

Archives and Special Collections

Dickinson College

Carlisle, PA

COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: **Hood, John B. (1838-1919)** **MC 2001.8**

Material: Papers (1859-1864)

Volume: 0.25 linear feet (1 Document Box)

Donation: Gift of Sumner M. Drayer, 1952

Usage: These materials have been donated without restrictions on usage.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John Hood was born on August 12, 1838, to George and Catherine E. Duvall Hood of Mount Airy, Maryland. Hood received his preparatory education at the West River Classical Institute before matriculating at Dickinson College in September of 1859. While at Dickinson, he was an active member of both the Union Philosophical Society and the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Hood taught for one year at West River Classical Institute after graduating from Dickinson College in 1864. He next served as Professor of English Literature at the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania from 1865-1866. He earned a master's degree from Dickinson College in 1867, and in 1868 Hood received his medical degree from the University of Michigan.

John Hood married Hette E. Clary of Mount Airy on August 13, 1869 and settled with her in Baltimore, Maryland, where they eventually had ten children. Hood practiced medicine until his retirement in the early 1900's. During his free time Hood was also an avid writer; his only published work, *The Beauty of God, as Revealed in His Works, His Written Word, and the Living Word through the Ministry of Life and Light and Love*, was printed in 1908. John Hood died on December 26, 1919.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The John B. Hood Collection is housed in one document box and contains papers and notes taken by Hood while he was an undergraduate student at Dickinson College from 1859 to 1864. This collection was donated by Sumner M. Drayer in 1952. The Hood Collection is arranged into three series: Exercise Books, Lecture Notes, and Speeches. All materials are listed chronologically within each series.

The Exercise Books series consists of three of Hood's freshmen composition books, all beginning September 12, 1859, which were prepared for his courses in German, Greek, and Latin. The notebooks also contain poetry, and a list of names and grades of his fellow pupils from West River Classical Institute.

The Lecture Notes series contains notes from classes in the natural sciences by Professor William C. Wilson during the 1863-1864 school year.

The Speeches series contains four speeches written by Hood, including a speech he gave at Commencement exercises on June 30, 1864. The last speech in this series was presented at the West River Classical Institute on November 11, 1864, at the beginning of Hood's brief period as teacher at the academy.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 2001.8

EXERCISE BOOKS

- Folder 01) German Exercises - 1859
- Folder 02) Greek Exercises - 1859
- Folder 03) Latin Prose/Exercises - 1859

LECTURE NOTES

- Folder 04) Lectures on Natural Science 1-26, Aug. 28, 1863 - Jan. 30, 1864
- Folder 05) Lectures on Natural Science 27- 48, Feb. 4, 1864 - Apr. 29, 1864
(with Lectures on Astronomy 1-6, in back)

SPEECHES

- Folder 06) "Mystery" - March 1864
- Folder 07) "Influence" - April 1864
- Folder 08) "The Unseen Goal" - June 30, 1864
- Folder 09) "Christianity" - November 11, 1864

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