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#96

Beecher, Thomas Kennicut, 1824-1900.
Thomas Kennicut Beecher papers, 1844-1898.
6 cubic ft.

Preacher in Elmira, New York, and New York National Guard chaplain.

Summary: Sermons, notes, reviews, an article about Jabberwocks, F. Kennicutt Beecher's phrenological chart, letter from "Sam'l L. Clemens" [not an original], certificate of chaplaincy; also, letters from Lyman Beecher containing advice and news on family matters, and from H. W. Beecher and M. A. Rockwood.

Indexes: Preliminary listing.

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1. Beecher, Lyman. 2. Beecher, Henry Ward, 1813-1887. 3. Rockwood, M. A. 4. Beecher family. 5. New York (State). National Guard. 6. Phrenology. 7. Family--New Hampshire. 8. Preaching--New York (State)--Elmira. 9. Elmira (N.Y.)-- Religious life and customs. 10. Account books. 11. Sermons. 12. Jabberwocks.

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Thomas Kennicut Beecher Papers (1850-1898) 2613 items (5 ft. - 14 bags - 15 1/2" x 11" + 4 vols.)

A Sermons, briefs, outlines, notes, 1850-1898. (2538 pieces)

Card entries

Beecher, Thomas K.
CHURCH (Presbyterian) Church
RELIGION (Sermons)
Chemung Co., Elmira

In Boxes, # 96 A 1-36

B Miscellaneous Beecher Papers: (a-h) contains a set of stories and review of King Lear; "Problems of Sociology in England"; printed matter (one concerning Jabberwocks); miscellanies; Phrenological chart of T. K. Beecher; Account book, 1895-1891; 3 letters ^{with dupl.} photostats, 1 signed Sam'l L. Clemens, 1 by H. W. Beecher; Certificate of T. K. Beecher as Chaplain, 1895. (55 pieces)
Park Church to Anniversary pub., 1896-1896, 27 pp.

Prepared by L. H. Fowler, 9/22/1849, 21 new (8 pp)

Card entries

Beecher, Thomas K.
Clemens, Samuel L.
Jabberwocks
Sociology
Account books, old
Chemung Co., Elmira

Clemens letter NOT an original. Writing comp. w. Raw Bks holdings. Orig. presumably in Elmira College collection. See corres. w. Mrs. Charles B. Selisbury, Mark Twain Memorial, Hartford, Conn. 12/23 - 3/24. - K. J. B-g folder.

In Box # 96 B

C 14 letters, and 1 draft, of Lyman Beecher* to James Beecher at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H. containing advice concerning subjects, economy, behavior, and family and personal matters, 1844-1848. Also a letter from H. W. Beecher* to his brother, Thomas, 1848. Another letter from M. A. Rockwood to Mrs. Green, concerning Mr. Beecher at Williamsburg, 1854. (28 pieces) One letter, TKB from Henry W. Beecher (2 pcs, January 1849, 29, 1849) removed from miscellaneous card entries and filed with (548) H.W.B. letter per K.J., 1/17/61.

Beecher, Thomas K.
Beecher, James
Beecher, Lyman
Education, early
New England, Hanover, N. H.
New England, Williamsburg, Mass.
Chemung Co., Elmira

In Box # 96 C

Moved to Manuscript File on shelf, boxes
* Lyman and Henry Ward Beecher letters listed on attached sheets.
** See p. 2.

Thomas Kennicut Beecher Papers (continued)

D
Rest
Unboxed

2 folders boxed
Clippings; 2 volumes of clippings; volume "Notable Sermons" by Thomas K. Beecher, publ. by The Osborne Press, Elmira, N. Y. in 1914 by Frances Farrar. Account book of sermons and texts, #1-#2182.

