## 1939-1940 Sermons<sup>1</sup>

September 10 The Days to Come [references to Marie Curie] September 17 A Common Faith [reference to 2 Kings 23:1-3; Matthew 4:1-10; to finding "Deut" in the temple in 621 BCE; to Ruskin; ] September 24 Thine Own Gods [Professor ??? book ] October 8 Positive View [Soul of Bible 276] October 15 The Roots of Christianity: The Evolving Features of Christianity [references to Hosea 14; Mark 4:26-29] October 17-20 Senexet Retreat: Organized by E.C. Davis and C.E. Park. Davis' notes for a chapel talk on the nature of God. Notes for a talk on the Bible. October 22 The Idea of Christ: Enduring Features of Christianity [reference to Egon Friedell's 1930 Cultural History of the Modern Age, and a quotation from Friedrich Neitzsche's 1890, The Antichrist October 29 Human Relations in a Christian Nation [Matthew 20:20-28; Readers Digest] November 5 Middlesex School: The Great Tradition: Hence it has Endured [Matthew 23:30-41; Matthew 20:20-28; Emerson, poems; Luke 9:28-36; Thoreau's Diary for May 12, 1857]

November 15 Groton, Mass: The Great Tradition: Hence it has Endured

November 12

Feet of Clay + Never of Iron: Searching for the Great Tradition

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[a repeat of a June 1918 sermon, "The Great Tradition Becomes the Great Faith," full text available at https://wordpress.clarku.edu/dbaird/the-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Davis collected the notes for his sermons in 1939 and 1940 in a small booklet. The edited transcription of this booklet is available. Here I list the sermons by date and subject.

November 19 On Being Neutral: Just Living [reference to G.A. Borgese's article, "Six Kings" in the Atlantic Monthly for September, 1939; reference to Gerald Heard's These Hurrying Years: An Historical Outline, 1900-1933 November 26 Union Thanksgiving Service, North Church: Force and Values [Isaiah 41; Luke 18:9-14; Mayflower Compact] December 3 Disposing of Trouble Makers [Micah 6:6-8; Acts 19:23-41] December 3 Barre YPRU: "Truth, Service and Worship" [Reference to Ibsen's "The Master Builder"] December 10 Overcome Evil with Good [Romans 12] In the Face of Difficulties: Good News December 17 [Mark 1: 1-15; Christening of children born during year] December 24 Always the Fullness of Time [Christmas Service: Matthew 1:1-11; poem, Window in Nazareth] December 31 Something Old, Something New [Proverbs 28:12-28; Revelation 21:1-4] January 7, 1940 Something About Communism [Acts 2:43-47; Acts 4:32-5:11] January 14 **Dividing Lines** [Acts 7; Pliny; Emerson; also mention of Stephen Foster (1826-1864) and John Huss (1369-1415) January 21 Charles E. Park, preacher January 28 The Layman and Democracy [Matthew 7:7-16; Emerson] February 4 All in the Same Boat (Young People's Religious Union) [1 Samuel 10] February 11 Arrested for Living [Matthew 25:31-46]

February 18	The Great Tradition, Loomis School [Luke 9:28-36; Great Companions, 437]
March 24	Horizons, Near and Far, Easter Service
March 31	A Principle of Protestantism [Zechariah 4:1-10; reference to John Fiske]
April 7	The Foundation of Belief [Acts 17]
April 14	Trust in God and Keep Your Powder Dry [Revelation 21]
April 21	What We Believe About Ourselves [Philippians 3:13-16; 4:8-9; Channing's Works, p. 36]
April 28	A Belief in an Essential Christ: In the Fulness of Time [Isaiah 35; Soul of Man, Stanza 4]
May 5	Who is Messiah? [Matthew 11:1-6]
May 12	What We May Believe: Mutual Aid a Factor in Evolution [Matthew 11:1-6]
May 19	What We May Believe: Some Enduring Values: God [Matthew 7; Poem: Thy Kingdom Come (likely by John Bowring (1792- 1872)]
May 26	Union Service in the Unitarian Church Sermon by Reverend James T. Carter
June 2	That God May Exist: The Great Hunger [Psalm 84; Matthew 26:36-50]
June 9	Simeon [Luke 2: 25-35]
June 16	Union Service in the North Church: Graduation Sunday E.C.D. Preacher: "The Adventure of Thinking. Youth" [Psalm 84; Matthew 7:7-12]

June 23	A Higher Liberty [Luke 6:1-5]
June 30	The Undercurrent of Life [1 Kings 19:9-12; Acts 2:1-4; reference to Kipling's Captains Courageous]
July 7	Sand, Grit and Light [Matthew 13:24-34; Includes 1916 poem, "Fog" by Carl Sandburg; passage from the Book of Thomas]
July 14	Thirty Weavers of Worcester [Mark 4:21-30; Channing, Milton, Paradise Lost, B.V. lines 469-485]
July 21	An Old Parable Retold [Luke 10:11-31; Emerson from ???, page 228]
July 28	There and Back: Faith, Responsibility and Decision [Exodus 3; Miracles at Milton, <i>Reader's Digest</i> , Jan, 1940, p. 33]
August 3	Disciples and Followers [John 10:10-16; From <i>The Nazarene</i> , page 247]
August 11	Not Magic but Life [Genesis 6:1-4; John 5-X; Frost's Birches]
August 18	As One to Another Worcester Federation of Young People [Luke 9:28-35; "Dare You," Edward Sill]
August 25	Enter in by the Narrow Way [Luke 8:4-15; E Eittale, The Nameless Saints; also quotation from Matthew 7:13-14; and Reformation without Tarrying for Any]
December 22	Christmas Service and Vesper Service [Matthew 2, and 13-54ff. Luke 4:16-24]