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**PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS - HENRY WARD BEECHER COLLECTION
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**GUIDE TO THE PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS-
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Introduction

The Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims - Henry Ward Beecher Collection (Plymouth-Beecher Collection) traces the career of the Reverend Henry Ward Beecher, the well known nineteenth century preacher, and the history of Plymouth Congregational Church, Beecher's congregation from its establishment in 1847 through his death in 1887. Plymouth Church was a major institution in nineteenth century Brooklyn, first gaining recognition on national and international levels as Beecher's pulpit. Today the church maintains a prominent place in the Brooklyn Heights community and the collection details the history of Plymouth Church as a community church through 1965.

Beecher, the church's first pastor, was well known for his oratorical ability and for his vocal opposition to slavery and support of the Northern cause during the Civil War. He also spoke out on subjects ranging from women's suffrage and evolution to organized labor and temperance. Beecher was a popular figure despite controversy that surrounded his activities, including a charge of adultery that resulted in a widely reported trial in 1875.

Although materials in this collection date from 1847 to 1980, this collection deals primarily with Beecher's pastorate at Plymouth Church from 1847 until his death in 1887, and traces the history of the church through 1965. The papers provide insight into the church's daily operations and illustrate the history of Beecher's influence on his congregation and on nineteenth century Congregationalism. The collection illuminates both the public and private life of a major American personality of the nineteenth century.

Note on Brooklyn History:

Nineteenth century Brooklyn was a young and expanding city. Brooklyn had gained prominence as a major port of trade, with docks and storage facilities lining the East River shore, and a busy shipbuilding yard, the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Known as the "City of Churches," Brooklyn was home to numerous congregations and denominations. Immigrants and merchants were drawn to the city as it prospered and had formed communities often identified through religious institutions. The growing population, coupled with the annexations of the nearby towns of Bushwick and Williamsburgh in 1854, made Brooklyn the third largest city in the nation by 1860.

When Plymouth Church was established in 1847, Brooklyn's population had more than doubled since its incorporation as a city in 1834. The city's economic prosperity coupled with the growing population, led to the development of the city's commercial and residential center, known today as Brooklyn Heights. Members of the only Congregational church in Brooklyn Heights, Church of the Pilgrims, saw an opportunity for expansion as Brooklyn's population and the size of their congregation grew. Several members of Church of the Pilgrims asked to be dismissed so that they could establish a second Congregational church, Plymouth Church. The new church's location in Brooklyn Heights was in a neighborhood of wealthy families of social standing, and just a short ferry ride away from Manhattan, allowed neighborhood residents and tourists alike to experience the oratorical skills of Plymouth's young preacher, Henry Ward Beecher. Beecher was instrumental in attracting international attention to Brooklyn and his involvement in the anti-slavery movement helped to bring further notice to the city as a major site of anti-slavery activity.

During and following the Civil War, the city of Brooklyn prospered. Increased trade and population growth resulted in further expansion and a solid middle class presence. Meanwhile, Brooklyn's wealthy families molded the city into a flourishing metropolis

complete with the necessary amenities of the middle and upper classes, including the Brooklyn Academy of Music (1861), The Long Island Historical Society (1863), and the Brooklyn Club (c. 1865).

The city of Brooklyn in 1880 was the fourth largest producer of manufactured goods in the United States and was still expanding in population and commercial growth. The demographics of Brooklyn altered dramatically over the next forty years as Brooklyn experienced a second mass wave of immigration, the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges opened in 1883 and 1909, the subway arrived in 1908, industrial complexes grew, the city of Brooklyn was annexed into the City of New York in 1898, and public utilities were expanded into the Borough. The middle and upper class residents of Brooklyn Heights, once the primary constituency of Plymouth Church and Church of the Pilgrims, began to move away from the commercial center of the city. By the 1920s, the once grand homes of Brooklyn's elite families had been converted into apartment houses and housed a population of clerks and secretaries who worked across the river in the Manhattan financial district. The Great Depression and development projects, such as the creation of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (1950s), led much of old Brooklyn Heights to fall into neglect until the early 1950s, when urban pioneers began to redevelop the neighborhood and promote its preservation.

The Borough of Brooklyn in 1999 is the most populous of New York City. The neighborhood along the bluffs overlooking the East River, Brooklyn Heights, was designated the first Historic District in New York City in 1966. Despite changes in population, politics, and economics, many of the nineteenth century brownstones, churches, and other structures still stand as testimony to the rich history of old Brooklyn.

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Provenance: The bulk of the Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims – Henry Ward Beecher Collection was donated to The Long Island Historical Society (re-named The Brooklyn Historical Society in 1985) by Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims on October 29, 1983. The collection was created by Plymouth Church/ Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims to document the history of the two churches as well as Plymouth Church's first pastor, Henry Ward Beecher. The records described in this guide end in 1980, but the collection is active and the Historical Society anticipates future donations from Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims.

The collection is artificial in that many items, especially those related to Beecher, appear to have been collected and donated over an extended period of time, often by congregants who happened upon materials loosely associated to the famous preacher and his time. The collection includes, for example, souvenirs from the Harriet Beecher Stowe House and memorials of the assassinated President Lincoln. Explicit documentation of the provenance of such items is lacking.

