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Finding Aid for

Julius Müller Manuscript [184?]



Portrait of Julius Müller. Retrieved from Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg [online].

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Summary Information

Creator: Julius Müller, 1801-1878
Title: Julius Müller Manuscript [184?]
Inclusive dates: [184?] (supplied date)
Bulk dates: [184?]
Abstract: German theologian; professor at Halle and preacher at Breslau and Göttingen Universities; authored "The Christian Doctrine of Sin". Collection consists of manuscript from Professor Müller's "Dogmatik. A.: Prolegomena zur Dogmatik". Materials are undated and written in German.
Storage: Onsite storage
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Administrative Information

- Provenance:** The exact provenance of this manuscript is unknown, but this item has been housed in the Burke Archives for several years, possibly written by one of Müller's many proteges who were also Union faculty or alumni (e.g. Philip Schaff). The Müller collection was among a large group of unprocessed materials that were organized in 2016/2017 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, 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 manuscript is extremely fragile with torn edges, necessitating great care in handling.
- Preferred Citation:** UTS1: Frederick Clifton Grant Papers, 1892-1893, series #, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

Biography

Julius Müller was a German Protestant theologian. Born in Brzeg, Poland on April 10, 1801, Müller completed his studies in law in Germany at Breslau and Göttingen universities. In 1823, Müller moved to Berlin and committed to the study of theology. He was ordained in 1825, and served as a pastor and preacher, respectively, at both universities where he had previously studied. During his career in the Protestant Church, Müller was a beacon for conservative Protestant theology and a leader in negotiations surrounding the Prussian Evangelical Union of the Lutheran and Reformed churches in the early/mid-19th century.

A skilled lecturer and writer, Müller was among the most prominent German theologians of his time. He was well known in many theological and secular philosophical circles, particularly at Halle University, where he became professor ordinaries of theology in 1839. There, he established his reputation as a dogmatist and believer in Protestant Union. His work with the notion of sin in Christian doctrine, in particular, was taken up by a number of philosophical and theological scholars, from his German contemporary, Philip Schaff, to Soren Kierkegaard, who refers to Müller's ruminations on sin and freedom in his own thinking. Some of his most significant writings include *Die Christliche Lehre von der Sunde and the Dogmatische Abhandlungen* (1870). The latter work was a complication of writings produced by Müller, J.A.W. Neander and K.I. Nitzsch, with whom he founded the *Deutsche Zeitschrift fur christliche Wissenschaft und christliches Leben*.

Julius Müller died on September 27, 1878 in Halle.

Collection Scope and Content Note

This small collection consists of a single Müller lecture with the abridged title, “Dogmatik A.” Though undated and signed only “Prof. Julius Mull[sic], U. Halle, Germany”, this lecture may form part of Müller’s *Dogmatische Abhandlungen*. The manuscript is likely a transcription written by one of Müller’s students from a lecture given at Halle. The date of this manuscript was supplied using the dates when Müller is known to have been writing and lecturing at Halle.

- **Series 1: Dogmatik Manuscript [184?]**

This series comprises a single loose manuscript of either one of Müller’s writings or lectures given at Halle University, likely in the 1840s.

Processing

Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. The loose leaves of this manuscript were maintained in their original order and encapsulated in an acid-free envelope.

Further Sources

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