Card entries

Beecher, Thomas K.
Farrar, Frances
RELIGION (Sermons)
Chemung Co., Elmira **

In Box, 96 D

Beecher Cottage, Elmira

C

Thomas Beecher Sermons
1850-1898

Total - 2431 pieces

Box	Dates	No. of pieces	Notes	Dates	No. of pieces		
1	1850	2		1872	22		
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	1853	42		1881	59		
	1854	46		1882	51		
	1855	65		1883	34		
	1856	26		1884	61		
	1857	61		1885	64		
	1858	62		1886	51		
	1859	58		1887	39		
	1860	62		1888	65		
	1861	55	8	1889	54		
	1862	42		1890	44		
	2	1863	53		1891	25	
		5	1864	34		1892	39
			1865	55		1893	45
	6	1866	26		1894	27	
1867		41		1895	15		
1868		32		1896	9		
1869		47	25	1897	0		
1870		50	9	1898	1		
7		1871	63	2	undated	a. 13	
		1872	58	1		b. 14	
	1873	68			c. 21		
	1874	43					
	1875	58					
1876	61		Grand Total	2431			
1877	64	4					

LYMAN BEECHER LETTERS IN THOMAS K. BEECHER PAPERS:

Lyman Beecher letters to James C. Beecher, while the latter was a student at Dartmouth College, 12 items:

* Walnut Hills, July 13, 1844, 7 pp.

Walnut Hills, January 15, 1845, 4 pp.

Walnut Hills, February (?) 1845, 8 pp.

Boston, May 22, 1845, 4 pp.

New Haven, June 11, 1845, 4 pp.

Walnut Hills, October 30, 1845, 7 pp. (2 pcs.)

Walnut Hills, December 13, 1845, 4 pp.

Walnut Hills, (postmarked Cincinnati, Ohio), November 5, 1846 ,
6 pp. (2 pcs.)

Walnut Hills, January 26, 1847, 4 pp. (and 4 pp. draft of same)

Walnut Hills, March 2, 1848, 3 pp.

Undated, postmark indistinct except for New York, May ??, 4 pp.

Undated, (Corner torn off) and no place or postmark (debts, advice)
4 pp.

NOTE: Walnut Hills in or near Cincinnati. DAB article on Lyman Beecher (p. 136) states that

"Lane Theological Seminary had been started in Cincinnati; and Lyman Beecher was chosen as its first president and professor of theology.... In 1832 he removed to Cincinnati to be the head of the new seminary..."

N.D.^{over} 4/1/65

Henry Ward Beecher letters to Thomas K. Beecher, 3 items:

November 1848, 6 pp. (re interpretation of Bible--heart of more use than mind)

January 29, 1849, 7 pp.* /

Undated, 1 p. (begins "My Dear Tom"), (Also, a photostat of same.)

* Excerpt: ". . . As to amusements [?] & suchlike questions - It is to be well remarked that Boston is specially insular - Those that are evangelic are on the self defence & have been for years & have grained into them a fear of ingressive error. Those that are bold & free have been driven to the other extreme & are bold in error - Now it was enough for multitudes that I urged views wh[ich] the Unitarians had urged; - and worse than all that I was after[ward?] rapturously applauded. Besides that the New England forms of religious development have always been stern - and [? HMB seems to have omitted a word here] an impenetrable solemnity - i.e. the exercise of the organ of veneration in religion is yet the habit of some of her best men & Christians. /para./ Now it is not possible to divulge [?] a principle without producing harm by it. A change so cautious as to make no mischief must be so slow as to have long perpetuated the very evil complained of - Sometimes gradual changes are best - especially when large interests are concerned - In question of mere morals sudden changes are more noisy & violent & effective - There is a sharp distinctness given to opinion [?] often [after?] by an abrupt & strong enforcement of principles. Now in New York the same lecture has not been at all so received [sic] - Disfavor has been for sectional reasons - I could not & would [word omitted?] school my tongue to the m [?] ed ways of a city where narrowness [?] had resulted from long watching of one sect vs. another. If it was a shock to them to hear free & outspoken things - even new ones - it was a shock that they needed I shall be pummelled since ^{some} but in ten years there will not be a reputable thinker who is not on the same ground." [kj, 2/69]

