



The Henry Ward Beecher Manuscript Collection

Collection Summary

Creator:	Princeton Theological Seminary. Library. Special Collections
Dates:	1872-1922
Extent:	1 box (0.3 linear feet)
Language(s):	English
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Chronology

1813 June 24	Born, Litchfield, Connecticut
1834	Graduated, Amherst College
1834-1837	Student, Lane Seminary
1837-1839	Pastor, Lawrenceburg, Indiana
1839-1847	Pastor, Indianapolis, Indiana
1847-1887	Pastor, Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, New York
1882	Officially repudiated orthodox Christianity, denied the possibility of hell, incorporated Darwinian evolution into his theology and sermons
1887	Died, Brooklyn, New York

Biographical Information

Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887) was one of the most prominent and influential American preachers of his day. He was the son of Lyman Beecher and the brother of the many successful Beecher children, including Harriet Beecher Stowe. Henry Ward Beecher graduated from Lane Theological Seminary in 1837 and became the pastor of the Plymouth Church (Congregational) in Brooklyn in 1847. He was most famous for his opposition to slavery and his skills as a preacher and public lecturer who championed the love of God rather than the

wrath of God. He also supported women's suffrage and Darwin's theory of evolution.

Scope and Content

This collection contains materials about the life and legacy of Henry Ward Beecher and several articles written by him.

Subjects

Beecher, Henry Ward, 1813-1887.

Princeton Theological Seminary. Library. Manuscript collections.

Clergy--Biography.

Administrative Information

Processing Information

This is a constructed collection on Beecher. The material was most likely collected by library and/or archival staff, however, the provenance of this collection is unknown.

Access

There are no restrictions on access to this collection. The papers are available for review according to the normal rules of Special Collections.

Use of Materials

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