

Morrow, Cornelius Wartendyke, 1855-1923
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Dean/Acting President
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Biographical Note

Cornelius Wortendyke was born in 1855, in Brooklyn, New York, the son of Cornelius Wortendyke LaFayette and Jane Eliza (Chase) Morrow. In 1876 he was awarded the A. B. by Columbia University; three years later he completed the requirements for a B. D. degree at the Union Theological Seminary. The following year he was married to Rosalie Caroline Lippman. Between 1879 and 1902 he preached as a licentiate was ordained into the Congregational ministry, and pastored churches in Bethlehem, Danbury, and Norwich, Connecticut. In 1902 he accepted the dual role of, professor of philosophy and college pastor at Fisk University. In 1913 Morrow was appointed dean of the college, successor to Dean H.H.Wright. The Board of Trustees named him acting president of Fisk in 1914. Upon the election of Fayette A. McKenzie, Morrow continued to function as dean and professor of philosophy, until his retirement in 1921. He died in Nashville, in 1923.

Dean Morrow voiced an enduring interest in education. While in Norwich, Connecticut he served on the local Board of Education and the Board of Trustees of the Otis Public Library. His concern for the people of the lower was attested by his acceptance of membership on the board of the Bethlehem Community House Social Settlement.

Scope/Content of Papers

The box of papers are distributed in eleven folders including the first folder which contains biographical and scope/content notes. Six folders contain correspondence relating to fund drives business with the Board of Trustees, the faculty - staff, and to subjects of general and personal concerns. Reports to the Board of Trustees or emanating from the Board are located in two folders. A petition by some Fisk students and several miscellaneous items comprise the content of the last two folders of the box.

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