



Erasmus MacMaster Papers, 1820-1866

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Overview

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Scope and Content Note

The collection contains speeches, lectures, and sermons given by Erasmus MacMaster (1806-1866). Some are from his presidencies over Hanover College and Miami University; others are from his work as a Presbyterian minister.

Historical Information

Erasmus Darwin MacMaster was born in Pennsylvania in 1806. In 1827, he graduated from Union College, becoming a minister in 1829. He worked as a pastor in New York until 1838, when he became Hanover College's third president. In 1844, he attempted to move the college to Madison and rename it Madison University; unsuccessful, he left the college in 1845 and became president of Ohio's Miami University. He returned to Indiana in 1850, becoming a professor of theology at the Theological Seminary in New Albany. While in Indiana, he was one of the state's most vocal abolitionists. In 1866, he accepted the position of theology professor at the Northwestern Theological Seminary in Chicago, but died there in December.

Administrative Information:

Related Items:

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Acquisition:

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Container List

Box	Folder	Folder Title	Dates	Notes
1	1	Documents	n.d., ~1820s	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Topic III. The Proper Method of Studying the History of the Church" 2. "History of the Church" 3. "Ch. 1 of God"
1	2	Documents	~1820s	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Practical Observations" 2. "Essay on The Covenant of Works and the Doctrine of Original Sin" Nov. 1827 3. "Translation of a Latin Exegesis" 1828
1	3	Documents	~1820s	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "An Historical Sketch of the Christian Church Between the Years 1549 and 1650" Jan. 26, 1829 2. "Exegesis de Ministerio legitimo Exeelsire. . ." Dec. 1829 3. "Ireland and the Irish" 4. "Publish Order of Worship"
1	4	Sermons	n.d.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Untitled Article on John Ch. 1" 2. "Our Freedom From the Fear of Death" 3. "Psalm XXIV" 4. "Hebrews II, 1-4" 5. "Eternal Life the Gift of God in His Son" 6. "Hebrews X, 19-22"
1	5	Sermons	n.d., ~1830s	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "2 Peter I, 20, 21" 2. "Matthew VI, 33" 3. "Romans I, 16" 4. "The Fellowship of the Christian Altar" 5. "John XVI, 7-11" 6. "The Sufficiency of the New Testament Ministry: An Ordination Sermon" 7. "The Trinity: A Sermon" 8. "Macachi III, 16, 17" Dec. 1836 9. "Proverbs X, 28" 10. "Romans VIII, 28" 11. "Romans III, 19, 20" Jun. 25, 1837

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1	6	Sermons	1846-1856	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Christ's Dominion over The Unseen World and Over Death" Apr. 1846 2. "The Transforming Power of the Divine Glory in The Gospel" Jan. 4, 1847 3. "The Nature and Evil of Sin" Apr. 1847 4. "The Nature and Blessing of the Abrahamic Constitution" Feb. 1854 5. "The Duty of Seeking Heavenly Things" Apr. 23, 1854 6. "The Christian Life, In Its Nature, Foundation, Governing Principle, and Antecedent Condition" Jan. 4, 1855 7. "Sanctification: A Sermon" May 20, 1855 8. "Exposition of Psalm LXV" Jul. 29, 1855 9. "Exposition of Psalm LXXXIV" Aug. 10, 1855 10. "The Apocalyptical Visions of the Apostle John" Apr. 1856
1	7	Sermons	1857-1858	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Somatalogica: The Economy of the Body of Christ" Feb. 1857 2. "David's Prayer for Israel" Feb. 1857 3. "The Temple of God" Mar. 1857 4. "Christian Altar and Service" Apr. 1857 5. "Sonship to God by Christ" Aug. 1857 6. "Christian Assurance" (a sermon on the death of Rev. Hugh S. Ustick) 1857 7. "The New Birth: Its Nature, Author, and Necessity" May 1858 8. "Redemption by Christ" May 1858 9. "Law-Work" May 16, 1858 10. "An Argument for the Doctrine of the Forgiveness of Sins" May 23, 1858 11. "The Paraclete and His Argument" Sep. 1858
1	8	Sermons	1859-1862	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "The Christian Race" Jan. 1859 2. "The Communion of Christ, Crucified" Feb. 1859 3. "Self-Righteousness the Hindrance of Salvation" Mar. 1859 4. "The Resurrection by Christ" Oct. 1859 5. "The Adoption" Jan. 1860 6. "The Son of Man the Savior of the Lost" Feb. 1860 7. "Christ's Call on Men to Seek the Kingdom of God" Jun. 1860 8. "Christ's Instructions Concerning the Kingdom of God" Jun. 1860 9. "The Resurrection by Christ" Jun. 1860 10. "The Blessedness of the Godly Man" Jan. 1861 11. "God's Covenant: The Support of the Saints Under Family Bereavements" Apr. 5, 1862

