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ALBERT BENJAMIN SIMPSON

Includes:

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## PREFACE

We are living in a period of keen interest in holiness, pentecostal and revivalistic movements which have appeared during the past 100 years. Books have been written about these movements and bibliographies compiled. Dr. A. B. Simpson and the C. & M. A. exercised some impact and influence upon these movements, indeed were a part of them.

My interest was aroused in the literature of these movements several years ago and especially in the bibliographical data regarding Simpson and the Alliance. Ignoring for the present the abundant and significant pages that were written about the Alliance and Simpson, my concern centered in the deficiencies and inaccuracies of some of the bibliographical data. I decided to find out "Why?"

The colleges of the C. & M. A. have a reasonably adequate collection of Simpson's books and Alliance literature. Donald McKaig, in a Ph.D. dissertation he wrote in 1948, compiled a list of all of Simpson's books he could readily locate. His list is the best to date and records the bibliographical data that he found in the books. But it was not his purpose to question the accuracy of the data nor to determine correct data. Neither did he purpose to ferret out all that Simpson may have written, or to analyze the nature of his writings. Nobody to date has undertaken a solution of these three problems. Therefore researchers and writers of the holiness, pentecostal

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and revivalistic movements reflected the information available to them with its deficiencies and inaccuracies.

My desire to correct this situation led me to undertake this research. A primary source to provide some answers appeared to be Simpson's periodicals. He began to publish periodicals in February 1880 and continued to do so throughout his lifetime. They are perpetuated in the current Alliance Witness. He also published another periodical for five years (July, 1902 - September 1907) - a monthly, entitled Living Truths. In all of his periodicals he persistently advertised his books, booklets, tracts, etc. that were being issued from his publishing company. Furthermore there were sermons and/or articles by Simpson printed in almost every issue of the periodicals. Therefore, to compile adequate bibliographical data of Simpson's writings, it became clear that his periodicals contained the answers.

From February of 1880 through June of 1889, Simpson published a periodical every month. Each issue varied in length from 32 pages to 64 pages, and sometimes more. During these nine and a half years the publication of sermons was rare, articles more frequent. For four of these years, 1886-1889, Simpson published each month a booklet that contained his Sunday

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morning sermons. They were called Tabernacle Sermons. The booklets were then compiled into books - eleven of them.

In August of 1889 the monthly periodicals became a weekly of 16 pages, except for a brief period, December 1898 - May 1899, when the periodicals reverted to a monthly issue of 32 pages. The weekly periodicals over a year's span totaled about 832 pages.

From the middle of June 1889 a sermon by Dr. Simpson appeared in virtually every issue of his periodicals. Sometimes the date was printed and the place it was preached, (usually the Gospel Tabernacle, NYC). Most often the Sunday morning sermons were printed and usually published within a week or two after the time preached. Then periodically he gathered together groups of sermons of similar theme and published them in a book. Each new publication was duly advertised. Obviously this type of data would provide a reasonably accurate chronology of Simpson's writings. The following bibliography is the result of this research.

Incidentally, there are more than 500 of Simpson's sermons published in the periodicals that have never been published in book form. (See Note 1. appended to the Chron. listing) Remember that from July 1889 through the year 1916 there is the possibility of some 1375 weekly sermons. Also, there

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are sermons published in books that did not appear in the periodicals, a few more than the Tabernacle Sermons mentioned above.

It was also learned that copyright dates in Simpson's books, if they were imprinted, did not necessarily reflect the time of the composition of the contents. Too, many of his books are not dated. Then, sometimes a book and its date did not indicate that it had been previously published. You will find some of Simpson's books dated as late as 1925 and 1932. He died in 1919.

The question may be asked why is an accurate dating of Simpson's publications important? The answer is that in order to trace his thought, his views, or to understand the situation in the Church, in the Alliance and in the world scene to which Simpson was addressing himself, dates are important.

One more item, - the nature of Simpson's writings. Was he a devotional writer? He has been thus characterized and he did publish seven devotional books. Maybe one should ask, was he a devotional preacher? To the contrary, his sermons stirred and moved people into action. People not only committed themselves to missionary involvement, but committed themselves to Christ as Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer, and to the task of

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bringing back the King. A devotional writer? Only in part.  
Simpson's sermons do not fit that category.

