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BROWN, Walter George (1875-1940). Minister & Member of Parliament.

Originals, 1870-1979. 1.2 m. F.A. No. 1288.

Reverend Brown was born and raised in Huntingdon County, Quebec. After studies at Huntingdon Academy, he entered McGill University where he received a B.A. in 1899, a B.D. in 1902 and M.A. in 1904. His M.A. thesis topic was the History and Philosophy of Socialism. In 1907 he studied theology at the United Free College in Glasgow, Scotland. He began his ministry in 1902, first working as a missionary in the lumber camps of Northern Ontario and then transferring to B.C. lumber camps where he stayed until 1907. In 1907 he accepted a call to Knox Church in Red Deer, Alberta where he worked for 17 years.

During the 1920's Reverend Brown became a leader of the non-concurrents on the question of Church Union. He travelled widely speaking against Church Union. After the United Church of Canada was formed, he left Red Deer to help one hundred continuing Presbyterians in Saskatoon form a new church, St. Andrew's. In 1931 he was elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Reverend Brown had always been interested in social welfare and became quite active in the field in the 1930s making numerous speeches and broadcasts. He was nominated a candidate for the United Reform Party for Saskatchewan and was elected in 1939 and 1940. However he only sat in the House of Commons one day as he died shortly after his 1940 election victory.

Presented in 1979 and 1980 by Miss Helen Brown of Ottawa, Ont.

Photographs and books were transferred to the appropriate divisions.

The finding aid No. 1288 is a file list of vols. 1 to 6.

- Prime Minister's Correspondence, 1917-1918, 1932-1933. 18 pages (volume 1).

Five letters of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 1917-1918, expressing his belief that the Conservatives will lose to the Liberals because of Union Government, that prohibition should be decided by local option and that the next Liberal leader should be a British Protestant.

Three letters of W.L.M. King and one reply of Rev. Brown expressing the belief that the Church should not associate itself with politics by prayer for the success of the Imperial Economic Conference of 1932 and the similarity of C.C.F. beliefs to those King expressed in Industry and Humanity.

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BROWN, Walter George (1875-1940). Minister & Member of Parliament.

Diaries and Notebooks, 1907-1940. 19 cm (volume 1).

They describe his work as a minister in western Canada, as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church 1931 to 1932, his trip to Formosa to visit Presbyterian missions in 1932 and his political career. The notebooks contain quotations for use in speeches and details of health care.

Subject Files, 1870-1979. 17.5 cm (volume 2).

Correspondence, memoranda, texts of speeches, minutes of meetings, leaflets and clippings on the Presbyterian Church and the career of Rev. W.G. Brown. Included in this section are biographical correspondence and memoranda of Allan L. Farris who planned to write a biography of Rev. Brown and a 1979 research paper on the United Reform Movement by J.M. Pitsula.

Scrap-Book, 1896-1940. 2.5 cm (volume 2).

Correspondence, telegrams, clippings, passes concerning Reverend Brown's early career in the ministry in the West, his election as Moderator, his refusal of honorary degrees and election as a Member of Parliament.

Sermons, n.d., 1908-1940. 80 cm (volumes 3-6).

Texts of the sermons Reverend Brown delivered during his life. They are arranged chronologically except for the files of undated sermons arranged by subject. As well as religious subjects the sermons concern social matters such as prohibition, gambling, women's rights, war and the Depression of the 1930's.

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| | <u>Prime Minister's Correspondence</u> | |
| 1 | King, W. L. Mackenzie | 1932-1933 |
| | Laurier, Sir Wilfred | 1917-1918 |
| | <u>Diaries and Notebooks</u> | |
| | Diaries -Two diaries | 1907-1908 |
| | Diary | 1908-1909 |
| | Diary | 1917 |
| | Diary -The 1923 diary includes the Moderator's expenses for 1931-1932 | 1923, 1931-1932 |
| | Diary -Describes his Saskatchewan tour. Notes on Missions included | 1924 |
| | Diary -Diary for May to August 1925 and for July to October 1933 in one volume. Also included are accounts, 1921-1925 | 1925, 1933 |
| | Diaries | 1931 |
| | Diaries while Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada 13 June 1931 - 27 September 1931 and #2 28 September 1931 - 19 January 1932 | |
| | Diary -Concerns his trip to Formosa to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Presbyterian Church in Formosa. He also travelled to Korea and Manchuria | 1932 |
| | Diary | 1934 |
| | Diary (Both years in the same volume to 12 July 1936) | 1935-1936 |

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| 1 (cont'd) | Diary (Both years in the same volume) | 1936-1937 |
| | Diary (Both years in the same volume) | 1938-1939 |
| | Diary | 1940 |
| | Notebook on Sun-Diet Sanatorium | n.d. |
| | Notebooks on Sociology and Great Sayings of Great Men (2 volumes) | n.d. |
| | Notebook on Comments on Church Union, Good Slogans | n.d. |
| | Notebooks on Home Mission Work (3 volumes) - The 1928 notebook includes a brief diary of his visit to the Mayo Clinic | 1927, 1928, 1930 |

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| 2 | Athelstan Presbyterian Church -Memorial to Martha A. Rowat; 1904 and historical pamphlet on church, 1949 | 1914, 1949 |
| | Brown, Mrs. W.G. - Correspondence re Rev. W.G. Brown memorial in Red Deer, Alberta | n.d., 1945-1958 |
| | Christian and the State -Speech by Rev. W.G. Brown to students of the University of Saskatchewan | 23 January <u>[1938]</u> |
| | Christian Science -Text of letter to Editor of the <u>Saskatoon Star</u> by W.G. Brown | n.d. |
| | Congratulations -correspondence | 1932-1939 |
| | Commission as Lieutenant -Charles Brown's Commission | 1870 |
| | David Livingstone -Text of R.G. MacBeth's article or book | n.d. |