Correspondence regarding the collection during the time it was held at Plymouth Church, written sometime after 1920, outlined a prospective plan for the collection. William Davenport, attorney and member of Plymouth Church, stated in the plan that "countless invaluable records especially of the Bethel S[abbath] S[chool] and Main S[abbath] S[chool] were lost [in the 1920 fire] besides scores of fine photographs, documents and other articles relating to the church's history." Davenport urged the active collection of papers and letters relating to prominent church figures, most notably Henry Ward Beecher, to be

“secured,... preserved, and [transcribed]”. His successful solicitation is evidenced in the numerous typed transcripts of original documents now found within the collection. In addition he called for the creation of “a card catalog of the books, pamphlets, manuscripts, and so forth.” This suggestion was also heeded, and the resulting catalog is now housed by The Brooklyn Historical Society.

Restrictions: There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

Photocopies may be made for research purposes only. Permission to publish material in the collection must be requested of the Director. Citations of manuscript material should take the following form:

Identification of item, date (if known); The Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims - Henry Ward Beecher Collection; Library; The Brooklyn Historical Society.

Related Materials:

Primary Materials in The Brooklyn Historical Society Collection:

Brooklyn Church Records Collection: Plymouth Church	ArMs 1986.018
Brooklyn Church Records Collection: Church of the Pilgrims	ArMs 1986.019
Newell Dwight Hillis Papers	ArMs 1985.004
Lyman Abbott Letter	1986.001
Brooklyn Young Republican Club Collection (compiled by Henry Ward Beecher's son, William C. Beecher)	1977.077
Richard Salter Storrs Papers (Storrs was a pastor at Church of the Pilgrims)	1973.247, 1978.047, 1980.016, 1991.013

Additionally, the Historical Society's Archives and Manuscript Collections hold the card-file index to the Beecheriana Library, a Plymouth Church Bible and six issues of the *Daily Graphic* (August –October, 1874) devoted to the Beecher / Tilton trial.

Secondary materials in The Brooklyn Historical Society Library (the following call numbers are specific to the BHS library). Materials relating to:

Church of the Pilgrims (1844-1934)	BX5980. B8 P55
Plymouth Church (1847-1934)	BX7255. B76 P59
Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims (1934-)	BX7255. B7 P5
Henry Ward Beecher	CT275.B4343
Published copies of Beecher's sermons	BX7233.B44

Materials authored by Newell Dwight Hillis, Lyman Abbott, and additional works by Beecher can be found by executing an author search on The Brooklyn Historical Society Library's on-line public access catalog (OPAC) system.

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Abbott, Lyman, 1835-1922
Abolitionists
Adultery
Authors, American- 19th century
Beecher, Eunice White Bullard, 1813-1897
Beecher, Henry Ward, 1813- 1887
Beecher, William Constantine, 1849-1928
Brooklyn (New York, N.Y)- Church history
Brooklyn (New York, N.Y)- Religious life and customs
Church of the Pilgrims (Brooklyn)
Church Newsletters
Clergy- New York (State)- New York
Clergymen as authors
Congregational churches- Clergy
Congregationalists- New York- Brooklyn
Durkee, James Stanley, 1866-
Fifield, Lawrence Wendell, 1891-
Hibben, Paxton, 1880-1928
Hillis, Newell Dwight, 1858-1929
Hunt, Rose Ward
Lectures and lecturing- United States
Pews and pew rights
Plymouth Church (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.)
Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn
Plymouth Sunday School
Reformers- United States
Religious Education of children
Religious newspapers and periodicals
Sermons, American
Slavery- Antislavery movements- United States
Sunday Schools- New York (State)- New York
Theology
Tilton, Elizabeth M. Richards, b. 1834
Tilton, Theodore, 1835-1907
Trials (Adultery)- New York (State)- New York
United States- Politics and government
United States- Religion- 19th century

Biographical and Historical Notes

Plymouth Church and Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims:

The Church of the Pilgrims, the first Congregational Church in Brooklyn, New York, was established in 1844 at Henry and Remsen Streets and Richard Salter Storrs was installed as its first pastor in 1846. As the population of Brooklyn grew and the number of congregants at Church of the Pilgrims increased, three of its members, John T. Howard, Seth B. Hunt, and Henry C. Bowen, with the assistance of David Hale from the Broadway Tabernacle Church, New York City, saw the occasion to establish a second Congregational Church in Brooklyn Heights. Nine additional members of Church of the Pilgrims asked in 1847 to be dismissed from Church of the Pilgrims to found this second church. By June of that year, a religious society with the name "Plymouth Church" had been formed. A certificate of incorporation was recorded in the clerk's office of Kings County on September 27, 1847.