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1	9	Sermons	1863-1864	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Access to God in His Sanctuary" Jan. 1863 2. "The Scripture: Inspired and Profitable" Jun. 1863 3. "The Presentation of the Children of God to the Father" Aug. 1863 4. "Whose Servants Are We" Nov. 22, 1864 5. "Christ's Call on Rebellious Men" Jan. 1864 6. "Vocation to Divine Service" May 1864 7. "The Dominion of Christ" May 1864 8. "The Believer's Choice of Israel and Israel's God" July 1864
2	1	Sermons	1864-1866	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "The Argument of the Kingdom of God" Aug. 1864 2. "The Lamentation of Jesus over the Lost" Oct. 1864 3. "The Messianic Doxology: A Communion Sermon" May 1865 4. "Immanuel: A Sermon from John I, 1, 14" Aug. 2, 1865 5. "God's Call of the World to Repentance" May 1866
2	2	Sermons	n.d., ~1820s	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Imputation of Original Sin States and Illustrates in a Homily" Mar. 4, 1828 2. "Lecture I: On the Proper Idea of God" 3. "On the Proper Idea of God"
2	3	Sermons	n.d. ~1830s	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Epistle to the Seven Churches, No. 5: Sardis" May 15, 1836 2. "III: Hebrews I, 10-12"
2	4	Sermons	n.d.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Hebrews VIII, 1-5" 2. "The Greek New Testament" 3. "Lecture XX: The Divine Purposes: Predestination" 4. Untitled, on good and evil
2	5	Lecture Series 1	n.d.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Lecture II: Means of Ascertaining Godly Character" 2. "Lecture III: The Existence of God" 3. "Lecture III: The Existence of God" 4. "Lecture V: Evidences of Godliness of Character, Ct'd"
2	6	Lecture Series 2	n.d.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Theology: Lecture I: Introductory" 2. "Lecture II: The True Idea of God" 3. "Lecture III: The True Idea of God, Ct'd" 4. "Lecture IV: The True Idea of God Continued, Its Proper Definition" 5. "Lecture VI: The Existence of God, Natural Arguments. . ." 6. "Lecture VII: The Existence of God, the Teleological Argument"

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2	7	Lecture Series 3	n.d.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Lecture I: Necessity of Godliness to Ministry" 2. "Lecture III: Evidences of Godliness of Character" 3. "Lecture IV: Evidences of Godliness of Character, Ct'd" 4. "Lecture XIII: The Goodness of God" 5. "Lecture XIV: The Blessedness of God" 6. "Lecture XVI: On the Trinity" 7. "Lecture XVIII: The Trinity: Personality and Personal. . ." 8. "Lecture XIX: The Trinity: Personal relations. . ." 9. "Lecture XX: The Purpose of God"
2	8	Lecture Series 4	n.d.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Lecture VIII: The Attributes of God" 2. "Lecture IX: The Attributes of God: Wisdom" 3. "Lecture X: The Divine Attributes: Holiness" 4. "Lecture XI: The Truthfulness of God" 5. "Lecture XII: The Divine Attributes: Justice"
2	9	Lecture Series 5	n.d.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Lecture I: Introductory" 2. "Lecture III: The True Idea of God, Continued" 3. "Lecture IV: Of the Distinguishing Characteristics of God" 4. "Lecture V: The Distinguishing Characteristics of God, Ct'd." 5. "Lecture VIII: The Existence of God: Argument A Posteriori, Ct'd." 6. "Lecture VIII: The Existence of God" (excerpt) 7. "Lecture IX: The Existence of God, Argument A Posteriori" 8. "Lecture X: The Existence of God"
2	10	Lecture Series 6	n.d.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Lecture I: Divine Institution of the Ministry" 2. "Lecture II: Divine Institution of the Ministry: Its Perpetuity" 3. "Lecture III: Divine Institution of the Ministry: Call to and Investiture with it" 4. "Lecture IV: The Work of the Ministry"

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3	1	Lecture Series 7	n.d.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Lecture I: Divine Institution of the Ministry" 2. "Lecture II" 3. "Lecture III: Divine Institution of the Ministry" 4. "Lecture IV: The Work of the Ministry" 5. "Lecture V: Qualifications of the Ministry" 6. "Lecture VI: The Means of Obtaining the Qualifications for the Ministry" 7. "Lecture VIII: Necessity of a Habit of Study" 8. "Lecture IX: On Extra Professional Studies" 9. "Lecture X: Professional Studies" 10. "Lecture XI: Miscellaneous Remarks on Preaching" 11. "Lecture XII: Public Ordinances of Worship" 12. "Lecture XIII: Care of the Children and Youth of the Church" 13. "Lecture XIV: Meetings for Social Worship and Conference" 14. "Lecture XVI: Pastoral Care and Respect to Individuals" 15. "Lecture XVII" Pastoral Care in Respect to Individuals (Continued)"
3	2	Letters	1827-1859	Correspondents: Monty Goodale, Ezra Manting, Robert Breek; Subjects: the duty of ministers, study of history, moral science, ethics,
3	3	Papers	n.d.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Untitled (notes on a college/university department and the course of training for students) 2. Lecture on theology 3. Advertisement for "The Messianic Witness, A Monthly Publication by E. D. MacMaster" 4. Miscellaneous notes 5. "Address in Madison, IN" Feb. 1841
3	4	Papers	n.d.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Untitled document (loose) 2. Untitled document (loose, page 5) 3. Untitled document (loose, page 5) 4. "Miracles" 5. Untitled document (pages 5-8) 6. Untitled article 7. "An Essay on Regeneration" 8. "Notes" 9. "Concio" 10. "Bulletin Sermon on Human Nature" 11. Untitled article (begins page 5) 12. Untitled article 13. "Reading" 1868