



James W. Miles papers, ca. 1840-1875
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Container: 24/177

Creator: Miles, James W.

Description: 0.25 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: Charleston, S.C. Protestant Episcopal minister and educator. Miles studied law with Henry Bailey, attorney general of South Carolina, but left that profession for the ministry. He spent several years as a missionary in Constantinople, and after returning to South Carolina served as a minister in various churches including St. Michael's and Grace church in Charleston and Grace church in Camden, S.C. He was also a professor of Greek language and literature at the College of Charleston and librarian there. He read numerous languages including Hebrew, Latin, and Sanscrit. Scope and Content: Papers chiefly consist of legal notes, a journal, and sermons.

Legal notes (n.d.) concern laws regarding courts, trover, slaves, murder, manslaughter, titles, treason, and other matters.

Fragment of a journal (1863-1865) records information on books and reading, letters written, and language studies.

Themes of sermons (most undated) include the nature of man, the resurrection of the body, "instinctive aspirations of humanity after God," man's moral accountability, and love. A poem (n.d) concerns evidences of God in nature.

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Search terms:

Miles, James Warley, 1818-1875 -- Books and reading.

Episcopal Church -- South Carolina -- Clergy.

Christian literature.

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Nature -- Religious aspects.

Charleston (S.C.)

South Carolina -- History.

Journals (accounts)

Poems.

Sermons.

Clergy.

Linguists.

Lawyers.

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Charleston lawyer and minister. Notes on legal matters including arguments regarding State vs. Ferguson et al in the murder of a slave. Diary (1863-1865) of JWM listing books read, letters written, and studies of Greek, Hebrew, Latin, and Sanskrit. A sermon mss.