Plymouth Church's first building had been that of Brooklyn's First Presbyterian Church. Plymouth Church purchased in 1846 this property, bordered by Orange, Cranberry, and Hicks Streets, when First Presbyterian Church moved to Henry and Clark Streets. This property was initially purchased by John T. Howard, Seth B. Hunt, Henry C. Bowen, and David Hale, and in June 1848, they transferred the property to the Trustees of Plymouth Church. The original Plymouth Church building was destroyed by fire in January 1849 and the cornerstone for the structure of the new Plymouth Church was laid in May 1849, with the church opening its doors in January 1850.

The Reverend Henry Ward Beecher had been invited to speak at Plymouth Church prior to the church's incorporation. Members of the church, impressed with the young preacher, extended him a call to lead their congregation. Beecher accepted the call and was installed as the first pastor of Plymouth Church on November 11, 1847. Under Beecher's leadership, Plymouth Church expanded its role within the community; the church adopted missions, notably the Bethel Mission, at 15 Hicks Street, in 1866, and Navy Mission, located near the Brooklyn Navy Yard, in 1871. Both of these institutions existed prior to their formal association with Plymouth, but prospered under Plymouth's support and expanded the influence of the church to a more diverse population. The church and several of its affiliated organizations sponsored concerts, plays, and other social events that were not limited to members of the church. The anti-slavery position of the church was exemplified by its participation in slave auctions, which purchased the freedom of several slaves. The church further expressed its anti-slavery militance by sending boxes of rifles marked "Bibles" to Kansas in 1854. These rifles, referred to as "Beecher's Bibles," were sent to support free soil settlers of Kansas, who were engaged in violent altercations with pro-slavery settlers regarding the status of slavery in the Nebraska and Kansas Territories.

Under the pastorates of Beecher and Lyman Abbott, the number of congregants continued to increase with little change to the church's physical plant. During the pastorate of Newell Dwight Hillis (1899-1924), Plymouth Church underwent a great stage of physical growth that was seen most notably in the 1902 Henry Ward Beecher Memorial Plan. The major goals for this project were the following:

1. The installation of stained glass windows in the church that demonstrated the influence of Puritanism on the people of the United States and the nation itself.

2. An endowment fund of \$100,000.
3. The construction of a building to house an institute which would sponsor programs and activities organized by the church.

Additionally, this plan included developing property adjoining the church into a small park and arcade which connected the new building to Plymouth Church. The building was first named the Arbuckle Institute after Plymouth Church benefactor and member John Arbuckle and was later renamed Plymouth Institute and then Plymouth Church House. The Institute provided many services and activities for the residents of Brooklyn Heights, such as classes in foreign languages and accounting, athletic activities, and social events.

As the population of Brooklyn Heights changed in the early twentieth century, the number of members of both Plymouth Church and Church of the Pilgrims declined. Many families of the middle and upper rank, which had previously been the main source of membership at both churches, left Brooklyn Heights. Their single family homes were divided into multiple units as Brooklyn Heights changed from a community of families and homeowners to a community of apartment dwellers, many of whom felt that the Congregational Church was not relevant to their lives. Both congregations were forced to reassess their positions within the community and their future economic stability.

In the spring of 1934, the congregations of Plymouth Church and Church of the Pilgrims consolidated, creating Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims. The Reverend J. Stanley Durkee of Plymouth Church and the Reverend John Curry Walker of Church of the Pilgrims led the new congregation as co-pastors. Services alternated between the two churches at first, but following the resignation of the Reverend Walker in 1935, an increasing number of church activities were held at Plymouth Church. It became further evident that Plymouth Church was to be the congregation's primary place of worship with the Plymouth Rock Celebration in 1940. During this event a piece of Plymouth Rock was transferred from the Church of the Pilgrims to the Plymouth Church House. By 1944, the Church of the Pilgrims at Henry and Remsen Streets was purchased by a Maronite Roman Catholic congregation, becoming Our Lady of Lebanon Church and at that time, all activities officially moved to the Plymouth Church site at Orange and Hicks Streets. Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims was designated a National Historic Landmark in July 1961 by the United States Department of the Interior. Although the number of congregants in the church does not compare to Beecher's time, the church continues to be an active member of the Brooklyn Heights community.

Henry Ward Beecher:

Henry Ward Beecher exercised his influence on many of the major social issues of the mid to late nineteenth century from his pulpit at Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, New York. Later eulogized as "the greatest preacher of his time," Beecher preached against slavery, for political candidates, women's rights, evolution, and his own idea of romantic Christianity that recognized "God's love for man and the availability of salvation for all".¹

Beecher was born on June 24, 1813 in Litchfield, Connecticut, the youngest son of Lyman and Roxana Beecher. His father, a minister in the Presbyterian Church, was well

¹ Chadwick, John W. *Henry Ward Beecher: A Sermon* (Boston, 1887), 246.

Clark, Clifford E., Jr. *Henry Ward Beecher: Spokesman for a Middle-Class America* (Urbana, 1978), 4.

known within the theological community for his advocating of the “new religion,” which endorsed personal salvation through conversion, an important emendation to traditional Calvinist theology. The younger Beecher studied at Amherst College, graduating in 1834, at which point he began his training at Lane Theological Seminary in Cincinnati, where his father had become president. Beecher married Eunice White Bullard, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Artemas Bullard of Sutton, Massachusetts, upon his graduation from Lane in 1837. The young couple moved to Lawrenceberg, Indiana, soon after, where Beecher began his first pastorate at First Presbyterian Church. Beecher was called in 1839 to the larger Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, where he began to make a name for himself as a gifted orator and preacher. The Beecher family left Indiana in 1847 when the newly formed Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, New York, called on Beecher to become its first pastor.