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| 2 (cont'd) | Election Campaign and Biographical clippings of W.G. Brown | 1932-1940 |
| | Farris, Allan L. -Biographical correspondence and memoranda on W.G. Brown | 1927-1961 |
| | Farris, Allan L. -Correspondence concerning Rev. W.G. Brown | 1967-1970 |
| | Farris, Allan L. -Correspondence and memoranda concerning his proposed biography of Rev. W.G. Brown | 1967-1971 |
| | Gifts to St. Andrew's -List | n.d. |
| | Knox Church, Red Deer -Testimonial to W.G. Brown | 1910 |
| | MacKay of Formosa -Pamphlet of Diamond Jubilee 1872- 1932 of his missionary work, written by Rev. John McNab | 1932 |
| | Memorial For W.G. Brown -Pamphlet, memorandum | 1940 |
| | Memorial Service and Tributes -For Rev. W.G. Brown | 7 April 1940 |
| | Memorial Service for Rev. W.G. Brown -Order of Service by Rev. James A. Monroe | 6 April 1941 |
| | Motion for Moderator -Nomination of W.G. Brown as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada | 3 June 1931 |
| | New Denver B.C. -Request for Rev. W.G. Brown to be Pastor | 1905 |
| | Presbyterian Church in Canada -Correspondence, memoranda, and manuals | 1882-1936 |

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| 2 (cont'd) | Presbyterian Church in Canada -Pamphlets on prohibition, political impurity | n.d. |
| | Presbyterian Church in Canada -Speech to the 58th General Assembly <u>by W.G. Brown</u> | <u>1931</u> |
| | Prohibition -Leaflets, clippings | n.d., 1916 |
| | Radio Broadcasts -Correspondence to Rev. W.G. Brown | 1937-1938 |
| | Rainy Lake, Ontario -Memorial of thanks for services of W.G. Brown | <u>1904</u> |
| | Red Deer Memorial Hospital -Letter re history of the hospital from the Secretary-General | 1936 |
| | Saskatoon Presbyterian Meeting -Minutes | 1925 |
| | St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon -Petition for Rev. W.G. Brown to serve as minister | 1925 |
| | Sandon, B.C. -Message to Rev. W.G. Brown on departure | 1907 |
| | Social Service Council of Regina -Speech on Relief and Unemployment by Rev. W.G. Brown | n.d. |
| | Socialized Medicine -Two speeches on the subject by Rev. W.G. Brown | 1937-1938 |
| | <u>The Spirit of Jesus in St. Paul</u> -Review of book of Rev. W.W. Bryden by <u>Rev. W.G. Brown</u> | 1927 |
| | State Hospital and Medical League of Saskatchewan -Speech by Rev. W.G. Brown (draft and final copy) | 1937 |

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| | Tweedsmuir, Lord -Correspondence with Rev. W.G. Brown | 1937 |
| | United Reform Movement -Correspondence | 1937-1940 |
| | United Reform Movement -Minutes of meeting, memoranda | <u>1939</u> |
| | United Reform Movement -Speeches of W.G. Brown | 1939 |
| | United Reform Movement -Brochure and memoranda | 1939 |
| | <u>Vision and Authority</u> by John Aman -Book review by Rev. W.G. Brown | n.d. |
| | The White Eagle of the North -Manuscript of article (no author) | n.d. |
| | W.G. Brown: Righteousness Exalteth a Nation -Essay on W.G. Brown's political career by J.M. Pitsula, Department of History University of Regina, Regina, Saskatoon. Includes correspondence with Helen Brown | 1979 |
| | <u>Scrapbook</u> Correspondence, photographs, telegrams, clippings concerning his early life, his election as moderator, refusal of honorary degrees, pamphlets, invitations to opening of parliament, railway pass as a Member of Parliament | 1896-1940 |
| | <u>Sermons</u> | |
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| | For the Love of Money is the Root of All Evil | n.d. |
| | Gambling | n.d. |
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| | Hope the Anchor of the Soul | n.d. |
| | How Are We to Know God | n.d. |
| | How Could Christ Die for Me | n.d. |
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| | John Knox | n.d. |
| | Mons to Joshua | n.d. |
| | New Year's | n.d. |
| | Paul and Timothy | n.d. |
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| | What Does the Lord Require | n.d. |
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| | Untitled | 1909 |
| | New Year's Sermon | 1 January 1909 |
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| | Odd Fellows Service | 1911-1915 |
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| | Communion Service | 2 April 1911 |
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| | The Mind of Christ Concerning Sin | 20 October 1912 |

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| | Smyrna | February 1914 |
| | Ephesus | 15 February 1914 |
| | Thyatira, Philadelphia | n.d., 8 March 1914 |
| | Child Training | 10 May 1914 |
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| | Special Service for Children | 11 April 1915 |
| | 500th Anniversary of Death of John Huss | 4 July 1915 |
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| | Pergamos | 1 March 1917 |
| | Memorial Service for Privates Bell - Venables-Dickens | 25 March 1917 |
| | Man's Chief End | 6 May 1917 |
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| | Death of Sir Wilfred Laurier | 2 March 1919 |
| | Dedication of Memorial Pulpit | 6 July 1919 |
| | Diety of Christ | 1920-1928 |
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| | Memorial to Our Honoured Dead | 3 October 1920 |
| | Spiritual Motives | 28 November 1920 |
| | Science | 1921-1930 |
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| | Building Character | 10 July 1921 |
| | Christ Our Passover | 18 September 1921 |
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