Cutler Whitwell Diaries, an addition to the Charles E and Grace Payton Fuller Collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Cutler Whitwell Diaries, an addition to the Charles E and Grace Payton Fuller Collection
Dates: 1927-1967
Collection Number: CFT00012
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Abstract: Cutler Whitwell (1882-1968) was an executive with the Standard Oil Company of California until he felt led to resign that post and preach the Gospel. During the late 1920s, he was dean at BIOLA. The Cutler Whitwell Diaries record the lives of Cutler Whitwell (1882-1968) and his wife Florence Nye Whitwell. The diaries begin on December 31, 1927 and end June 8, 1968. The bulk of the content reflects the evangelical movement of those years. The diaries repeatedly mention Charles and Grace Fuller as well as regular trips to the Long Beach Auditorium, the location of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour radio broadcast (1930-1958). The 1948 and 1949 diaries also mention Fuller Theological Seminary. The 1950s diaries refer to Harold Ockenga, Wibur Smith, Carl Henry, Billy Graham, J. Vernon McGee, Charles Woodbridge, and Charles Fuller.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Biography/Administrative History
Cutler Whitwell (1882-1968) was an executive with the Standard Oil Company of California until he felt led to resign that post and preach the Gospel. During the late 1920s, he was dean of men at BIOLA, and his wife Florence taught Bible lessons for children each morning over radio KTBI. In 1927, she published a novel entitled Cynthia Stands Fast, which was popular with BIOLA students. During this time, the Whitwells became close friends of the Charles E Fuller family. In 1941, the couple went as representatives of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour into the northeastern United States, often opening churches buildings that had been closed and boarded. During the 1941 trip, the Whitwells met the Fullers for lunch. According to the entry from October 13, 1941, the Whitwells sang Heavenly Sunlight’s chorus, which Charles Fuller remembered as becoming “Heavenly Sunshine,” the later theme song of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour.
Scope and Content of Collection
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