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Scope and Content
This collection is an addition to M0051, the original gift of Mrs. Robert Van Vleck Anderson. These papers are closely related to the first collection and contain many letters by Melville Best Anderson, as well as drafts of letters by Dr. Anderson, a category found in limited numbers in the first collection. There are also photographs, pamphlets, and manuscripts of writings.

Containers 4-6 house the sermons of Edward Coffin Anderson, who was the father of Melville Best Anderson.

Biographical Note
Family of Scottish-English origins which came to the United States in the middle of the nineteenth century. The family settled on the East Coast, later moving West; the Andersons contributed to society in the fields of theology, education and literature. Melville Best Anderson was an author, translator and teacher whose particular interest was the work of Dante.
From 1891-1910, he taught in the English Department at Stanford University, serving as first chairman of the department.

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28) Waldo Browne April 4, 1916
Scope and Content Note
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29) Mrs. Emlin McClair April 8, 1916
Scope and Content Note
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30) Waldo Browne May 3, 1916
31) Miss May 31, 1916
Scope and Content Note
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32) Miss Heywood May 31, 1916
Scope and Content Note
Mentions plan of poem, asks her help to distribute poem in Paris

33) Robert Anderson June 1916
Scope and Content Note
Mentions above poem

34) Edith May June 11, 1916
Scope and Content Note
Mentions poem

35) Anna Strunsky Walling June 13, 1916
Scope and Content Note
Mentions poem

36) Reverend Sydney B. Snow June 13, 1916
37) Robert Anderson June 15, 1916
Scope and Content Note
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38) Letter (copy) possibly to Mrs. Hoover June 23, 1916
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64) Prof. Tatlock--list of published books April 6, 1925
65) Robert Anderson--letter unfinished April 6, 1925
66) Ray Lyman Wilbur ND

Letters from Catherine Merrill:
67) February 14, 1881
68) Appreciates having Ida there to teach February 18, 1881
69) Visit to Vermont and discussion of books September, 1881
70) Discusses the Andersons living at Butler College February 18, 1883
71) Discusses new books June 18, 1883
72) Rejoices that he is at Knox and receives promotion August 15, 1883

Scope and Content Note
She will resign from Butler, will lecture

73) Concerning Kate, her niece December 21, 1884
74) Discusses books-- Pattison's power of growth by experience and reading August 27, 1885
75) Hears of Anderson's going to Purdue July 2, 1886
76) Discusses a [UNK] whichAndersonis to conduct January 26, 1887
77) Invitation to tea March [UNK], 1887
78) Invitation to lecture May 1, 1887
79) Newsy letter! May 17, 1887

Scope and Content Note
Discusses books

80) Sorry he's going West (Iowa,) but feels he is wise; need of growth July 15, 1887
81) Condolence for Father's illness-- September 3, 1887

Scope and Content Note
Mentions meeting Edward Everett Hale

82) Describes Bass Point, Nahant, Mass. July 15, 1889
83) December 16, 1889
84) Letter for Catherine Merrill by Katherine Graydon August 1890

Scope and Content Note
Thanks him for letters and issues of Dial

85) Asks that he call on friend, etc. August 15, 1892
86) Condolence on death of daughter, Gertrude October 24, 1892
87) Sorry she wrote obituary for Gertrude--not good, she thought November 24, 1892
88) Tells of Janet's melancholia June 17, 1893
89) Hopes Anderson will visit her June 27, 1893
90) Invitation to visit her, discuss books May 9, 1894

Scope and Content Note
Believes Janet recovering

91) Thanks him for pictures sent from Palo Alto Discusses books July 17, 1894
92) Condolence for another death April 1895
93) Asks for references for her talk on The Child in Literature January 12, 1896
94) Thanks him for references February 7, 1896
95) Wonders if Anderson would consider cousin, Katherine Merrill, for assistant April 6, 1896
96) Thanks for Dial December 1, 1896

Scope and Content Note
Would like references for Eber for Mrs. Butler
97) Thanks for poem, picture of San Francisco Bay, etc. January 22, 1898
98) Contemplates his visit December 2, 1899
99) Asks him to give talk on French Literature
100) Delighted he’d come
101) Further arrangements
102) Further arrangements
103) Disappointed she cannot visit Anderson
104) Glad to see his article in Dial
105) Regrets not calling on his mother

