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Biographical note

Thomas Raymond Kelly (1893-1941) was an American Quaker educator. Kelly was born in 1893 in Ohio, the son of Quakers Carlton Weden Kelly and Madora Elizabeth Kersey. He was raised in Wilmington Yearly Meeting, and graduated from Wilmington College in 1913 as a chemistry major. He went on to Haverford College, where he was mentored by Rufus Jones. Kelly attended Hartford Theological Seminary to train as a missionary, and ended up working with German POWs during WWI, though he was fired due to his pacifism. From 1919-1921, Kelly taught at Wilmington College. Kelly married Lael Macy and the couple had one child, Richard Macy Kelly (1936-). After working with the American Friends' Service Committee in Germany, Kelly and his wife returned to the U.S., Kelly became the head of the Philosophy Department of Earlham College. Kelly worked on his second Ph.D. at Harvard in 1930 and taught at Wellesley College and Earlham while working on his Ph.D. In 1936, Kelly became a professor at Haverford College, and in 1938, he traveled to Germany to encourage Friends living under Hitler's regime. Kelly died of a heart attack in January 1941.

Scope and Content note

This collection is comprised of two volumes of "The Reality of the Spiritual World," including both a typed manuscript and the handwritten draft of the volume. The volume was originally a series of lectures given by Thomas R. Kelly in New York in the Spring of 1940, and given again at Pendle Hill and published in 1942. The volume includes reflections on the nature of God and the nature of the spiritual world.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Acquisition

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- Quakers
- Religion
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