Beecher quickly imposed his energetic preaching style upon Plymouth Church and the congregation grew in number as the young minister became known for his dynamic and affective style, which appealed not just to local Brooklynites, but to ferry-loads of Manhattan residents and tourists from throughout the country. Beecher’s articles and sermons were soon being published both nationally and internationally. He initiated the tactic of “auctioning” slaves to purchase their freedom in 1848, a technique that won him criticism and praise from the nation. His position as a member of a famous family of thinkers, including his father and sisters, writer Harriet Beecher Stowe and educator Catharine Beecher, increased his notoriety and popularity. Beecher’s influence and wide interests led to his association and identification with major New York figures of the day, a group that included abolitionists, writers, and social theorists, as well as national and international personalities. Following a trip to England during the Civil War, where he spoke on behalf of the Northern cause, some contemporaries even began to credit Beecher with winning British support for the Union through his arguments and oratorical style.

For most of his life, Beecher involved himself in all levels of political campaigns as well as social issues. Using his pulpit as a platform, he supported candidates whom he felt could and would best promote social reform. He was a staunch supporter of Republican candidates John C. Frémont, Abraham Lincoln, James A. Garfield, and Rutherford B. Hayes, and was closely associated with that party. Still, Beecher felt confident enough to critique these major political figures and the party, supporting candidates whose policies best represented his own politics, as seen in his support of Democratic presidential candidate Grover Cleveland and his brief disassociation with, and criticism of, the Republican party in 1884.

Beecher devoted much of his time to literary pursuits as a regular contributor to a number of newspapers. He edited the New York *Independent*, a well known Congregational publication of the day, and later founded and edited the *Christian Union* (1870). His many lectures on life, art, literature, moral philosophy, and politics were gathered into volumes. He also authored a novel, *Norwood* (1867), a romantic depiction of New England life in the nineteenth century.

Beecher’s wide scope of interests included history, art, the sciences, phrenology, and literature. He studied horticulture and agriculture and had an affinity for architecture, he designed both the second Plymouth Church in 1849 and a summer home in Peekskill, N.Y. He was an extensive book collector and amassed a large private library over the years, the bulk of which was auctioned off at his death. These informal and formal pursuits informed his view of the world and the arguments that he espoused in his sermons and lectures.

Beecher's enthusiasms and his natural tendency to speak and act freely gained him many conservative critics, some of whom felt that he discredited his calling. His multiple enterprises, lecture schedule, and product endorsements afforded him a substantial income, which he used to purchase the material comforts he so enjoyed. Although this shared love of "the good life" endeared him to his middle-class congregants, his religious peers often took issue with this lifestyle, which was far from that of the traditional "modest preacher." He also earned criticism for what Clifford Clark reported in 1978 as his "romantic Christianity... a religion of the heart, an appeal to the feelings and emotions that replace[d] the cold, formalistic evangelical theology of the previous generation and [which] accepted the new theories of evolution and biblical criticism."²

After the Civil War, Beecher's name became even more famous and controversial because of accusations of adultery. In October of 1872, sex reform advocate Virginia Woodhull accused Beecher of committing adultery with Elizabeth Tilton, the wife of Beecher's onetime protégé, Theodore Tilton. The charge took root, and Tilton, then editor of the *Independent*, took his former friend to court. The six-month long trial was a worldwide news event, but culminated in the acquittal of Beecher in June of 1875.

Beecher overcame the scandal and his popularity appeared to grow in its aftermath. In 1876, he embarked on a lecture tour, traveling throughout the United States. In 1880, he endorsed the Republican presidential ticket of James A. Garfield and Chester A. Arthur in a speech at the Cooper Institute, New York City. He resigned his membership in the New York Congregational Ministerial Association in 1882 due to his belief in evolution, around which he centered an 1883 lecture tour. Still, his congregation continued to follow their beloved pastor and in 1883 the church celebrated his seventieth birthday.

Throughout the rest of his life, Beecher continued his travels and his lecture tours, continuing to support causes and political candidates. He delivered a famous eulogy for Ulysses S. Grant in 1885 and, only a year prior to his death, made a last trip to Britain. Henry Ward Beecher died on March 8, 1887, at the age of seventy-three. His funeral became an outpouring of loyalty and affection. Memorials and testimonies were published throughout the world and the anniversary of his death was remembered for years to come. Organizations were formed in his name, and no less than twenty biographies have since been written about his life, including one by Social Gospel advocate Lyman Abbott, Beecher's immediate successor at Plymouth Church.

Lyman Abbott:

Lyman Abbott (1835-1922) became the second pastor of Plymouth Church following the death of Henry Ward Beecher. He initially filled the role of temporary pastor while a committee searched for a permanent successor to Beecher. Abbott performed well enough in this capacity that in 1888 he was called upon to officially lead Plymouth Church.

