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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Moxcey, Mary E. (Mary Eliza), 1875-1970
Title:	Mary Eliza Moxcey papers
ID:	4492473
Date [inclusive]:	1901 -- 1920
Physical Description:	1.5 linear feet 1.5 linear feet; 3 boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Mary Eliza Moxcey (1875-1970) studied at Union Theological Seminary, Teachers College, and Columbia University, and was a leader in the field of religious education. The collection contains research materials and data resulting from Moxcey's intensive study of the academic and work environment at theological institutions in the United States, toward her dissertation titled "Some Qualities Associated with Success in the Christian Ministry."

Preferred Citation

Item description, UTS1: Mary Eliza Moxcey Papers, 1901-1920, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Mary Eliza Moxcey was an influential leader of religious education in the early to mid-twentieth century. She was born in Atchison, Kansas, on February 2, 1875. She earned her Ph.B. from Syracuse University in 1897, and completed additional graduate work at a number of institutions, first an M.A. from Oberlin College in 1907, then additional studies at Teachers College, Columbia University from 1913 to 1915, and again in 1917. In the interim, she briefly attended Union Theological Seminary from 1914 to 1915. She returned to Columbia to complete her PhD. in Philosophy. There, she committed to a rigorous, years-long study

of careers in the Christian ministry using several American seminaries and conferences as her subjects. She earned her doctorate from Columbia in 1922. Moxcey spent the majority of her academic and professional career devoted to the study and improvement of religious education in primary school education (with a focus on education for young girls), analyzing the Christian ministry as a professional field, and assessing student experience in American seminaries. In her research and work, she strove to assess and improve the relationship between student's actual lives and the vocational work that religious leaders and teachers strive to animate in their students. She developed a number of Sunday school primers, teaching manuals and related curricular materials for use in YWCA and public school settings. She was a religious education teacher at the New York Trade School for Christian Workers from 1916 to 1917, and taught as a Professor of Religious Education at Boston University from 1917 to 1918. She eventually worked as an assistant educator in Cincinnati, Ohio, remaining there from 1918 to 1940. Moxcey was the author of a number of leadership manuals relating to religious education, Sunday school lesson materials, and general education. Her publications include *Good Times for Girls* (1922), *Parents and their Children: An Introductory Manual for Parents' Classes* (1922), *Physical Health and Recreation for Girls* (1920), *Some Qualities Associated with Success in the Christian Ministry* (1922); Moxcey's doctoral dissertation toward a Doctorate of Philosophy at Columbia University), and *Finding My Place: A Girl's Outlook on Life and Vocation* (1927). In addition to her extensive research and teaching, Moxcey was a long-time editor of *The Methodist Book Concern*. She retired in 1940, and passed away in Claremont, California in 1970.

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Scope and Contents

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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The following boxes are located offsite: Box 1-3. Please note that requests for use of boxes held in offsite storage must be made three business days in advance.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The exact provenance of this collection is unknown.

Custodial History

The Mary Eliza Moxcey papers were among a large group of unprocessed materials that were organized in 2016-2017 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation.

Processing Information

Material was cataloged by Lynn A. Grove on 1988-07-12. Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Acidic items were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed. Loose individual profiles in Box 3 were secured with cotton ties and placed in acid-free folders. The finding aid was created by Rebecca Nieto in 2017

with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2021.

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Related Materials

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Mary Eliza Moxcey papers. The General Commission on Archives and History, The United Methodist Church, Madison, New Jersey.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Seminarians -- United States -- Statistics
- Seminarians -- United States -- Case studies
- Theological seminaries -- Employees -- United States -- Statistics
- Theological seminaries -- Employees -- United States -- Case studies
- Prediction of occupational success
- Moxcey, Mary E. (Mary Eliza), 1875-1970 -- : Archives

Burke Library record group:

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Title/Description	Instances	
Data and Notes for Talks, Recordkeeping, 1902 -- 1911	box 1	folder 1
Marking College and Theological Subjects Using Questionnaire Tables, circa 1911	box 1	folder 2
Dissertation Data Questionnaires [including blanks], 1917	box 1	folder 3
Boston Replies (surveys), 1917	box 1	folder 4
Distribution of Boston Grades by Random Values (Medians Marked), 1917	box 1	folder 5
Drew Theological Seminary Replies, circa 1910 -- 1919	box 1	folder 6
Drew Grades and Salaries, 1902 -- 1917	box 1	folder 7
Garrett [Evangelical Theological Seminary] Replies, circa 1910 -- 1919	box 1	folder 8
Garrett Grades, 1902 -- 1911	box 1	folder 9
Boston and Drew Grades, 1902 -- 1911	box 1	folder 10
Salaries of All Conference Ministries from 1917 General Minutes, 1917	box 1	folder 11
Salaries of 212 Conference Ministries, 1917 -- 1920	box 2	folder 1-2
Rough Data and Completed Charges Served by Twenty Five Ministries, 1901 -- 1916	box 2	folder 3

Correspondence [Calls for Participation and Responses], 1917	box 2	folder 4
Dissertation Data – Judgment on Conference Ministries, 1917	box 2	folder 5-7
Dissertation Data – All Correlations, 1917	box 2	folder 8
Judgment on Conference (Random Values/Additions/ Averages), 1917	box 3	folder 1
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Special Copies of Minutes and Catalogues of Ministries [Consulted for Dissertation Research – Pamphlets], 1916 -- 1918	box 3	folder 3

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