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Finding Aid for

**Isaac Swift Exegesis Lectures, 1866**



Cover of Exegesis Notebook. UTS1: Isaac Swift Exegesis Lectures, 1866, Series 1, Box 1, Folder 1. The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York

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**Summary Information**

Creator: Isaac Swift, 1845-1937  
Title: Isaac Swift Exegesis Lectures, 1866  
Inclusive dates: 1866  
Bulk dates: 1866  
Abstract: UTS class of 1969; Presbyterian minister in New York and Michigan parishes, served as pastor (later pastor emeritus) in Syracuse, NY, 1878-1929. Collection includes one bound manuscript of lectures Swift attended at Union Theological Seminary, September 15, 1866.  
Size: 1 box, 0.25 lin. ft.  
Storage: Onsite storage  
Repository: The Burke Library  
Union Theological Seminary  
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New York, NY 10027  
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**Administrative Information**

Provenance: The Isaac Swift Exegesis Lectures were among a large group of unprocessed materials that were organized in 2017 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation.

Access: Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to [burkespecial@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burkespecial@library.columbia.edu), or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible  
Burke Library staff is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.

Access Restrictions: The collection is unrestricted to readers. The text block is fragile, however, and necessitates care when being handled or copied.

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**Biography**

Isaac Swift was born in Geneva, New York on November 24, 1845. He attended Union Theological Seminary from 1866 to 1869 and was ordained in the Saginaw Presbytery on September 14, 1870. He served as a stated supply and pastor at a number of parishes including Midland City, Michigan from 1869 to 1872, stated supply in Oakfield, New York from 1872 to 1877, stated supply in Akron, New York from 1877 to 1878, serving longest as a pastor in Syracuse, New York from 1878 to 1929. He retired honorably in 1829 and continued to serve as pastor emeritus in Syracuse until his death on November 19, 1937.

**Collection Scope and Content Note**

This collection includes a 310-page bound volume manuscript of lectures Swift attended while at Union Theological Seminary. The manuscript is dated September 15, 1866. These lectures include:

Lectures on the Exegesis of N.T. Harmony by [William G.T.] Shedd, D.D.

Lectures on Poetic Accentuation by C.H. Vandyck, D.D.

Lectures on the Exegesis of Romans by [William G.T.] Shedd, D.D.

Lectures on the [...] of N. Testament by [William G.T.] Shedd, D.D.

Lectures on Prose Accentuation by G.H. Vandyck, D.D.

Lectures on the Evidence of Christianity by Albert [Barned]

Lectures on the Theory of the Church by Wm. Skinner, D.D., L.L.D.

Note: Square brackets donate instances in the text where handwriting was illegible and estimated.

**Processing**

This bound volume was rehoused in a custom archival box.

**Further Sources**

Biographical information about Isaac Swift can be found in his entry in the [Alumni Directory of the Union Theological Seminary, 1836-1970](#).

## Contents list

### Series 1: Exegesis Lectures, 1866

Series Box Folder Contents

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