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### Abstract

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### Biography

The Rev. Herbert E. Van Vranken was born in Schenectady, New York, in 1891. He graduated from Hope College in 1914 and from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1917. That same year, he was ordained and married Nellie Smallegan of Forest Grove. The Van Vrankens became RCA missionaries to Ranipet, India, where Rev. Van Vranken served as District Missionary and Evangelistic Leader to the North Arcot District. The Van Vrankens retired to Schenectady in 1960, and Herbert became interim pastor of the Second Reformed Church. Rev. Van Vranken died in 1972.

### Scope and Content

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### Container List

Box 1

Articles

General, 1933, 1956, 1958, n.d.  
On/By the Van Vrankens, 1920, n.d.

Bibles

Nelson's Series, Annotated, n.d.  
New Testament, Moffat Translation, Annotated, n.d.  
Revised Standard Version, Annotated, 1953

Books

Fosdick  
*The Meaning of Prayer*, 1916  
*The Meaning of Success*, 1920  
Gordon, *Quiet Talks on Prayer*, 1904  
Jones  
*Abundant Living*, 1942  
*The Way*, 1946  
à Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*, n.d.  
Morgan, *The Parable of the Father's Heart*, n.d.

Bulletins, 1991

Correspondence

Van Vranken, Mrs. Nellie, to Miss Esther N. Straight, 1917-1919  
Van Vranken, Herbert E., 1919-1922, 1948, 1986

Diplomas, 1914, 1916-1917, 1924

Family Documents, 1917-1918, 1921, 1927, 1935, 1947

Family Documents Wallet and Inventory, n.d.

Farewell Address from Indian Pastorates, 1960

Hindu Proverb Translations, n.d.

Indian Christian Publications, 1930, 1956

Memorial Notice, 1972

Pamphlets, 1933, 1935, n.d.

Photographs

General, n.d. (4 images)  
Madanapalle, India, Arcot Mission, 1920 (1 image)  
Scudder, Ida, n.d., 1955, 1966 (4 images)  
Van Vranken, Marjorie, n.d., 1947 (2 images)  
Van Vranken, Nellie, n.d. (1 image)  
Wyckoff School Teacher and Family, Madras, South India, n.d. (1 image)

Recipes, n.d.

Sermons, n.d.

Travel Documents, 1917-1918, 1925, 1934, 1942, 1953

Van Vranken, Marjorie, Death Notice, 1995

Vellore Christian Medical College and Hospital

Calendars, 1951-1952, 1954 (3 items)

Pamphlet, "Meeting a Need," n.d.

Periodicals, 1950-1951, 1953-1958, n.d.

**Herbert E. Van Vranken**  
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Hope College Diploma (Marjorie Van Vranken), 1946  
Hope College Pennant, 1946