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In Memoriam

Literary Criticism by Catherine Merrill

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Miscellaneous Letters

106) A. H. Barnhill (real estate) January 1926, April 1926
107) Ellen Weir Cathcart October 29, 1901
108) Katherine Weir Dorsey September 1, 1901
109) Katherine Graydon July 26, 1883
110) Katherine Graydon February 26, 1885
111) Katherine Graydon May 22, 1891
112) Katherine Graydon May 21, 1891
113) Mary M. Graydon March 8, 1885
114) Mary M. Graydon August 14, 1887
115) Guglielmo La Wadon December 12, 1916
116) Kate Merrill to Catherine Merrill-- send to Prof. Merrill March 16, 1896
117) Mina Merrill June 29, 1891
118) Mina Merrill July 2, 1891
119) Mina Merrill September 23, 1891
120) September 30, 1891
121) Mina Merrill October 18, 1891
122) Mina Merrill January 17, 1892
123) S. Merrill December 4, 1901
124) Charles W. Moores December 21, 1890
125) Charles W. Moores September 14, 1890
126) Janet M. Moores April 17, 1881
127) Janet M. Moores February 7, 1886
128) Janet M. Moores April 15, 1888
129) Copies of letters from Rector of University of Paris March 1920

Scope and Content Note

Letter from Rector

130) May Aright Sewell January 28, 1889
131) May Louise Shipp May 3, [UNK]
132) May Louise Shipp July 15, 1901
133) May Louise Shipp August 3, 1901
134) May Louise Shipp August 7, 1901
135) May Louise Shipp August 13, 1901
136) May Louise Shipp September 2, 1901
137) World Book Company, Publishers August 2, 1921
138) World Book Company May 11, 1922
139) World Book to John Henry Nash--about Anderson February 21, 1924
140) Article of Agreement with World Book Co. and Anderson August 2, 1921
141) World Book Company August 13, 1929
142) Unfinished letter to Anderson March 19, 1905
143) Isabelle Higgins
144) To Melville Best Anderson from David Starr Jordan
145) Reply to Jordan by Anderson

Poems and drafts of poems, etc.
146) Poems to others
147) Drafts of poems
148) Poem to son Robert
149) On the founding of a Foundation in memory of Catherine Merrill
150) A Heroic Bit of History
151) Introducing Dr. Hale (Man Without a Country)
152) The Last Word
153) King Arthur and Arthurian Literature
154) Tribute to Anderson by Academic Council
155) Draft on Hamlet

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156) Portraits of Dante by F. M. Mather
157) Notes on Dante
158) Virgil as conceived by Dante

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160) Italy's motives in the War
161) Has Hilda a Soul
162) George Gissing
163) Who is W. H. Hudson
164) Conversation of John Muir
165) Balzac--Life and Personal Character
166) Pamela
167) George Sand
168) Chateaubriand--prose epic of Les Natchez
169) Chatterlou--Alfred de Vigny
170) Conversation of John Muir

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171) Leopardi: The Broom Plant (translation)
172) Hugo: Les Voix Suterieures
173) Schiller's Don Carlos
174) Charlemagne's Sea Voyage
175) Le Martine's Jocelyn--Peasants at the Spring
176) Le Martine's Jocelyn--Human Caravan, Moses, Night, Cavern

Box 1, Folder 7

177) Song from Roy Blas
178) Alfred de Vigny--La Maison du Berger
179) Alfred de Vigny--Mount of Olives
180) Alfred de Musset--La Nuit de Mai (The Mure)
181) Alfred de Musset--December Night
182) Alfred de Musset--Remembrance
183) Alfred de Musset--Rolla
184) Alfred de Musset--Conclusions of a Letter to Lamartine
185) Beranger's Les Fous
186) Flotsam and Jetsam on the Shore of a Memory
187) Description of outing at Pacific Grove--[UNK]
188) Concerning Ewald Flugel--read in Memorial Chapel, December 8, 1914

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197) Film Book--Europe
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198) Postcards, College Album, Bookmarks

199) Articles in Dial, Popular Science, Indiana College Ass. Address at laying of cornerstone for Stanford Library, Notes on 50 poems by Browning, Founders Day Address

200) Photos and Mementos from Gertrude and Balfour

E. C. Anderson

201) Baptist quarterlies

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215) Diploma from Nova Scotia

Diploma from Newton Theological Institute

Grand Lodge Masons

Mrs. Andersons--honorary member of American Baptist Missionary Union