

**Finding Aid to the
A. R. Scherling Christian Literature Book Collection**

Scherling, A. R. (Arvid R.), 1898-1972

Christian Literature Book Collection, 1853-1968

21 publications (1 linear ft.)

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OVERVIEW

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HISTORY

Arvid R. Scherling was born at Pillager, Minnesota on August 21, 1898. He began his photography career at Little Falls, Minnesota and came to Fargo, N.D. in 1919 to establish a studio which bears his name. He married Sophia Wagner on October 4, 1919. She was born April 16, 1895 at Fillbrook, Minn. where she grew up. They raised three children, J. Daniel, Orlando and Mary Scherling.

Mr. Scherling retired in 1949 and they moved to Los Angeles, Calif., returning to Fargo in Fall 1971. He died May 18, 1972. Mrs. Scherling died Feb. 13, 1984 at Fargo.

Additional biographical information as taken from the Publisher's Preface in *Scherling-Bailey Debate* published in 1954 by Telegram Book Company: "A.R. Scherling, the affirmative speaker, with his conservative Baptism background, could perhaps best be described as a non-conformist. At present he holds membership in a congregational church at Los Angeles, California. Ordained into the ministry in 1933, he has been actively engaged in Christian work independently, by means of literature distribution, Evangelism and radio broadcasting. After coming into contact with the published works of Charles G. Finney, of Oberlin College, Mr. Scherling became interested in the science or moral philosophy, which he has perused diligently for the past twenty-five years, accumulating a library of rare books, by authors dealing specifically with the subject under discussion in this volume. He is the author of 'The Dogma of a Sinful Constitution and its Practical Bearing' 240 pages cloth bound, 'Supremacy of Conscience,' 'Sound Speech' and other smaller pamphlets. His public debates have taken him into Canada and several of the States. He has traveled extensively. Besides the United States and Canada, he has toured Europe, Egypt and the Holy Land. At present he resides in Los Angeles, California, where he gives his full time to writing, and further study and research in the field of moral philosophy."

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **A. R. Scherling Christian Literature Book Collection** was donated to the NDSU Libraries by the Scherling family in the 1980s. Although processed they were never added to the NDSU Libraries online catalog. In 2008 the book collection was transferred to the Institute for Regional Studies for processing and making the volumes available to the research public, while retaining them as a single collection. The books have been organized generally in alphabetical order by author. Consult the box and folder list for author, title and publisher information. Some of the publications contain handwritten notes and commentary, although not known if by Mr. Scherling. Many of the books deal with Charles G. Finney. Four publications are by Mr. Scherling, including two debates in which he participated.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

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Christian Literature Book Collection Series

1/2 Beecher, Edward. *Conflict of Ages: Or the Great Debate on the Moral Relations of God and Man*. 5th ed. Boston: Phillips, Sampson & Company, 1854.

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- 1/4 Beecher, Lyman. *Views of Theology; As Developed in Three Sermons, and on His Trials Before the Presbytery and Synod of Cincinnati, June, 1835, with remarks on the Princeton Review*. Boston: John P. Jewett & Company, 1853.
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- 1/5 Finney, Charles G. *Attributes of Love; A Section from Lectures on Systematic Theology*. Minneapolis: Bethany Fellowship, Inc. 1963
- 1/5 Finney, Charles G. *Finney's Lectures on Theology*. Minneapolis: Bethany Fellowship, Inc., 1968.
- 1/5 Finney, Charles G. *Gipsy Smith, Zigogneren, der blev Prdikant: En Levnestsskildring, Efter Gipsy Smith, His Life and Work By Himself*. Kobenhavn: Missionstrykkeriet (Ved J. Fischmann), 1912.
- 1/5 Finney, Charles G. *Justification by Faith*. Chicago: Men for Missions, n.d.
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- 1/9 Finney, Charles G. *Three Kinds of Professing Christians*. Chicago: Men for Missions, 1963.
- 1/10 Scherling, A.R. and J. C. Bailey. *Scherling – Bailey Debate held in Vancouver, Wash., July 20-23, 1953*. Longview: Telegram Book, 1954.
- 1/10 Scherling, A. R. *Sound Speech*. Fargo: A.R. Scherling, n.d.

- 1/10 Scherling, A. R. and J. C. Bailey. *A. R. Scherling vs. J. C. Bailey, Affirmative-Negative, in Debate on the Subject of The Supremacy of Conscience in the Moral and Spiritual Realm at Sons of England Hall, Regina, Sask., Can.* Minneapolis: Osterhus Publishing, 1936?
- 1/10 Scherling, A. R. *The Dogma of a Sinful Constitution and its Practical Bearings.* Boston: Hampshire Press, 1929 (Includes photo of Scherling family, with son Orlando and daughter Mary Rose)