Are his books commentaries? They are certainly expositions of the Scriptures. They show his vast knowledge of the content of Scripture and inspire the reader's respect and confidence. But really only five of his books may be classified as commentaries, and that with reservations. Five of the first seven volumes of the Christ in the Bible series were written documents, lecture materials taught at the fledgling New York Missionary Training College. (See comments on the Christ in the Bible series.) But the remaining volumes of this series were sermons. Some books became part of the series after previous publication under another title. Some were added posthumously. Commentaries then are only a small percentage of his writings. (See Note<sup>2</sup> for the several categories of Simpson's publications.)

The following bibliography is divided into two parts:

1. A Chronological List of Simpson's publications
2. An Alphabetical List of Simpson's publications.

Part two is more than alphabetical. It includes the table of contents of each publication. This was done to assist those who have limited access to Simpson's publications and wish to know something of the scope and significance of his writings.

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Throughout both parts you will find various comments that are designed to help your understanding of his books. A list of Simpson's Colportage Library is also included. These paper-backs were not new or different books from those listed in the bibliography. They are reprints of previous publications. You may locate some of them and wonder about their identity. Also included under "P" in the Alphabetical Listing are the titles and dates of Simpson's periodicals.

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CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF THE  
WRITINGS OF ALBERT BENJAMIN SIMPSON

<u>Date of writing or Sermons preached</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>No. of Chapters</u>
1883 Apr-Dec ch. 1-3	* <u>THE GOSPEL OF HEALING</u>	7
1885 May-Jun ch. 4,5	Chapters 1-5 were first printed in the W.W.W. as indicated to the left. They were also published in booklet form and at least by May 1885 were combined into a single volume.	
1886 ch. 6,7	Simpson took the book to London in June 1885 for the Bethshan Conference, (W.W.W. Sept. 1885, p.235) The entire book was revised in 1915.	
1885 Dec	<u>THE BERACHAH YEAR BOOK</u> (for 1886) A promotional and devotional book for 1886. Another hand with Simpson in the writing of this book, - maybe Nellie Griffin or Harriet Waterbury.	40 pages
1885 Dec- 1886 Feb	<u>THE SEVEN STARS IN THE FIRMAMENT OF FAITH</u> These chapters comprise the first 7 chapters of <u>In the School of Faith</u> , an 1890 publication.	7
<p>During the next four years, 1886-1889, a few of Simpson's sermons were published in his monthly periodicals, but most of them were published each month in booklet form and entitled <u>Tabernacle Sermons</u>. The booklets were then compiled into books. <u>The King's Business</u>, April 1886 is Vol. 1 of <u>Tabernacle Sermons</u>. There are eleven volumes of <u>Tabernacle Sermons</u>.</p>		
1886 Jan-Apr	<u>THE KING'S BUSINESS</u> Vol. 1, <u>Tabernacle Sermons</u> Chapters of this book were later republished in <u>The Colportage Library</u> under three titles: <u>Holy Ghost Ministries</u> , chs. 4,6-11 and <u>King's Business</u> , The chs. 1-3, 13,16 <u>Service for the King</u> chs. 5,12,14,15,18-20	20

\* Not sermons, but material written for publication.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>No. of Chapters</u>
1887 Mar-Apr (maybe in 1886)	<u>HE IS RISEN</u> These are Easter sermons	5
1886 May-Sept	<u>THE FULNESS OF JESUS</u> Vol. 2, <u>Tabernacle Sermons</u>	24
1886 Jun-Dec  <u>Part One</u>	* <u>INQUIRIES AND ANSWERS</u> - in two parts re. Divine Healing appeared in 1925 as ch. 15 of <u>The Lord for the Body</u>	4
1886 Oct- 1887 Apr.	<u>THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM</u> Vol. 3, <u>Tabernacle Sermons</u> A book on prophecy.	17
1886 Dec	<u>THE BERACHAH YEAR BOOK</u> (for 1887) (advertised in W.W.W., Nov. 1886, p. 316; not in archives)	
1887 Jun-Dec	<u>NATURAL EMBLEMS OF SPIRITUAL LIFE</u> Vol. 4, <u>Tabernacle Sermons</u>	24
1887 July	* <u>A CLOUD OF WITNESSES</u> Concerning Divine Healing. 37 testimonies of people healed. Sarah Lindenberger probably assisted in the compilation of the book.	253 pages
1887 Nov-Dec	<u>THE FOUR-FOLD GOSPEL</u> Vol. 5, <u>Tabernacle Sermons</u>	4
1887 Dec	<u>THE CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE YEAR BOOK</u> (for 1888) Name changed with organization of Christian Alliance. This is the third Year Book. Similar to 1886 Year Book.	
1888 Feb-Mar	<u>DIVINE EMBLEMS IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS</u> Vol. 6, <u>Tabernacle Sermons</u>	8
1888 Apr-May	<u>DIVINE EMBLEMS IN EXODUS</u> Vol. 7, <u>Tabernacle Sermons</u>	7
1888 May-Jun	<u>THE CHRIST LIFE</u> Vol. 8, <u>Tabernacle Sermons</u>	5

