

# BELL TOWER



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## God Honors Faithfulness

In 1927 when **Clarence Macartney** left his pastorate at Arch Street Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia to accept a call at First Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, three Arch Street parishioners were so grateful for his ministry and friendship that they built Geneva College's library!

Just before the Great Depression, these three sisters, **Sarah, Seraph, and Emily Deal**, converted their holdings of stock in the Mum Deodorant Company (see image at right) and gave \$150,000, a vast sum in those days, to Geneva College for the construction of a library to be named in honor of their beloved pastor.

Large gifts given in honor of Clarence Macartney continued through the decades, even though Macartney died in 1957.

In 1997, **Mr. Richard I. Smith** bequeathed to the McCartney Library \$100,000 in honor of his pastor, Clarence Macartney. In 2009, **Mr. William Feisley** bequeathed to the McCartney Library \$50,000 in honor of his pastor, Clarence Macartney.

It's clear that God used Macartney to inspire people to give freely. Just what was it about him? The answer: Clarence Macartney was a faithful man of God.

God honors faithfulness. Think of Daniel, whom God honored, and even exalted, for Daniel's faithfulness. Daniel faced tremendous opposition, and it would have been easy to compromise and equivocate to "get by" in the culture. Yet Daniel stood firm. And God stood by Daniel.

Macartney was faithful in this same way. In the 1920s, a great wave of unbelief coursed through society. The Presbyterian Church was under assault by those seeking to undermine the fundamentals of the faith. They argued that one need not believe certain Biblical truths, such as the virgin birth or that Jesus actually rose from the dead, to be a Christian.

Macartney answered this unbelief. He insisted that the unfaithful arguments should never come from a pulpit of the Church. He explained the Bible, he stood by the truths that the Bible taught, he preached faithfully (and is recognized today as one of the ten greatest preachers of the Twentieth Century), and he provided leadership to the Church in that time of crisis.

In short, he never compromised and always remained faithful to God, even though it resulted in backlash against him. He went on to write the following words in



(1920s advertisement for Mum Deodorant)

his autobiography:

I had expected, of course, criticism and scoffing, and that old cry and accusation, 'heresy hunter,' would go up. But what surprised me was the intemperate and bitter abuse which poured forth ... the letters of abuse poured in like a flood (p.186).

Even while some poured abuse, others were inspired to a truer faith. God brought many to His throne through the witness of Macartney, and inspired others to give richly to God's Kingdom, including women like the Deal sisters and men like Mr. Smith and Mr. Feisley.

Read more about Clarence Macartney:

***The Making of a Minister: The Autobiography of Clarence E. Macartney***, edited by J. Clyde Henry, Channel Press (BX 9225 .M14 A3).

Visit the West Reading Room to see more advertisements for Mum Deodorant and a picture of the Deal Sisters.



(the Library cornerstone)

## Did you know . . .

...that research **help** is available in many different ways from McCartney Library. Librarians are ready to help you in person at the Library during the hours when the Library is open. But other ways exist for you to get help with your research.

- By e-mail:** ref.lib@geneva.edu
- On the web:** Go to [www.geneva.edu/object/lib\\_ask](http://www.geneva.edu/object/lib_ask).
- By phone:** Call the Library Reference Desk at 724-846-6563 and ask to talk to the librarian on duty

## Geocache with McCartney!

**Geocaching** is a popular activity where participants find small containers using global positioning system (GPS) receivers. Inside the container are a logbook and some small trinkets. It's a modern-day, high-tech treasure hunt.

McCartney Library has an offset geocache. This means that there is more than one stage; the first stage gives a clue about what to do next.

Find it (if you can), sign the log, and take home a prize from the cache.

The coordinates for the library's geocache are below. Be prepared to use your sleuthing **and** your research skills!

**40°46.416 N 80°19.342 W**



(The international symbol for a geocache)

## The Library's Best Stuff: The Macartney Collection

The Rev. Dr. Clarence Macartney was a learned man. He wrote over 25 books, many of which are still in print today. He had a personal library of over 2,000 books, most about Biblical studies and church history. As an amateur historian, he also he had a special interest in books about the Civil War.

When Macartney died, he left to the Library his personal library and all of his papers. This collection, along with all later books written about him, forms the Macartney Collection. The Macartney Collection is a one-of-a-kind resource that provides a look into the mind of one of America's preeminent church leaders.

## McCartney Goes Green!



For the past several years the McCartney Library has provided a warm cup of coffee or tea for Library visitors. In those years, you've gone through thousands of white Styrofoam cups; all of them end up one way or another in the environment. Now we are changing things for the better.

The Library is selling the **GC Goes Green Cup** (only \$3). These reusable plastic cups will help everyone to become better stewards—and you can get free refills with them at the Brig.

Beginning in the Spring Semester, the Library will no longer provide disposable cups. Bring your own mug, or buy a GC Goes Green cup at the Library!



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