
Western Theological Seminary

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Abstract

Graduate of Central College (1925, A.M.), Western Theological Seminary (1928, Th.B.), Central College (1942, D.D.) and Free University, Amsterdam, the Netherlands (1950, Th.D.); licensed and ordained in 1928 by the Classis of Pella, Iowa; served as a pastor for First Reformed Church in Prairie City, Iowa (1928-1931), and Eighth Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan (1931-1939); professor of church history at Western Theological Seminary (1939-1955); writer of many articles in such publications as the Intelligencer Leader, radio programs like Temple Time and books, including A Young People’s Study of the Heidelberg Catechism… (1936), The Traveler in Europe (motion picture travelogue of his 1950 visit to Switzerland, England, and the Netherlands) (1950), Victory Over Suffering (1949) (translated into Dutch under the title Het Lijden Overwonnen in 1950), Pastoral Psychology: Applied Psychology in Pastoral Theology in America (1950), Blessings of Suffering (1951), The Christian Worker’s Handbook (1953), A Young People’s Study of the Life of Christ (1955), My Second Valley (1955), Glory Awaits Me (ca. 1956) and Grace for Today (1957). Materials include course lecture notes, books (Manual of Forms and Usages for Ministers, Elders and Deacons [1937]), A Young People’s Study of the Heidelberg Catechism…(1936), A Young People’s Study of the Life of Christ (1955), and biographical papers.

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Biography

William Goulooze was born in Pella, Iowa, on January 11, 1903. He graduated from Central College (1925, A.M.), Western Theological Seminary (1928, Th.B.), Central College (1942, D.D.) and Free University, Amsterdam, the Netherlands (1950, Th.D.). He was licensed and ordained in 1928 by the Classis of Pella, Iowa. He served as a pastor for First Reformed Church in Prairie City, Iowa (1928-1931), and Eighth Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan (1931-1939). Goulooze became a professor of church history at Western Theological Seminary in 1939 and continued there until 1955. In 1939, he began writing and publishing many articles in such publications as the Intelligencer Leader, radio programs like Temple Time, and books including A Young People’s Study of the Heidelberg Catechism… (1936), The Traveler in Europe (motion picture travelogue of his 1950 visit to Switzerland, England, and the Netherlands) (1950), Victory Over Suffering (1949) (translated into Dutch under the title Het Lijden Overwonnen in 1950), Pastoral Psychology: Applied Psychology in Pastoral Theology in America (1950), Blessings of Suffering (1951), The Christian Worker’s Handbook (1953), A Young People’s Study of the Life of Christ (1955), My Second Valley (1955), Glory Awaits Me (ca. 1956) and Grace for Today (1957).
Goulooze began a battle with cancer in 1947 that was to last eight years. In 1952, Western Theological Seminary opened a new department, Pastoral Theology and Christian Education, which Goulooze was to teach, but he spent less and less time in the classroom as his health declined. William Goulooze passed away in Holland, Michigan, on September 5, 1955.

Scope and Content

The William Goulooze collection contains two printed sermons; two of the messages Goulooze gave on Temple Time, a Reformed Church radio program; and material on a proposed vocational guidebook. Also in the collection are three books written by Goulooze, two obituaries, the 1939 inauguration pamphlet that marked the start of his teaching career at Western Theological Seminary, the prize winning tract that he wrote detailing his fight with cancer, and his lecture outlines and course biographies for courses Goulooze taught.

Container List

Articles and Book Advertisements, 1939-1953
Biographical, 1941-1955
Books, 1936-1955
  Manual of Forms and Usages for Ministers, Elders and Deacons, 1937
  A Young People’s Study of the Heidelberg Catechism…., 1936
  A Young People’s Study of the Life of Christ, 1955
Course Lecture Notes, n.d. (2 folders)
  Church History, n.d.
  The Reformed Church in America, n.d. (2 items)
  Religious Education, n.d.
  Preaching the Historical Church Year, n.d.