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Title: **James Andrew McCauley (President, 1872-1888)** **RG 2/8**

Dates: 1872-1888

Material: Papers

Volume: 0.1 linear feet

Usage: There are no access restrictions on these records.

HISTORICAL NOTE

James Andrew McCauley was chosen as the second alumni president of Dickinson College in 1872. He entered Dickinson College as a freshman in September 1844, graduating with highest honors in 1847. After graduation, McCauley entered the Methodist Episcopal Church and joined the Baltimore Conference in 1850. He was granted a doctor of divinity degree from the college in 1867 and joined the Board of Trustees in 1869.

Immediately following his acceptance of the office, in September 1872 he authorized the founding of the Dickinsonian, the college newspaper still in production. Under his presidency, the College undertook an expansion of the campus that was unprecedented in the life of the institution thus far. By 1885, due to the efforts of Charles F. Himes, the Tome Scientific Building was already in use. Bosler Memorial Hall was completed, as was the Old Gymnasium, in 1888.

Another significant development in Dickinson history occurred during the McCauley presidency, when in the autumn of 1884 Zatae Longsdorff was admitted to the class of 1887. Seven years before, in 1877, the Board had ruled that women could be admitted to the College on the same terms as men, but Longsdorff was the first female to take advantage of this policy. In 1888, McCauley resigned from the presidency and returned to the pastorate. He later combined his preaching with a professorship of historical and systematic theology at Morgan College. Reverend McCauley passed away on December 12, 1896 in Baltimore Maryland.

SERIES ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

The records contained in the President James Andrew McCauley record group pertain only to his time and affairs as president of Dickinson College. As such, no personal papers or

papers pertaining to McCauley's time as a student are included in this record group. For records concerning McCauley's interactions with students, please refer to RG 5/1. The McCauley records are housed in one document box with RG 2/2 through RG 2/10 and are arranged into two series: General Business, and Personnel.

The General Business series is comprised of records concerning miscellaneous affairs of college business. The records within this series are arranged chronologically, with undated material housed first. All records concerning college financial affairs and interactions with the church are housed within the Board of Trustees record group.

The Personnel series is divided into two sub-series: Faculty, and Applications. Only confirmed employees of the college are included within the Faculty sub-series. The Applications sub-series contains the letters and recommendations of persons seeking employment with the College. In cases where it is unclear whether or not the request for a position was granted, the records remain in the Applications sub-series until their employment status can be confirmed. Records within their sub-series are arranged in alphabetical order by the individuals last name.

RECORD GROUP INVENTORY

RG 2/8 - JAMES ANDREW MCCAULEY (PRESIDENT, 1848-1852)

Series 1 General Business

1.1 Miscellaneous Affairs

- 1.1.1 1 Mar. 1880 – Report to the Patronizing Conferences
- 2 July 1881 – Letter to S. L. Diven, re: receipt of fee
- c1888 – Letter from the students, re: their respect for McCauley
- 15 Apr. 1897 – Circular letter of the alumni, re: McCauley's death

Series 2 Personnel

2.1 Faculty

- 2.1.1 Fisher, William R.
- Lippincott, Joshua A.
- Little, Charles J.

2.2 Applicants

- 2.2.1 Clark, Lucian

2.3 Oaths

- 2.3.1 Durell, Rittenhouse, and Whiting