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Summary Information

Creator: John Goodman Hall, 1816 - 1900
Title: John Goodman Hall Papers, 1837 - 1863
Inclusive dates: 1837 - 1863
Bulk dates: 1846 - 1863
Abstract: Graduate of UTS, 1836 – 1839. Congregational Pastor in South Egremont, Mass., Cherry Valley, NY and Fort Plain, NY and Ohio: Two Private journals; Notebook of clippings including Hall’s sermons and letters
Size: 1 box, 0.25 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
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Administrative Information
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Access Restrictions: The collection is unrestricted to readers.

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Biography
John Goodman Hall was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1816 and graduated from New York City University in 1836. He entered into the first class of students at the newly founded New York Theological Seminary which was renamed Union Theological Seminary on incorporation. Hall graduated from UTS in 1839 and was ordained by the Congregational Berkshire Association on October 29, 1839. His career followed the traditional path of that period: as Stated supply (Acting Pastor) in New-Lebanon, NY, 1839 – 42; Pastor in South Egremont, Mass, 1842 – 50; Pastor in Cherry Valley, NY, 1850 – 57 and Pastor (Reformed Church in America) in Fort Plain, NY 1857 – 63. While pastor in Cherry Valley he undertook a journey to England and France from April to August 1853. In 1864 he moved to Ohio, but does not appear to have obtained a full church position there. Hall was Stated supply in the Congregational church in Ravenna, Ohio, 1864 – 73, but was without charge in Cleveland, Ohio from 1873 – 1900. He was honored with a D.D. from New York University in 1879 and died in Cleveland, Ohio on January 30, 1900.

Collection Scope and Content Note
This small collection consists of two manuscript notebooks, which are ‘private journals’ containing Hall’s diary of handwritten notes on the thoughts, activities and events of his life during the years 1845 – 1863 as a New York pastor. The first notebook includes details of his European visit and has some fragile pressed flowers. A third small volume contains clippings mainly of J. G. Hall’s own printed letters and sermons.

Processing
Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Acidic items were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed.

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