 1915

Hope College B.D. diploma, 1922

Western Theological Seminary diploma, 1918

Honorary degree hood awarded to Rev. John H. Bruggers by Western Theological Seminary, n.d.