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History

Hugh Thomson Kerr was born in Canada in 1871 and there he grew to manhood. He earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Toronto. Having determined to study theology, and through a course of events, Kerr came to study at Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA, where he graduated in 1897 and was ordained by Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Hugh Kerr served pastorates at Oakland Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, in Hutchinson, KS and in Chicago, IL, before returning to Pittsburgh to become pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church, where he served for more than thirty years.

Preaching, teaching and writing were his life. Dr. Kerr became first to preach over the radio. Many of those sermons, preached on KDKA, were bound and are catalogued in Barbour Library at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. A list of published works is attached to the archival inventory. Many of his sermons were published by Shadyside Church. The Presbyterian Banner and Christian Century Pulpit also printed his writing.

Dr. Kerr lived through the eventful early decades of the twentieth century. His preaching addressed the issues of war, of exploration to the North and South Poles, of great change in the Church. In 1930-1931, Hugh Thompson Kerr served the denomination as Moderator of General Assembly.

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Scope

The Hugh Thompson Kerr record group contains sermons and lectures, prayers, poetry and hymn lyrics written by Dr. Kerr.
I. Hugh Thomson Kerr (90:2): Sermons (follow the order of the originator, some with earlier numbers replaced with revised sermon; many preached over KDKA radio in Pittsburgh; numbers in parentheses are those of Kerr).

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