

THOBURN, J. M., 1836-1922.
James Mills Thoburn papers, 1910-1922

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Thoburn, J. M., 1836-1922.
Title: James Mills Thoburn papers, 1910-1922
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 112
Extent: 0.33 cubic ft. (1 box)
Abstract: Contains one book titled *Thoburn in India* along with two letters and two photographs.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

James Mills Thoburn, born March 7, 1836 in St. Clairsville, Ohio, was the son of Irish immigrants. In 1850, a year after the death of his father, Thoburn enrolled in Allegheny College.

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He graduated in 1857. He joined the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was ordained in 1858. Thoburn became a missionary to India in 1859. He helped start and was the first editor of "The Indian Witness." In 1888, Thoburn was elected Missionary Bishop for India by the General Conference. He remained in office until 1908. He died in Meadville, Pennsylvania, on November 28, 1922.

Among Thoburn's writings are: *My Missionary Apprentice*, 1886; *The Deaconess and her Vocation*, 1893; *Christless Nations*, 1894; *The Church of Pentecost*, 1899; *Life of Isabella Thoburn*, 1903; *The Christian Conquest of India*, 1906; *India and Southern Asia*, 1907; *God's Heroes Our Examples*, 1914.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains one book, two letters, and two photographs. The book is a copy of *Thoburn in India* autographed by Thoburn for his cousin, Mrs. Hester C. Pattillo. The book contained a letter from Thoburn to Mrs. Pattillo dated April 1, 1910 and a newspaper clipping describing the fiftieth anniversary of Thoburn's sailing for India. The second letter, dated September 11, 1947 is from Isabella Thoburn, granddaughter of Bishop Thoburn, to Mrs. Pattillo. One photograph is of the residence in Meadville, Pennsylvania that was given to Thoburn by the Methodist Episcopal Church as a part of the fiftieth anniversary celebration. Another is of Bishop Thoburn. The photographs are black and white; neither is dated.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	A copy of <i>Thoburn in India: Semicentennial Sermon and Addresses Delivered at the Thoburn Jubilee, Celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of Bishop James M. Thoburn's Sailing for India</i> , ed. by William Henry Crawford, New York: Eaton & Mains; Cincinnati: Jennings & Graham, 1909. The copy is autographed by J.M. Thoburn for his cousin, Mrs. Hester C. Pattillo.
1	2	Letter 1: A letter dated April 1, 1910 to "My dear Cousin" [Mrs. Hester C. Pattillo]. The letter was contained in the copy of <i>Thoburn in India</i> . Attached to the letter is a newspaper clipping describing the fiftieth anniversary of Bishop Thoburn becoming a missionary.
1	2	Letter 2: A letter dated September 11, 1947 from Isabella Thoburn (granddaughter of Bishop James M. Thoburn) to Miss Patillo.
1	3	A black and white photograph of the residence in Meadville, Pennsylvania, given to Bishop Thoburn by "his alumni." Undated, but presumably taken between the time of the 50th anniversary celebration and April 1, 1910 when it is mentioned in a letter to his cousin.
1	4	An undated black and white portrait photo of Bishop James Mills Thoburn. Thoburn's age appears to be approximately 45-50 years.
