

**FINDING AID to the**

**O.M. TODD SERMONS, 1866-1879**

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT STATEMENT**

Oliphant M. Todd's sermons are based on a scriptural passage and expound on how to be a better Christian.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT**

Oliphant M. Todd was the pastor of the New Lisbon Presbyterian Church in New Lisbon, Ohio in 1861. In 1873 he was living at Jonesboro, S.S. in Muncie, Indiana (Minutes of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, v. XVI and New Series, v. II located in the Hanover College Archives.)

## **PROVENANCE**

No information was available.

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**SERIES 1    SERMONS, 1866-1879**

Fd. 1-2        Book of O. M. Todd's handwritten sermons, 1866-1879  
                  9 sermons ; 106 p.

Fd. 1            Handwritten sermons  
Fd. 2            Photocopy

Item

1            Job 31:14 "When he visiteth what shall I answer Him?" Sermon  
                  was delivered at Muncie, Indiana, 1867 Dec. 15.  
                  pp. 2-13

A sermon on our conduct and actions towards God's  
servants, how would we explain it to God if he would visit  
us.

2            Rom. 12:1 "I beseech you therefore by the mercies of God that you  
                  present your bodies as living sacrifices holy and acceptable to God  
                  which is your reasonable service." Sermon was given at Lima,  
                  Ohio, 1866 Dec. 30.  
                  pp. 14-30

In this sermon Todd compares rebellion against God to  
Senator Wade's position in the U.S. senate when holding  
out to the states in rebellion. God in his pardoning and  
mercies is like the constitutional amendment with its  
adoption of restoration of forfeited privileges and clemency  
of the government. God is serving all mankind as is the  
government but both have demands of their subjects as the  
subjects have a duty towards them.

3            Matt 28:20 "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the  
                  world. Amen." Sermon delivered on Sunday, 1867 Jan. 6.  
                  pp. 31-35

A sermon on the presence of God with the universal  
church, its definition and the promise the great master gave  
it, the nations and the apostles.

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Fd. 1 Cont.

Item

- 4 Luke 11: 24-26 “When the unclean spirit is gone out of man he walketh dry places seeking rest and finding none, he saith I will return to my house whence I came out. And when he cometh he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself. And they enter in and dwell there. And the last state of man is worse than the first.” Sermon given at Muncie, Indiana, 1867 Jan. 6 and 1868 Jan. 14 and at Tuscola, Florida, 1879 June 23.

pp. 36-63

The sermon is on the sad state of man who has grieved the spirit – from his heart.

- 5 Jno. 14:22 “Lord how is it that thou will manifest thyself unto us and not unto the world?” Sermon given on 1867 Jan. 7 and at Muncie, Indiana, 1867 Dec. 22.

pp. 64-69

Christ has a love for us that surpasses any love a parent has. He advises us to believe in him as we believed in his father. He has manifested himself to the church in a special manner unseen and unknown by the world.

- 6 Jer. 23:28 “What is the chaff to the wheat?”

pp. 70-71

Using the analogy that as humans we choose-the chaff instead of the wheat. The majority of the human race chooses evil instead of good. We choose Satan’s ways instead of God’s.

- 7 Matt. 25:10 “And the door was shut.”

pp. 72-88

Mankind is being warned of what little time he has to prepare for eternity. He should use that time wisely and be prepared. Otherwise the door will be shut and he will be left standing out side as were the foolish virgins.

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Fd. 1 Cont.

Item

- 8 Lam. 1:12 “Is it nothing to you all ye that pass by, behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow which is done unto me where with the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.” Sermon given at Lima, Ohio, 1867 Jan. 20.  
pp. 89-98

The comparison of Christ’s suffering to a story about soldiers who were brothers. One gave his life so his younger brother could live. Such is the case of our savior.

- 9 Heb. 9:15 “For this cause he is the great mediator of the New Testament that by means of death for the redemption of the transgressions which were under the first testament they which are called might receive the promise of internal inheritance.”  
pp. 99-106

This sermon is titled, “The Great Mediator” and addresses such questions as to what terms may one draw near to God? What are the principals by which he will regulate his dealings with me? For with these inquiries all others are of very trivial importance, for in these hang our eternal destinies.