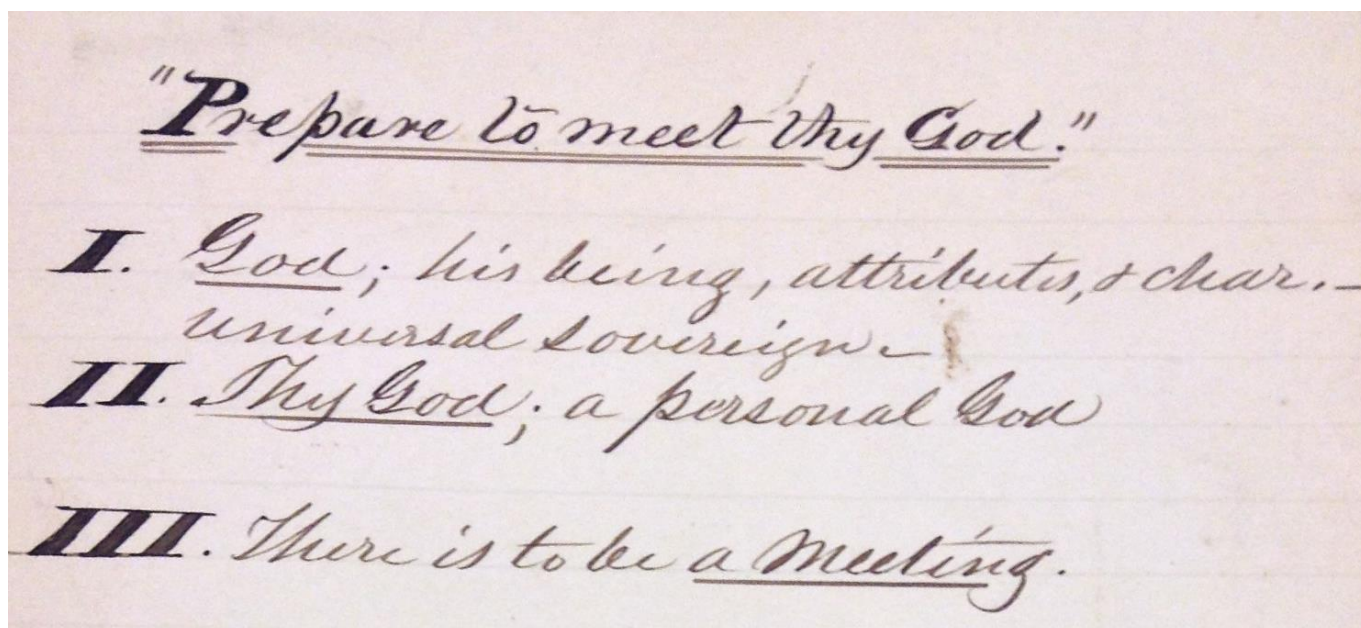


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Finding Aid for

**Nathaniel Clarke Locke Papers, 1840 -1859**



Sermon, August 18, 1859. Credit to: UTS: Nathaniel Clarke Locke Papers, box 3, folder 5, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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**Summary Information**

Creator: Nathaniel Clarke Locke, 1816-1862  
Title: Nathaniel Clarke Locke Papers  
Inclusive dates: 1840-1859  
Abstract: UTS Alumnus of 1844, Presbyterian Minister, home missionary working in Virginia and Maine. Pastor of Central Church in Brooklyn and Hempstead Church on Long Island. Collection contains sermons and personal essays.  
Size: 4 boxes, 1.75 linear feet  
Storage: **Offsite storage**  
Repository: The Burke Library  
Union Theological Seminary  
3041 Broadway  
New York, NY 10027  
Email: [burkearchives@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burkearchives@library.columbia.edu)

**Administrative Information**

- Provenance: Exact provenance unknown.
- Access: Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to [burkearchives@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burkearchives@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. Certain materials, however, are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying.  
Please note that boxes are held in Offsite storage and will require 48 hours' notice in response to a weekday request for retrieval.
- Preferred Citation: Item description, UTS: Nathaniel Clarke Locke Papers, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

**Biography**

Nathaniel Clarke Locke was born on June 1, 1816, in Salem, New Jersey. He graduated from Middlebury College in 1838, and became a teacher in Loundesboro, Vermont, from 1838-1841. Locke then entered Union Theological Seminary and graduated in 1844. The following year, he was ordained a Presbyterian minister in Hanover, Maine, and served as a home missionary in Eastville, Virginia, from 1844 to 1846.

His sermons indicate that between November of 1846 and October of 1847, Locke was the minister of Holmes Church in Northampton, Virginia, although biographical information on Locke provides no record of this. He seems to have left this church under ambiguous circumstances. He preached fire and brimstone and focused most often on the temptations of sin, the lusts of the passions, and the terrors of damnation.

From Virginia, he went to Brooklyn and became pastor of Central Church in December, 1847. In 1850, he went to Hempstead, Long Island, and in 1852 he became the pastor of the Hempstead church. In this capacity he remained until 1860. In 1858 he was awarded a Doctor of Divinity from the University of Alabama. He died in July of 1862 at the age of 46.

**Sources:**

*General Catalogue of Union Theological Seminary, 1836-1876*. New York: S. W. Green, Printer, 1876.33.

Locke, Nathaniel Clarke. Sermons. In the UTS Burke Library Archives.

**Collection Scope and Content Note**

This collection is divided into three sections, consisting primarily of 92 sermons written and delivered by Locke, a Presbyterian minister in Virginia, Brooklyn, and Long Island from 1843 to 1859. Lectures and essays constitute additional material in the collection.

The sermons and other texts are arranged and organized chronologically from their earliest delivery with subsequent deliveries indented beneath the earliest delivery. Sermon titles and location of delivery are also provided on the item itself. Folders, each containing numerous sermons, are clearly marked by year in accordance with this organization.

### Processing

Materials placed in acid-free legal sized folders and boxes.

### Further Sources

The Burke Library has a number of other collections from this time period that also include sermons and lectures. For more information, please see the Burke Library Archives website.

### Contents list

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Sermons 1843
1	2	Sermons 1845
1	3	Sermons 1846
1	4	Sermons 1847
1	5	Sermons 1848
1	6-8	Sermons 1849
2	1-2	Sermons 1850
2	3	Sermons 1851
2	4-5	Sermons 1852
2	6	Sermons 1853
2	7-8	Sermons, 1854
3	1	Sermons, 1855
3	2	Sermons, 1856
3	3	Sermons, 1857
3	4	Sermons, 1858
3	5	Sermons, 1859
3	6-7	Undated Sermons
4	1	Lectures 1840
4	2-3	Lectures 1856–1857
4	4	Essays
4	5	Essays and Counseling
4	6	Loose Sheets