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These papers consist principally of diaries, incoming correspondence, and newspaper cuttings relating to the life and interests of the Very Rev Andrew Nevile Davidson, DD, (1899-1976), minister successively of St Mary's Old Aberdeen (1925-32), St Enoch's Dundee (1932-4), and Glasgow Cathedral, 1935-67. The papers cover the main features of his career – his interest in the ecumenical movement and in the international work of the church, his work in founding the Dunkeld Fellowship and the Friends of Glasgow Cathedral, his moderatorial year (1962-3), and his travels – as well as the general work of his ministry. They also include some early literary work, and some material relating to his father, the Rev James Davidson, minister of Blackadder Church, North Berwick.

Presented, 1980, by Mrs Margaret Davidson.

The general arrangement is as follows:

1-45 Journals of Dr Davidson

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46-79 Engagement diaries

- 46. 1929
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- 65. 1962 to June
- 66. 1962 from June
- 67. 1963 from June

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- 73. 1969
- 74. 1970
- 75. 1971
- 76. 1972
- 77. 1974
- 78. 1975
- 79. 1976

80-85 Notebooks

- 80. Miscellaneous scraps of poetry, pencil portraits of his father, sister, and aunts, Latin exercises etc ca. 1913.
- 81. Description of a visit to Agen, of Forest Home at Nethy Bridge, of 'Crossing the Channel', and of the adventures of the Prophet Jonah, 1912-13.
- 82. English essays (school work), 1914. Blanks are made up with drafts of university essays, ca. 1918.
- 83. English essays as in 82, 1914-15.
- 84. Early essay, 1915, 1918.
- 85. Scrap book, ca. 1912, and Commonplace Books, 1922-9.
- 86. Manuscript of Many Beginnings but no Ending, Dr Davidson's autobiography, published 1978 after his death.
- 87. Letters to Dr Davidson from his father, 1916-27.

Letters to Dr Davidson from members of the Royal Family, 1947-75.

- 88-94 General correspondence of Dr Davidson, with a note of the more prominent writers:
- 88. 1916 (letter of Sir A N Agnew of Lochnaw to Dr Davidson's mother about him), 1918, 1923-42. James Bridie, Professor David Cairns, Sir D Y Cameron, Professor G S Duncan, Ramsay Macdonald, and Annie S Swan.

89. 1943-51. The Very Rev James Black, Professor Cairns, Sir D Y Cameron, Harry Gordon, Sir Hector Hetherington, Lord Macleod of Fuinary, Sir John Stirling Maxwell, and the Very Rev Charles Warr.
90. 1952 – Sept 1961. Seton Gordon, Stella Isaacs, Marchioness of Reading, The Very Rev Harry Whitley, and Major General Douglas Wimberley.
91. Oct 1961. Lord Ferrier, Sir Hector Hetherington, Dr R A Lillie, Lord Macleod of Fuinary, The Very Rev Roy Sanderson, the Archimandrite Symeon, The Very Rev Professor T Torrance, The Very Rev Charles Warr, The Very Rev Harry Whitley, The Very Rev R Selby Wright.
92. Nov 1961-1963. Lord Ballantrae, Professor Cairns, Sir Patrick Dollan, Sir Myer Galpern, Elizabeth Duchess of Hamilton, Lord Home of the Hirsel, Benno Schotz, Earl of Wemyss, and The Very Rev Selby Wright.
93. 1964-6. Sir Samuel Curran, 14th Duke of Hamilton, Elizabeth Duchess of Hamilton, Dr R A Lillie, Mons David McRoberts, The Very Rev Roy Sanderson, The Very Rev Professor T Torrance, The Very Rev Charles Warr, The Very Rev R Selby Wright.
94. 1967-76, n.d. Lord Ballantrae, Seton Gordon, Cardinary Gray, Elizabeth Duchess of Hamilton, the Hon Angus Ogilvy, Aldo Sbaffi, Cardinal Suenens, the Very Rev Charles Warr, the Earl of Wemyss. This folder also includes an autograph MS signed of the poem 'They' from Not That He Brought Flowers, 1968, by R S Thomas.
95. Sermons. These consist mainly of notes for sermons, though one or two are written out in full. They are undated but mostly come from the later part of Dr Davidson's career.
96. Index to sermons. This is a listing of sermon texts under subject headings. It does not relate to material preserved in this collection, and does not include dates or places.

Addresses and talks used during Dr Davidson's moderatorial year, 1962-3.

97. Prayers, undated but apparently from all stages of Dr Davidson's ministry
Miscellaneous literary works, and talks, ca. 1960-76.

Notes for autobiography.

98. Orders of service, 1935, 1961-6, 1970, n.d.

Tributes to Dr Davidson, 1948, 1950, 1962, 1976-7.

Miscellaneous papers and photographs relating to the history and fabric of Glasgow Cathedral, and to the founding of the Friends of Glasgow Cathedral, 1915-67.

99. Photographs: Personal, 1913-1976, including a group photographs of North Berwick High School, session 1912-13.

Berlin, 1961.

Visit to East Africa, 1963.

Visit to Brussels, 1963.

Miscellaneous, relating to Dr Davidson's official functions, 1928-after 1973.

100-110 Presscuttings:

- 100. 1920s
- 101. 1935-6
- 102. 1949-50
- 103. 1950
- 104. 1951
- 105. 1952
- 106. 1955
- 107. 1946-60
- 108. 1962
- 109. 'Glasgow Events', 1937-58
- 110. Miscellaneous

111. Calls, diplomas, and certificates relating to Dr Davidson's career, from 1913.

112-114 Correspondence of Margaret Davidson, Dr Davidson's wife,

- 112. 1950, 1953, 1955-6, 1961-2, 1964, 1968, 1972-3, 20-22 Dec 1976.
- 113. 23-31 Dec 1976.
- 114. 1977-8.

115. Miscellaneous notes, papers, photographs correspondence etc, relating to Dr Davidson's parents, 1886 – ca. 1920, including Mr Davidson's call to Blackadder Church, North Berwick, and an account by Mrs Constance Davidson of a visit to the USA in 1893.
116. Account book of Mr Davidson, 1898-1911.
117. Domestic notebook of Mr Davidson, 1898 – ca. 1903.
118. 'Fifty-two sermons preach'd (mostly) at Sacrament occasions', by a minister working in North Lanarkshire, 1745-67.
119. Rev James Davidson, sermons, 1888-1927, n.d.