Abbott had not always intended to devote his life to the ministry; instead, he became a partner in a law firm owned by his brothers following his graduation from New York University in 1853. Residing in Brooklyn, Abbott and his wife, Abby Frances Hamlin, daughter of Hannibal Hamlin, Abraham Lincoln's first Vice President, were active members of Plymouth Church. In 1858, during the period of the Great Revival at Plymouth Church, Abbott left his brothers' law practice and joined the ministry. Abbott was influenced by the Social Gospel, or Christian socialism, which was a reaction against industrialization. This

² Clark, 3.

movement included advocacy for the poor and became associated with the Progressive movement of the late nineteenth century.

In 1860, Abbott was ordained as a minister and accepted the pastorate of the Congregational Church of Terre Haute, Indiana. He left that position to become the Secretary of the Freedmen's Bureau in 1865. By the time Abbott returned to New York City in 1870, he was leading a church, writing for *Harper's Magazine*, and editing the *Illustrated Christian Weekly*. He continued to be employed in the literary field, resigning from the *Illustrated Christian Weekly* to become the editor of the *Christian Union*, of which Beecher was a founder. In addition to his many literary works, Abbott also wrote a biography of his predecessor and edited two volumes of Beecher's sermons.

When Abbott was asked to temporarily assume the pastorate of Plymouth Church in 1887, it was agreed that he need not forfeit his duties at the *Christian Union*. He agreed to preach on Sunday mornings and evenings and attend the Friday evening prayer meetings in order not to relinquish his duties at the *Christian Union*. When it was decided that Abbott would permanently fill the position of pastor of Plymouth Church, he continued to pursue his literary activities (editing and writing). Although he resigned from the pastorate of Plymouth Church in 1899, Abbott continued to lecture and write until his death on October 22, 1922, in New York City.

Newell Dwight Hillis:

Newell Dwight Hillis (1858-1929) was the third pastor of Plymouth Church. Following his graduation from Lake Forest University in 1884, Hillis enrolled as a student at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He took on a number of pastorates in the Chicago area before accepting a call to Plymouth in 1899. Unlike the Reverend Abbott's limited role with the church community, Hillis and his family participated in many church activities and those of its related organizations, as well as the lives of the members of the congregation.

In addition to his weekly sermons at Plymouth, Hillis lectured extensively throughout the country. Many of his lectures were compiled and published as books while his sermons were often reprinted in newspapers. Like Beecher, Hillis felt that it was important to address social and political issues from the pulpit. Hillis was an outspoken critic of German aggression in the 1910s and spoke openly about the moral duty of the United States to declare war on Germany. After the United States entered World War I, Hillis spoke throughout the country on behalf of the Liberty Loan Drives, which raised funds for the war effort. Following the war, Hillis authored the "Better America" lectures, a series of lectures with accompanying slides which were addressed to a new immigrant population. The "Better America" lectures addressed issues that were considered important to the stability and security of the United States following the political upheaval in Europe which had led to World War I and the rise of the communism in Russia. The lectures and slides were sold as a package and were prepared so that others could deliver Hillis's lectures. In 1924, Hillis suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and soon afterward resigned from the pulpit of Plymouth Church. At the time of his death, on February 25, 1929, Newell Dwight Hillis was considered one of the most prolific speakers of his generation.

James Stanley Durkee:

James Stanley Durkee (1866-1951) was the fourth pastor of Plymouth Church. Reverend Durkee was born in Nova Scotia on November 21, 1866. He graduated from

Bates College and Cobb Divinity School in Maine and received his Ph.D. from Boston University. Durkee served as the President of Howard University, a university founded in 1867 through the financial support of the Freedmen's Bureau for the education of African Americans. In 1926, Durkee resigned from his position at Howard to accept the pastorate of Plymouth Church.

Installed in 1927, Dr. Durkee soon expressed a keen interest in the history of Plymouth Church and many of his sermons and church activities reflected this interest. He invited Rose Ward Hunt, the former slave girl known as "Pinky," a Howard University graduate, to speak to the congregation on the anniversary of Reverend Beecher's first sermon at Plymouth. Durkee also organized a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, which included reenactments relating to the Emancipation Proclamation and Plymouth Church during this period.

Dr. Durkee was the pastor in 1934 when Plymouth Church consolidated with the Church of the Pilgrims. The new church took the name Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims and Dr. Durkee served as its co-pastor with Dr. John Curry Walker, who had been the pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims. Durkee led Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims until his retirement in 1941. Dr. Durkee died in Hyattsville, Maryland, on September 28, 1951.

Lawrence Wendell Fifield:

Lawrence Wendell Fifield (1891-1964) was selected to replace Dr. J. Stanley Durkee and became the fifth successor to Henry Ward Beecher in 1941. At the time the call was extended, Fifield was the pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church of Seattle, Washington. Prior to his arrival at Plymouth, he held a pastorate in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and taught Biblical Literature and Public Speaking at Yankton College in South Dakota. After leading Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims for close to fifteen years, Dr. Fifield, citing declining health, announced his resignation from the pastorate of Plymouth to take effect in the summer of 1955. Dr. Fifield died on July 26, 1964.