BS for [unclear],
1/64

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15	1	1846-1896	The Park Church Anniversary service, following the growth and progress of the church through time, 7 sermons
15	1	1872-1892	7 sermons
15	2	1894	Time and Dr. Beecher Poem a birthday poem, written to Rev. T K Beecher in his old age, entreating him to have good spirits and comforting thoughts always.
15	2	1883, n.d.	15 postcards: 14 to Julia J. Beecher, 1 to T. W. Crane
15	2	1894	Leaves from Bermuda notebook
15	2	1844	College of Ohio matriculation certificate
15	2	n.d.	Artists' rendition of little boys
15	2	n.d.	Washington National Monument Society Certificate
15	2	n.d.	Confirmation pledge
15	3	n.d.	Assorted Manuscripts: a written critique by TK Beecher on Shakespeare's <i>King Lear</i> .
15	3	n.d.	Assorted Manuscripts: A title index of short stories and letters.
15	3	n.d.	Assorted Manuscripts: Children's' stories on various entertaining/educational subjects: [body parts; currents; plant growth; myths about pigs; things that turn; where things go to; curious questions: seconds, iron-making, rust, tree life cycle; keeping warm: frost, klink; Shoe; Private Queer's Knapsack; Gold and Greenbacks: money; and Hide & Scrap's Story: the tanning process.]
15	4	July 13 1844	College Letters, Lyman Beecher to son, James: general college advice and parental concerns

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15	4	Jan. 15, 1845	College Letters, Lyman Beecher to son, James: some mention of a vacation? more advice
15	4	1845	College Letters, Lyman Beecher to son, James: letter of reproach for son's assault of a fellow classmate
15	4	May 22, 1845	College Letters, Lyman Beecher to son, James: warning against temptation, offers encouragement, briefly addresses matters of money and clothing for his son
15	4	June 1, 1845	College Letters, Lyman Beecher to son, James: entreats son to come to Christ and repent in his ways
15	4	Oct. 30, 1845	College Letters, Lyman Beecher to son, James: still disappointed
15	4	J_ 13, 1845	College Letters, Lyman Beecher to son, James: Lyman gets thrown from a horse & buggy, some words of encouragement for his son
15	4	Nov. 5, 1846	College Letters, Lyman Beecher to son, James: mention of travels and wise money handling
15	4	Jan. 26, 1847	Lyman to son, Thomas: a copy of L to J letter, hopes that Thomas will support the plan
15	4	J_ 26, 1847	College Letters, Lyman Beecher to son, James: settlement reached about debt payments, father is pleased
15	4	Mar. 2, 1848	College Letters, Lyman Beecher to son, James: Son gets married, is being more affectionate to father, plans to study medicine
15	4	[May] 1848	College Letters, Lyman Beecher to son, James: Father is pleased with recent reply but still feels his son should repent

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15	4	n.d.	James? to Thomas: he doesn't know Professor Greesley? and doesn't want to
15	4	n.d.	College Letters, Lyman Beecher to son, James: Father is pleased with an affectionate letter sent to him; debts are still being paid
15	4	Nov. 1848	James? to Thomas: congratulatory letter
15	4	Jan. 29, 1849	James? to Thomas: happenings in Boston, building plans and some disagreement
15	4	May, 23, 1854	M. A. Rockwood to Mrs. Green: letter of affection, talk of Mr. Beecher and his misgivings.
15	5	1879	Newspaper Clippings, Saturday Miscellany: On various religious, political and comical subjects : public sentiment/political concerns, remembering Jesus, fasting and solitude, planet Venus, marriage, bribery, teachers, prohibition, miscellaneous
15	6	1880, 1893	Clippings of sermons printed in newspaper
15	7	1878-1894	Bible analysis, sermon listings
15	8	1875	Certificate of National Guard chaplaincy
15	9	n.d.	Letters: Samuel Clemens, "Father"
15	10	1896	Typescript: "Problems of Sociology in England"
15	11	1849	Prenological chart: F. Kennicut Beecher
15	12	1895-1898	Account book
15	13	1907, 1924, 1929	Clippings <i>re</i> T.K.B. and Mrs. T. K. B., also mentions Samuel Clemens

Lilly Ponte, 6/2000
J. Parker, 7/2000