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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Stoddard, Charles Augustus, 1833-1920
Title:	Charles Augustus Stoddard papers
ID:	4492499
Date [inclusive]:	circa 1750 -- 1916
Physical Description:	0.5 linear feet 0.5 linear feet; 1 box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Charles Augustus Stoddard was a Presbyterian clergyman, editor, and writer. The collection contains newspaper clippings and religious service bulletins, sermons and prayers, professional correspondence, genealogical materials including family trees and photographs, personal correspondence, a journal and a diary.

Preferred Citation

Item description, UTS1: Charles Augustus Stoddard papers, circa 1750-1916, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Charles Augustus Stoddard was born in Boston, Massachusetts on May 28, 1833 to parents Charles and Mary Noble (nee Porter) Stoddard. He was educated at Williams College in 1854 and went on to pursue divinity studies, at first at the University of Edinburgh and the Free Church of Scotland Theological Seminary before completing his graduate work at Union Theological Seminary in 1859. He was ordained in the Presbyterian ministry and installed at Washington Heights Presbyterian Church in New York later that year, where he would remain until 1883. Also in 1859, Stoddard married Mary Elizabeth Prime, the daughter of Reverend Samuel Irenaeus Prime, whose affiliation with the New York Observer would aid Stoddard in joining the editorial staff of the paper, eventually becoming editor-in-chief and publisher in

1873. Charles Augustus and Mary traveled extensively together, and had two children, Charles Prime Leslie in 1861, and a daughter Ethel born in 1864. Stoddard spent most of his life in New York City, but his career and personal life allowed him to travel extensively, inspiring a number of books and travel monographs recounting his journeys alone, with his wife, and others, notably, *Beyond the Rockies: A Spring Journey in California*, a travel piece recounting Stoddard's train travel through burgeoning cities and the frontiers of the American West in 1893. In addition to his religious work, Stoddard maintained non-ecumenical affiliations, including holding tenures as Director of the American Seamen's Friend Society (based in New York), as Director and Vice President of the then-named New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, as member of the American Oriental Society, and as President of the Williams Alumni Association. In 1857, Stoddard was retroactively conferred with an A.M. from Williams College, as well as a D.D. in 1871. Charles Augustus Stoddard died in New York City on June 3, 1920.

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Scope and Contents

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

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The following boxes are located offsite: Box 1. Please note that requests for use of boxes held in offsite storage must be made three business days in advance.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The exact provenance of this collection is unknown.

Processing Information

Material was cataloged by Lynn A. Grove on 1988-07-14. 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. The finding aid was created by Rebecca Nieto in 2016 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2020.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Diaries
- Clergy
- Stoddard, Charles Augustus, 1833-1920 -- : Archives
- Smith, Mehitabel

Burke Library record group:

Union Theological Seminary Archives: UTS 1, papers of faculty and students

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Title/Description	Instances	
Newspaper clippings, 1910	box 1	folder 1
Fast Day and Antebellum sermons, 1861 -- 1865	box 1	folder 2
Sermons and New York Observer materials, 1867 -- 1916	box 1	folder 3
Sermons and correspondence, circa 1892 -- 1903	box 1	folder 4
Unattributed sermons, circa 1750 -- 1799	box 1	folder 5
Biography of Arthur Francis Stoddard, 1910	box 1	folder 6
Genealogy materials, circa 1854 -- 1914	box 1	folder 7
Scope and Contents		
This file contains genealogical materials related to the Stoddard family, including correspondence, photographs, and family trees.		
Diary, 1855	box 1	folder 8
Journal, 1854 -- 1857	box 1	folder 9

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