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>No. of Chapters</u>
1888 Jul-Aug	<u>CHRIST IN THE TABERNACLE</u> Vol. 9, <u>Tabernacle Sermons</u>	7
1888 Sep-Nov	<u>THE LAND OF PROMISE</u> Vol. 10, <u>Tabernacle Sermons</u>	12
1888 Nov (previously prepared)	* <u>GENESIS &amp; EXODUS</u> <u>Christ in the Bible series, Vol. I</u> 8 octavo W.W.W. Publishing Co. A prepared commentary written in three parts: 1. Expository 2. Homiletical 3. Illustrative	
1888 Dec	* <u>LIFE OF CHRIST</u> <u>Christ in the Bible series, Vol. VIII</u> 8 octavo W.W.W. Pub. Co. A prepared commentary written in two parts: 1. Historical 2. Illustrative and Geographical papers.	
1889 Jan-Mar	<u>WALKING IN THE SPIRIT</u> Vol. 11 <u>Tabernacle Sermons</u> In August 1889 the magazine changed from a monthly issue to a weekly and the sermons appeared regularly in the magazines. <u>Tabernacle Sermons</u> , as such, concluded with Vol. 11.	14

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>No. of Chapters</u>
1889 Aug-Oct	<u>IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST</u> based on N.T. persons	12
1889 Nov (prepared Previously)	* <u>MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE</u> <u>Christ in the Bible</u> series, Vol. IX 8 octavo W.W.W. Pub. Co. A prepared commentary written in two parts: 1. Introduction & Analytical Exposition 2. Homiletic Hints	
1889 Nov- 1890 Jan.	<u>IN THE SCHOOL OF FAITH</u> Chs. 1-7 taken from <u>Seven Stars in the</u> <u>Firmament</u> , 1885 Dec.-1886 Feb. These are sermons based on O.T. persons.	18
1889 Dec	* <u>LEVITICUS, NUMBERS, DEUTERONOMY</u> <u>Christ in the Bible</u> series, Vol. II 8 octavo W.W.W. Pub. Co. This volume is only exegetical. Simpson does not add Homiletical Hints or Illustrative materials.	
1890 Jan	<u>MEMORIAL NAMES</u> These sermons were printed in the Alliance periodical, Jan. 24 - Feb. 14, 1890, but the book is not in the A.B.Simpson Historical Library.	4
1890 Feb-Mar	<u>WHOLLY SANCTIFIED</u> The first edition was only 4 chapters. Chapter 5 appeared later, but was preached in March 1890. Ch. 6 was added in 1982.	5
1891 Nov ch 6		
1890 Apr-May	<u>THE CHRIST OF THE FORTY DAYS</u> Post-Easter sermons.	8
1890 May-July	<u>THE LIFE OF PRAYER</u>	7
1890 Jul-Oct	<u>A LARGER CHRISTIAN LIFE</u> Sermons preached at Old Orchard and concluded at the Gospel Tabernacle, NYC	11
1890 Nov-Dec	<u>THE LOVE-LIFE OF THE LORD</u> Sermons based on the Song of Solomon.	6

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1891 Jan (pub. date)	* <u>HYMNS &amp; SONGS OF THE FOUR-FOLD GOSPEL</u> 41 poems, but without music in this book. Some were later used as hymns.	
1891 Jan-Jun	<u>THE NAMES OF JESUS</u>	15
1891 Mar-Nov 1892 Apr...	<u>IN HEAVENLY PLACES</u> Ch. 12 is <u>Jesus Only</u>	12
1891 July	* <u>HYMNS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, No. 1</u>	
1891 Dec (previously prepared)	* <u>JOHN AND ACTS</u> <u>Christ in the Bible series, Vol. X</u> 8 octavo Christian Alliance Pub. Co. A prepared commentary written in two parts: 1. Introduction 2. Expository	
1892 Jan-Apr	<u>JESUS IN THE PSALMS</u>	15
1892 Mar (pub. date)	* <u>A GREAT MISSIONARY MOVEMENT</u> Various materials produced during the push for 100 missionaries, July-Dec 1891.	
1892 Sep-Dec	<u>WALKING IN LOVE</u>	9
1892 Dec	<u>YEAR BOOK OF THE CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE AND THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY ALLIANCE (for 1893)</u> A promotional book descriptive of the many facets of Simpson's work. No devotional material.	70 pages
1893 Jan-Jul	* <u>LARGER OUTLOOKS ON MISSIONARY LANDS</u> Descriptions of his trip around the world. Published in Dec. 1893; 79 photos and 100 plus other pictures.	31
1893 Sep- 1894 Feb	<u>JOSHUA</u> <u>Christ in the Bible series, Vol. III</u> 8 octavo, but these are sermons, not a prepared commentary.	17
1894 Mar-Jul	<u>ROMANS</u> <u>Christ in the Bible series, Vol. XI</u> 8 octavo. These are sermons.	16