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Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims Chronology

1844		Church of the Pilgrims established
1847		Plymouth Church established; Henry Ward Beecher installed as pastor
1849	January	Fire destroys Plymouth Church
1850	June	New church completed
1872	October	Henry Ward Beecher's Silver Anniversary at Plymouth Church
1887	March	Death of Beecher; Beecher's funeral at Plymouth Church
1888		Lyman Abbott installed as pastor
1898	Fall	Lyman Abbott's resignation announced
1899		Newell Dwight Hillis installed as pastor
1902		Henry Ward Beecher Memorial plan instituted
1914		Arbuckle Institute dedicated
1918	December	Arbuckle Institute renamed Plymouth Institute
1920	November	Plymouth Church damaged by fire
1922	Oct 22	Death of Lyman Abbott
1924		Newell Dwight Hillis disabled by cerebral hemorrhage; resignation announced
1927	Jan 27	James Stanley Durkee installed at Plymouth Church
1927	May 15	Rose Ward Hunt returns to Plymouth Church; 70 th Anniversary of Beecher's first sermon at Plymouth Church
1929	Feb 25	Death of Newell Dwight Hillis
1934	Spring	Consolidation of Plymouth Church and Church of the Pilgrims
1939	May	Plymouth Institute renamed Plymouth Church House
1940	October	J. Stanley Durkee's resignation announced
1940	Dec 21-23	Plymouth Rock Celebration
1942	May 22	L. Wendell Fifield installed at Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims
1951	September	Death of J. Stanley Durkee
1954	October	L. Wendell Fifield's resignation announced
1955	July	L. Wendell Fifield leaves Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims
1961		Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims designated Historic Landmark
1964	July	Death of L. Wendell Fifield

Beecher Chronology

- 1813 June 24 Born, Litchfield, Connecticut; youngest child of Lyman and Roxana Beecher
- 1830 Entered Amherst College
- 1834 Graduated Amherst College
- 1834 July Began theological studies at Lane Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1837 Graduated Lane Seminary. Began first pastorate at First Presbyterian Church, Lawrenceberg, Indiana
- 1837 Married Eunice White Bullard of Massachusetts
- 1838 May 16 First daughter, Harriet Eliza, born
- 1838 Nov 9 Ordained at First Presbyterian Church, Lawrenceberg, Indiana
- 1839 July 31 Installed at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 1841 Son, Henry Barton Beecher, born
- 1847 Aug 15 Resigned from Indianapolis pastorate
- 1847 Aug 19 Accepted call to Plymouth Church, Brooklyn
- 1847 Nov 11 Installed at Plymouth Church
- 1848 Dec 7 First mock slave auction at the Broadway Tabernacle, New York City
- 1849 Jan 13 Plymouth Church destroyed by fire
- 1850 July 9 Departed on first trip to Europe
- 1850 January New church completed according to Beecher's design
- 1856 June 1 Slave girl, Sarah, sold for her freedom at Plymouth Church
- 1856 Leave of absence taken from Plymouth to campaign for the election of John C. Fremont as President
- 1858 Great Revival at Plymouth Church
- 1859 Farm purchased in Peekskill, New York
- 1860 Feb Slave girl Sally Maria Diggs, "Pinky", (a.k.a. Rose Ward) auctioned for freedom
- 1861 Dec 19 Appointed editor of the New York *Independent* (until 1864)
- 1863 Jan 10 Death of Lyman Beecher in Brooklyn
- 1863 June Departed on second trip to Europe; delivered speeches in England in support of the Northern cause
- 1864 Campaigned for Abraham Lincoln
- 1865 April 14 Delivered address at raising of flag over Fort Sumter at close of Civil War

1865		Fall lecture tour on Reconstruction issues
1866	September	Published <i>Cleveland Letters</i> on Reconstruction
1867		Novel, <i>Norwood</i> , published
1869		Elected president of the newly formed American Woman Suffrage Association
1870	October	Became editor of the <i>Christian Union</i> (until 1881)
1872	October	Week long "Silver Wedding" celebration at Plymouth for Beecher's twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor
1875	Jan-June	Beecher-Tilton trial in Brooklyn, New York
1876		Summer/Fall Lecture tour
1877		Rutherford B. Hayes elected; Beecher's former defense lawyer, William Maxwell Evarts, appointed United States' Secretary of State
1878		Appointed Chaplain of 13 th New York Regiment
1878		Completed construction of summer home, "Boscobel," Peekskill, N.Y.
1880	October	Cooper Institute speech for James A. Garfield/ Chester A. Arthur presidential ticket
1882	October	Resigned membership in New York Congregational Ministerial Association over position in support of the theory of evolution
1883		Summer lecture tour on topic of evolution and religion
1883	June	Plymouth Church celebration of Beecher's 70 th birthday
1884	Oct 22	Speech in support of Grover Cleveland at the Brooklyn Rink
1885	Oct 22	Delivered eulogy on death of Ulysses S. Grant
1886	June 19	Sailed on the "Etruria" with Mrs. Beecher and agent, J.B. Pond, on last trip to Britain
1886	Oct 24	Returned to New York
1887	Feb 27	Preached last sermon, "I am Resolved What to Do"
1887	March 8	Death of Henry Ward Beecher
1887	March 11	Funeral Service at Plymouth Church
1887	March 12	Buried at Green-Wood Cemetery

