Historical Collection 28:
The Harry Neitz Sermons

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INTRODUCTION

The Harry Neitz Sermons include sermon outlines, full-text sermons, and sermon notes without outlines written by Rev. Neitz during his ministry. The documents are handwritten in the English language, but the collection contains twelve German language sermons as well. Harry was the son of Solomon Neitz, a famous Evangelical preacher who was considered "the most eloquent orator" of the German language in America during his lifetime. Two of the sermons are ascribed to the Rev. Solomon Neitz. The sermons in the collection were preached on multiple dates and at multiple locations, presumably by Harry, according to notations on the documents.

These sermons were given to the Rev. W.E. Pottieger (**see related collection HC-88**) during his pastorate in Millersburg, PA, at Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church. When Rev. Pottieger received them, they were in the possession of descendants of the Rev. Neitz. Dr. Cecil P. E. Pottieger, Rev. Pottieger's son, donated HC-28 to the Center for the Evangelical United Brethren Heritage in 1980.

The collection occupies 2 boxes (1 linear foot of shelf space) and consists of two series: Neitz Sermons and Index. The index was prepared by UTS staff members while processing the collection 2007-2008.

There are no restrictions on the use of HC-28.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Henry A. Neitz (Harry), son of the well-known and much honored preacher Solomon Neitz and his wife Susanna, was born at Buffalo, NY on June 16, 1846, and died at Columbia, PA on Sunday morning, January 13, 1901. He was 54 years old. He married Adelia Duel in 1865, and they had seven children, four sons and three daughters.

Harry came to Christ when he was fifteen years old and served his local church as Sunday school class leader and superintendent. He entered the ministry at the age of 21, being licensed at the East Pennsylvania Conference session held at Bethlehem, PA in 1867. He was received into the itinerancy at the same session. In 1868, he was ordained to the office of deacon at the Reading, PA session of the conference, and two years later was ordained an elder.

Rev. Neitz served Evangelical Association congregations at Annville (1867); Fremont (1868); Cressona (1869-1870); Pottsville (1871-1872); and Millersburg (1873-1875). In 1876 he was elected Financial Agent of the education interests of the conference. Unfortunately, ill health caused his retirement from active service in 1877. Returning again to active duties in 1878, he served the congregations at Germantown (1878-1880) and Millersburg (1881-1882).

In 1883, he took another rest from active work. During this retirement from active service, Rev. Neitz bought a controlling interest in a carpet manufacturing business from George W. Kline. Rev. Neitz and Mr. Kline's son (also George W.) formed a partnership under the name Kline and Neitz and continued the business. The corporation was not prosperous and failed in 1893. He was appointed by the East Pennsylvania Conference to serve on the standing committee to audit accounts as a teller on February 27, 1884. He returned to active ministry in the spring of 1897 when he was appointed to serve at Myerstown until the fall of 1898. He served his last appointment, Columbia, until the time of his death.

As a special note, Rev. Neitz served as pastor of the Reedville Church, the original Evangelical church in the Summit Station neighborhood of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, and he also served as the Evangelical faith pastor of the English Protestant Union Church in Friedensburg, PA. In addition, he was appointed State Chaplain of the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Series I, Neitz Sermons, consists of 2 boxes. Box 1 contains 65 folders, and Box 2 contains 84 folders. Each folder contains notes for one sermon. The sermons are arranged in the order in which they were received from the donor. As a special note, two sermons are ascribed to the famous preacher Solomon Neitz: Box 1, Folder 8 (Revelation 19:9) and Box 2, Folder 76 (2 Corinthians 7:10-11).

Box	Folder	Contents	Dates
1	33	I Corinthians 10:31	n/d
	34	I Samuel 13:20	n/d
	35	Luke 22:10	n/d
	36	2 Samuel 18:29	1898-1899
	37	Ephesians 5:23	n/d
	38	Matthew 13:44	n/d
	39	2 Samuel 23:5	n/d
	40	Romans 15:1	n/d
	41	Ephesians 5:1	n/d
	42	John 18:26	1899-1900
	43	I Peter 5:10	1897-1900
	44	Matthew 6:13	1900
	45	Psalms 55:8	1897-1898
	46	I Kings 19:7	1897-1898
	47	Exodus 15:27	1900
	48	Psalms 137:4	1897-1900
	49	Joshua 24:15	1898-1899
	50	Luke 23:34	1898-1900
	51	Galatians 2:20	n/d
	52	Matthew 28:19	n/d
	53	I Timothy 1:15	n/d
	54	I John 3:1	n/d
	55	Ephesians 3:20-21	n/d
	56	Genesis 13:4	1897-1900
	57	Matthew 5:47	1897-1899
	58	Luke 15:11-24	n/d
	59	John 13:17	1897-1899
	60	2 Corinthians 4:13	n/d
	61	Amos 4:12	1897-1900
	62	Luke 11:5-8	1899
	63	I Thessalonians 2:13	1898-1899
	64	Galatians 5:1	1897-1899
	65	I Thessalonians 5:22	n/d
2	1	I Thessalonians 5:19	n/d
	2	Colossians 1:19	n/d
	3	Colossians 1:27	n/d
	4	I Peter 1:18	n/d
	5	I Peter 2:9	n/d
	6	I Peter 2:21	n/d
	7	I Peter 5:4	n/d
	8	I John 3:5	n/d
	9	Hebrews 12:22	n/d
	10	I Timothy 4:15	n/d