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1894 Sep- 1895 Apr	<u>THE HOLY SPIRIT or POWER FROM ON HIGH</u> Vol. 1 Old Testament sermons	25
1894 Nov (pub. date)	<u>FRIDAY MEETING TALKS</u> , No. 1 talks on Divine Healing given Fridays at the Gospel Tabernacle during 1894.	20
1894 Dec	* <u>MILLENNIAL CHIMES</u> 59 poems written during the past few years, some sung as hymns.	
1895 May- 1896 Apr	<u>THE HOLY SPIRIT or POWER FROM ON HIGH</u> Vol. 2 New Testament sermons	28
1896 May-Jun	<u>PAUL, THE IDEAL MAN &amp; MODEL MISSIONARY</u> a booklet 74 pages	5
1896 Jul-Nov	<u>THE HEAVENLY VISION</u> These are special sermons preached from July to Nov. 1896; One sermon, ch. 2, was preached in Nov. 1891. It is also published in the book, <u>In The Heavens</u> , ch. 1	7
1896 Sep- 1897 Feb	<u>THE SELF-LIFE AND THE CHRIST LIFE</u> Chs. 3 & 4 were also published in <u>Making Jesus King</u> and <u>Christ in the Bible</u> series, Vol. IV	5
1896 Nov- 1897 Jan	<u>DANGER LINES IN THE DEEPER LIFE</u> re-published in Vol. IV <u>Christ in the Bible</u> series, chs. 1-10	10
1897 Feb-Jun	<u>MAKING JESUS KING</u> republished as part of Vol. IV & V in <u>Christ in the Bible</u> series	18
1897 July	<u>HYMNS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE</u> , No. 2	385 hymns
1897 Oct 3-17	<u>PRESENT TRUTH</u> Sermons preached at the October Con- vention in NY City.	7

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1897 Nov- 1898 Feb	<u>THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH</u> Sermons based on I Corinthians, republished as part of the <u>Christ in the Bible series</u>	14
1897 Dec (pub. date)	* <u>DAYS OF HEAVEN UPON EARTH</u> A daily devotional book.	
1898 Mar-May	<u>THE HIGHEST CHRISTIAN LIFE</u> Sermons based on Ephesians, republished as part of the <u>Christ in the Bible series.</u>	10

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Summer and Fall sermons appear regularly in the Alliance magazines, but were not reproduced in book form. From December 1898 through May 1899 the weekly magazine became a monthly magazine.		
1898 Mar-Jun	* <u>PROVIDENCE AND MISSIONS</u> 44 pages A written enlargement of a sermon preached in Chicago and other places.	1
1898 Nov- 1899 Feb.	<u>HEAVEN OPENED</u> Sermons based on Revelation; republished as part of the <u>Christ in the Bible series</u> .	15
1899 Jan-Feb	* <u>IS LIFE WORTH LIVING?</u> Short articles or sermonettes based on Ecclesiastes.	14
1899 Mar (pub. date)	<u>FRIDAY MEETING TALKS, No. 2</u> Short messages given at the Friday meetings.	21
1899 Jun-Jul	<u>BUT GOD</u> What God did for and through Elijah, Paul, Jacob, Esther and Job, - illustrations of the resources of God.	6
1899 Aug-Oct	Sermons are published in the magazine, but not reproduced in a book.	
1899 Nov-Dec	<u>THE SWEETEST CHRISTIAN LIFE</u> Sermons based on Philippians; reproduced as part of the <u>Christ in the Bible series</u>	9
1899 Dec	* <u>HEART MESSAGES FOR SABBATHS AT HOME</u> 52 short messages; different topics each month designed for shut-ins A devotional book. A few chapters were published in the Alliance periodicals under the title <u>Church in the House</u> , 1898 Dec.; 1899 Jan-Apr.	

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