

**Register of the
A. G. Daniels Collection
Collection 227**

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Scope and Content

Arthur Grosvenor Daniells (1858-1935) was born in the U.S. state of Iowa. His father was a physician and surgeon in the Union Army during the American Civil War. Daniels converted to the Seventh-day Adventist faith at the age of 10. In 1875 he enrolled at Battle Creek College staying only one year and left due to illness. After teaching in public school for one year, he received a call to the gospel ministry, which he accepted after earnest prayer. His ministry began in Texas in 1878 with Robert M. Kilgore. Afterwards, he served as secretary to James and Ellen White for one year, and later as an evangelist in Iowa.

In 1886 he was called as pioneer missionary to New Zealand, remaining in Australasia for 14 years. While there he served as president of the New Zealand Conference (1889 to 1891), and of the Australia Conference (1892 to 1895). Later, he became the president of the Australasia Union Conference. In 1891, when Ellen White went to Australia, he became closely associated with her and remained so for the rest of her life. In later years she and he carried on a heavy correspondence.

He was elected president of the General Conference in 1901 at a particularly difficult period for the denomination. He served as president until 1922. During his presidency he ably dealt with financial, organizational, and doctrinal matters, including moving the headquarters of the denomination from Battle Creek to Washington, D.C., and the John H. Kellogg crisis. He traveled extensively worldwide playing a pivotal role in the denomination's mission expansion. In 1922, at a contentious GC Session, he was elected secretary of the General Conference. In the following years he continued to play an important role including helping to establish the Ministerial Association and *Ministry* magazine. During this period he emphasized righteousness by faith. He was one of the denomination's most dynamic leaders. He penned numerous articles and several books, including *The World War*, *A World in Perplexity*, *The Abiding Gift of Prophecy*, and *Christ Our Righteousness*.

The collection consists of photocopies of typed and handwritten correspondence to, by, and about Daniells, from 1891 until 1903. Portions of some photocopies are not legible. A significant number of letters were written to Ellen G. White and W. C. White. Others were written to church leaders such as George I. Butler, Stephen N. Haskell, A. S. Hickox, C. S. Palmer, and G. B. Starr. The issues discussed cover a wide range of topics mostly in connection with the development of the denomination's work in Australia, but also South Africa and Europe.

We are not aware of the circumstances surrounding the creation of this collection or what its purpose may be. We make no claim for completeness or comprehension for the period covered.

Extent 0.42 linear feet.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Provenance

This collection was held unprocessed by the *Ellen G. White Estate Branch Office* at Andrews University until 2003 when it was incorporated into the manuscript collections of the *Center for Adventist Research* at the James White Library, Andrews University. It is unknown who selected letters for inclusion.

Use

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Correspondence by, to, and about A. G. Daniells

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Box 1 Fld 8	1898	
Box 1 Fld 9	1899	
Box 1 Fld 10	1900	
Box 1 Fld 11	1901	January to June
Box 1 Fld 12	1901	July to December
Box 1 Fld 13	1902	January to May
Box 1 Fld 14	1902	June to December
Box 1 Fld 15	1903	January to June
Box 1 Fld 16	1903	July to December

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