Series II, Index, consists of a single folder that has been placed in the back of Box 2. For each sermon, the index notes the scripture passage and places and dates the sermons were preached, where applicable. It also demarcates the original groupings into which the sermons were rubber-banded by Rev. Pottieger (or by the Neitz family members who gave the sermons to Rev. Pottieger). The meaning of those groupings, if any, is not known. The sermon index was created by Peter Chang and updated by Wheeler Hall.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box	Folder	Contents	Dates

Series I: Neitz Sermons

Box	Folder	Contents	Dates
1	1	Ezekiel 37:1-10	Nov. 1899
	2	Acts 28:24	1897-1899
	3	Genesis 19:17	Jan-Apr 1899
	4	John 10:10	1898-1899
	5	Galatians 6:9	n/d
	6	Philippians 4:19	1899
	7	Galatians 3:28	n/d
	8	Revelation 19:9	1867
	9	I Corinthians 15:58	1872
	10	Luke 14:22	1900
	11	Exodus 23:2	1900
	12	Deuteronomy 28:2	1897-1899
	13	John 19:34	1899
	14	John 15:11	1898-1899
	15	I Thessalonians 4:1	1898-1899
	16	Colossians 1:9-10	n/d
	17	Colossians 1:10-11	n/d
	18	Jeremiah 23:28	1898
	19	Psalms 60:4	1897, 1899
	20	Mark 6:51	1900
	21	Romans 14:22	n/d
	22	2 Timothy 2:20-21	1897-1899
	23	I Peter 5:8	n/d
	24	2 Peter 3:14	n/d
	25	2 Peter 3:18	n/d
	26	I John 4:8	n/d
	27	Hebrews 13:10	n/d
	28	James 4:7	n/d
	29	I Corinthians 8:3	1872
	30	2 Thessalonians 2:16-17	n/d
	31	I Timothy 2:8	n/d
	32	Romans 8:14	n/d

Box	Folder	Contents	Dates
2	11	Romans 12:11	n/d
	12	Matthew 17:4	n/d
	13	Philippians 1:27	n/d
	14	John 21:3	n/d
	15	John 1:42	1897-1900
	16	Romans 10:13	1898-1899
	17	Romans 12:10	n/d
	18	Galatians 4:18	n/d
	19	Galatians 6:7	1900
	20	Matthew 12:30	1900
	21	Joshua 19:47	1898-1900
	22	Genesis 7:1	n/d
	23	Revelation 3:19	n/d
	24	Revelation 2:5	n/d
	25	I Chronicles 29:5	1897-1899
	26	Hebrews 4:11	n/d
	27	Hebrews 6:18	n/d
	28	Hebrews 10:25	n/d
	29	Hebrews 11:16	n/d
	30	Hebrews 12:2	n/d
	31	Hebrews 12:1	n/d
	32	Mark 14:26	n/d
	33	Matthew 20:8	1899
	34	John 1:48	1898-1899
	35	Deuteronomy 11:16	1897-1899
	36	I John 5:21	n/d
	37	I John 4:10	n/d
	38	Matthew 13:24-30	n/d
	39	John 20:31	n/d
	40	Romans 8:32	1900
	41	John 15:8	1898-1899
	42	Revelation 17:11	1899-1900
	43	Acts 27:44	1897-1899
	44	2 John 1:8	n/d
	45	Revelation 22:17	n/d
	46	Isaiah 48:20	1897-1898
	47	Isaiah 43:21	1898-1899
	48	Jeremiah 42:11	1897-1899
	49	Revelation 7:13-17	n/d
	50	Jeremiah 50:5	1898-1899
	51	I Peter 3:7	1897-1899
	52	Zechariah 8:21	1898-1899
	53	Mark 5:12-13	1898
	54	Acts 12:7-8	1897-1898

Box	Folder	Contents	Dates
2	55	Matthew 2:12	1897-1898
	56	Luke 17:32	1899-1900
	57	Job 22:26-27	1897-1900
	58	Exodus 32:29	1900
	59	Titus 2:11	n/d
	60	I Samuel 12:7	1897-1899
	61	Hebrews 10:35	1897-1899
	62	Matthew 4:16	1899
	63	Colossians 1:23	1897-1899
	64	Matthew 5:20	1898-1899
	65	Mark 3:29	1899
	66	Luke 17:5	1899
	67	Luke 8:18	n/d
	68	2 Corinthians 6:1	n/d
	69	2 Corinthians 2:14	n/d
	70	I Corinthians 15:1	n/d
	71	I Corinthians 14:12	n/d
	72	Job 34:32	1897-1900
	73	Judges 18:9	1900
	74	Isaiah 12:3	1897-1900
	75	Romans 15:32	n/d
	76	2 Corinthians 7:10-11	n/d
	77	Ephesians 6:14	n/d
	78	1 Corinthians 2:9-10	n/d
	79	I Corinthians 3:9	1897, 1899
	80	Matthew 6:6	1897, 1899
	81	John 5:40	1900
	82	Numbers 10:29-32	1900
	83	James 1:25	n/d
	84	Genesis 7:16	n/d

Series II: Index

2	85	Sermon Index	2007-08