Scope and Content

The Plymouth-Beecher Collection was donated to The Long Island Historical Society (now known as The Brooklyn Historical Society) by Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, New York, where it had been amassed over the years. The collection includes Beecher's own manuscripts as well as materials gathered by the church as reference tools, chiefly works written about Beecher, and materials dealing with the church during and after Beecher's tenure. A number of the documents deal with Plymouth Church and secondarily with Beecher and his time. Consequently, the collection proves useful for researchers of Beecher's life and for research of the Plymouth Church community and nineteenth century Congregationalism. Due to the broad scope of these papers, the collection is identified as the Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims - Henry Ward Beecher Collection.

The bulk of the collection relates to Henry Ward Beecher and his time at Plymouth Church; however, a substantial portion of the collection contains materials relating to Beecher's life apart from the Church, and Plymouth Church's history apart from Beecher, including documents regarding Beecher's successors at Plymouth Church. The collection has accordingly been organized into two large series, Series I: Henry Ward Beecher (1847-1937) and Series II: Plymouth Church (1824-1980), which may contain overlapping dates and materials. For example, those materials recording the daily workings of Plymouth Church during Henry Ward Beecher's tenure, such as Sunday School records, are found within Series II: Plymouth Church, as their primary function illustrates the activities of the church, not Beecher. Similarly, the records of Beecher's Silver Wedding Anniversary, which, although organized by the church, relate directly to Beecher, are found in Series I: Henry Ward Beecher. Images have been separated out and organized into a small series, Series III: Images.

Both Series I and II have been arranged chronologically into sections based upon the key subject areas of the collection: Series I: Henry Ward Beecher (16.5 cubic ft.) contains twelve sections and Series II: Plymouth Church (9.6 cubic ft.) consists of eight sections. The collection as a whole represents the history of Plymouth Church prior to and following its consolidation with Church of the Pilgrims in 1934 and Beecher's relationship with the church, both in actuality, during his life, and in perception, after his death.

The materials found in Series I: Henry Ward Beecher are quite diverse. Beecher's interests and activities were varied, a fact that is reflected within those papers directly concerning him. In addition to the materials regarding his time at Plymouth, other aspects of his life, including his work as an abolitionist, his career as a lecturer, and his personal relationships, are represented. Those sections concentrating on his private life and his work prior to Plymouth (Section I: Correspondence; Section II: Personal Papers; Section IV: Indiana) are less comprehensive than those relating to Plymouth Church and his public persona.

The Beecher series contains materials illustrative of nearly every aspect of Henry Ward Beecher's life as a member of the clergy, beginning with limited materials relating to his years as a young preacher in Indiana. With his letter of acceptance to Plymouth Church, the collection begins to focus on his time in Brooklyn and his association with Plymouth, the church where he earned his fame.

A substantial portion of the manuscript material is made up of correspondence illustrating his work in Brooklyn, his political concerns, his personal interests, and his relationships with family and friends. Much of Beecher's correspondence deals with the management of his summer home, and illustrates his knowledge of, and concern for, his

land. The majority of family correspondence can be found in William Beecher's book of letters received. Included are letters from friends and family members, including William's father, Henry Ward Beecher. Additionally, letters and papers relating to individual family members provide insight into Beecher's personal life as well as his public activities.

Beecher's literary works, particularly his sermons, are well represented within the series by a group of hand-written manuscripts, as well as the typescript transcripts made by T.J. Ellinwood, who served as Beecher's stenographer for many years. About twenty-five bound copies of such typescripts with introductory notes by Ellinwood are included in addition to unbound packets (See Section III: Sermons, 1847-1887). To aid in access to the over one hundred sermons represented in this collection, an alphabetical index to Henry Ward Beecher's sermons and speeches follows the Container Listing in which the materials of Section III: Sermons and Speeches are organized chronologically. Ellinwood also bound the reviews and correspondence concerning those collections of Beecher's writings published posthumously. In addition to these volumes, the collection contains a substantial representation of pamphlet printings, some quite rare, of Beecher's works, as well as Beecher's sermon notebook.

Records of Beecher's ministry at Plymouth Church are certainly of special note and can be specifically seen in the reminiscences of church members, as well as the large collection of ephemera, record books, and miscellaneous notices documenting the major events in the history and business of the church during Beecher's tenure. Several of these events, such as the "Silver Wedding Celebration" and Beecher's seventieth birthday, focus on Beecher. However, found within the Plymouth Series are more general church records from his tenure, such as those of the Sabbath School, along with membership applications and church publications.

