DESCRIPTION: The collection is composed of 45 letters written by Charity Clarke Moore who was the wife of Bishop Benjamin Moore (1748-1816), President of Columbia College from 1801 to 1811, and one letter and a diary written by their son, Clement Clarke Moore (1779-1863), who was the author of A Concise Lexicon of the Hebrew Language and *Twas the Night Before Christmas. Charity Moore's letters range in date from 1787 to 1834, and were written to her sister, Lady Affleck and other members of her family and friends. They are personal in nature dealing with family affairs and day to day events. Of the same character is Clement Moore's letter which was written to his cousin, Lady Lilford in November 1840. The diary contains brief entries from 20 November 1856 to 8 July 1863, two days before his death. It is mainly a record of the weather, the temperature, and his benefactions. The letters are all mounted on the blank leaves of one volume and the diary occupies a second volume. Also included are nine volumes from the library of Benjamin Moore.