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INTRODUCTION

Papers of Moses Harman, founder and publisher of *Lucifer, the Light-Bearer*, later the *American Journal of Eugenics*. He was a proponent of women's rights and the eugenics movement during the late 1800s and early 1900s. The papers include typescript copies of speech and articles by Harman, a photograph, articles about Harman, and issues of *Lucifer, the Light-Bearer*, 1896-1907. A microfilm copy of the collection is also available for use.

DONOR INFORMATION

The Harman Papers were donated to the University of Missouri on 20 August 1986 by John McCormick (Accession No. 4733).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Moses Harman, the son of Job and Nancy Harman, was born October 12, 1830, in Pendelton County, Virginia. His family moved to Crawford County, Missouri. Due to the elder Harman's philanthropic nature, poverty was often close at hand. Harman was not able to attend school, so he borrowed books from neighbors to educate himself.

At age sixteen he taught school on a subscription basis. Afterward, he decided he wanted to attend school and enrolled at the Arcadia Methodist Seminary in Arcadia, Missouri.

Following graduation, Harman was a Methodist circuit rider and teacher. In 1866 he married Susan Scheuck. They had several children, but only two survived. Susan died in 1877 during childbirth. After his wife's death, Harman became involved with eugenics and social reform. By this time he had left the ministry. In 1879 he moved to Valley Falls, Kansas, and edited the *Kansas Liberal*. Soon he moved to Chicago and started publishing *Lucifer, the Light-Bearer*, which became the *American Journal of Eugenics*. Harman died in 1910.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Issues of *Lucifer, the Light-Bearer* comprise the bulk of this collection. They detail the thoughts of Moses Harman and other "free-thinkers." Many of the articles discuss divorce, marriage, child rearing, and religion. Typescript copies of a speech by Harman and articles written by him, a photograph, and articles on Harman written by the donor are also included.

FOLDER LIST

- f. 1 Miscellany, 1858-1984. Typescript copies of articles and a partial speech by Harman, a photograph, and articles on Harman written by the donor.
- f. 2-13 *Lucifer, the Light-Bearer*, 1896-1907
- f. 2 1896. Articles in these issues include "Inequality in Divorce" and "What Children Should be Taught."
- f. 3 1897. Topics include "The Money Value of a Wife," "The Population Question," and "The True Life of Sex."
- f. 4 1898. Discusses "The Emotions of Childhood" and "Love the Universal Law."
- f. 5 1899. Speaks of "The Question of Women's Dress" and "The Population and Economic Question."
- f. 6 1900. Articles include "A Plea for Sexual Reform," "Are Children Human Beings?" and "Pre-Nuptial and Post-Nuptial Contracts."
- f. 7 1901. Informs readers of issues like "What is a Sensible Marriage Law?" and "Children's Rights."
- f. 8 1902. Articles include "The Coming Sexualism" and "The Meaning of the Press Censorship."
- f. 9 1903. Communicates information about "Slavery In and Out of Legal Marriage," "The Fall of Nations through Marriage," and "The Free Woman's Choice."
- f. 10 1904. Subjects include "Friendships Between Men and Women," "The Right to be Born Well," and "The Fugitive Wife."
- f. 11 1905. Thoughts on "The Significance of Divorce" and "Postal Censorship in the United States."
- f. 12 1906. Articles include "Why Free Speech is Necessary," "When Divorce is a Blessing," and "Should Women Demand Pay for Being Mothers?".
- f. 13 1907. Topics include "Interest in Eugenics Increasing," "Test Case on Obscenity," "Love and Socialism," and "Socialism and the Christian Church."

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