

Archives and Special Collections

Dickinson College

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

COLLECTION REGISTER

Main Entry : **Dashiell, Robert Laurenson (1825-1880)** **MC 2000.8**

Title: Papers, 1843-1846

Volume: 0.25 linear feet (1 Document Box)

Donor: James Talbot, 1960

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

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Robert Laurenson Dashiell was born June 25, 1825 in Salisbury, Maryland. He attended Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, graduating in July of 1846 as Salutatorian. Throughout his collegiate years at Dickinson, Dashiell was an active member of the Union Philosophical Society. Following his graduation, he went to teach in Baltimore for two years. For his continued scholarship, Dickinson awarded him a Master's Degree in 1849.

From 1848 to 1860, Dashiell served as a member of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and from 1860 to 1868 he served with the Neward Conference. He was named President of Dickinson College in 1868, becoming the first alumnus to hold that position. His term in office is best remembered for the student rebellion of 1870. Dashiell would resign as President on June 25, 1872, and then be named Corresponding Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society. He would occupy that position until his death on March 8, 1880 in Newark, New Jersey.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Robert L. Dashiell Collection, donated by James Talbot in 1960, consists almost solely of a bound volume of orations, student essays, and student grade reports. Also included in the collection are two sermons, which were loose items removed from the bound volume. The collection is housed in one document box.

The bound volume of orations and essays provides a thorough record of the activities and interests of Dashiell during his days as a student at Dickinson College in the 1840s. Included in the volume are Dashiell's grade reports, notes and essays for his classes, orations before the Union Philosophical Society, and his Salutatory Commencement Address. The contents of the bound volume are listed in order in the collection inventory.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 2000.8

Folder 01) Sermons

Luke 16:8

Matthew 5:17

Folder 02) Volume of School Papers

"Kindness - the moving force of Society" - Oration, Oct. 1846

"Early-developed Mind" - Oration, Nov. 1846

"Elements of Revolution" - Oration, undated

"Every man shall make an Experience for himself" - Oration, undated

"History of the Reformation" - Sophomore Essay, July 1844

"Third Book of the *Iliad*" - Translation, May 1844

"Analysis of Grecian Literature" - Notes, Spring 1844

"Analysis of Grecian Antiquities" - Notes, 1844

"History of the Greek Drama" - Notes, undated

"Analysis of Butler's Analogy" - Notes, June 1846

"Arnold's Lectures on Modern History" - Notes, 1845-6

"Professor Allen's Lectures on Natural Science" - Notes, 1845-6

"Study of the Ancient Classics: A Dialogue" - Oration, Dec. 1846

"Order of Exercises" - UPS Printed Program, July 1846

["Anniversary Address"] - Address, July 1846

"The Relative success of the Anglo Saxon in the Old and New World" - Oration, undated

To "Gentlemen of the Oratorical Society and Grammar School" - Address, undated

To "Gentlemen of the Belles Lettres Society" - Address, undated

To "Brother Unions" - Address, undated

"Salutatory Oration" - Commencement Oration, July 1846

"Elements of Revolution" - Oration Draft, undated

"Order of Exercises" - UPS Printed Program, July 1845

"Ecclesiastical Despotism" - Oration, July 1845

"Address to the Graduates of the U. P. Society of 1845" - Oration, undated

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Folder 02) Volume of School Papers (cont.)

Dickinson Monthly Reports - Oct. 24, 1843
Nov. 1843
Dec. 20, 1843
Jan. 25, 1844
Feb. 22, 1844
Mar. 29, 1844
Apr. 30, 1844
May 31, 1844
July 11, 1844
Nov. 1, 1845
Dec. 1, 1845
Dec. 24, 1845
Feb. 1, 1846
Feb. 28, 1846
Mar. 26, 1846
June 30, 1846

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