Also documented in Series I is Beecher's and, in turn, Plymouth's stand on the major issues of the day, namely slavery and the Civil War. Beecher was a prominent figure in the anti-slavery movement and a key supporter of the Union during the War and many in his congregation followed suit. The "auctioning" of slaves in Plymouth Church is related in the materials concerning the slave girl, "Pinky" (Section VI, 1819-1927). Reactions to Beecher's politics can be seen in a scrapbook of letters he received from his readers throughout the nation and of newspaper clippings about his activities.

The collection includes political material from the war period, which came to the Church through Beecher's political involvement (Section VII: Political Climate, 1834-1885). The controversy over Beecher's support of the military and his relationship with Lincoln are alluded to, and there are letters written by several important political and military figures. Copies of Beecher's famous "Eulogy on Grant" can also be found in the collection, in manuscript as well as published form, along with his "Narrative of Trip to Fort Sumter."

For those specifically interested in Beecher or the moral culture of the day, the collection holds accounts of the infamous Beecher-Tilton adultery trial (Section VIII, 1875). Ephemera, two scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, and the five volumes of the official and verbatim trial reports, allow for a thorough study of the trial and the public reaction to these events.

Upon Beecher's death in 1887, numerous memorials and testimonials of his life were published in various newspapers and magazines. The collection holds twelve scrapbooks containing such articles, memorial pamphlets, sermons, speeches, and poems, including an elaborate hand calligraphed memorial album. Also included are various memorabilia from Beecher's funeral, including casket leaves, a lock of hair, and photographs of the scene. Anniversaries of his death were similarly publicized and a number of memorial organizations were founded in his name. The collection holds records

of the Beecher Literary and Debating Society and the Foreign Missionary Society, as well as an article concerning the Beecher Memorial Church, founded in Brooklyn in 1932.

The items in Series II: Plymouth Church are comprised of materials pertaining to the history of Plymouth Church. Although the bulk of material in this series dates from the death of Henry Ward Beecher in 1887, items from Beecher's tenure at Plymouth Church are found throughout the series- Series II, Section V: "Pastors" is the exception.

The first two sections in Series II, "Publications" (1854- c.1980) and "Records" (1851-1937), reveal the organizational history of Plymouth Church. In Series II, Section I, there are Church Manuals, which include Articles of Faith. Early editions of the Church Manuals also include Church procedures and member rosters. Also found in Series II, Section I are Church Bulletins, programs from holiday services, the church's monthly publication, *The Plymouth Chimes*, and *Plymouth Chimes'* Calendars. Although the publication runs for items in this section are incomplete, the publications do reveal the ideology of the church *The Chimes* was not published in July and August and are in three formats in this collection: bound, oversized and loose. *The Plymouth Hymnal: For the Church the Social Meeting and the Home* indicates how services should be conducted at Plymouth Church.

Series II, Section II: "Records" holds Annual reports, a Shareholder book (1859), a list of applicants to the church, and charts of pew rental records (1900-1924). Although there are gaps, the annual reports show the financial standing of the Church throughout its history. Other items, such as the subscription book, include names and addresses of those who contributed to the church. In addition, there is a volume of applicants to Plymouth Church (1868-1870). This volume indicates the religious history of the applicant and includes hometown, if the applicant recently moved to the Brooklyn area. The series also contains additional lists indicating members and contributors to the church.

Series II, Section III: "Sunday School" (1845-1939), consists of Sunday and Sabbath School materials. Included are rosters and roll books, some of which include the addresses of the students. In addition to these rosters, the activities and operation of the schools are documented through Hymn Books and sheet music from holiday events, scrapbooks, and other ephemera.

The extent to which Plymouth Church involved itself in the Brooklyn Heights community is revealed in Series II, Section IV: "Church Activities" (c. 1869-1949). Here are found programs and pamphlets pertaining to the Arbuckle Institute, Plymouth Institute, and Plymouth Church House. These pamphlets and programs indicate the types of activities the Institutes and Church House sponsored. Activities included classes ranging from accounting to physical education and social events, such as concerts and plays. Also found in this section are pamphlets and programs pertaining to other Plymouth organizations such as the Plymouth League and the Plymouth Men's Club. There are also bills, receipts, and account books from several benevolence organizations that were affiliated with the church. Of special interest in this section are the materials relating to the Plymouth Rock Celebration. These items document the organization of the event, from sending out invitations and seeking potential speakers, to thanking participants for their assistance. The low attendance for the event compared to the high expectations for participation in the event, reveals the decline in membership facing the church, even after the consolidation of Plymouth Church and Church of the Pilgrims.

The documentation of Plymouth Church's history continues on, after Beecher's death, in the records of, and pertaining to, his successors that are found in Series II, Section V: "Pastors" (1888-1954). Those materials relating to Dr. Lyman Abbott, Beecher's immediate successor, are most closely related to Beecher, documenting life in

Brooklyn during the time and noting the continued importance of Beecher's reputation. Each of the succeeding pastors was constantly aware of Plymouth Church being representative of Beecher's legacy, and papers from each show their attention to this fact. In addition, biographical information, clippings, and ephemera pertaining to the pastors are found in this series. The writings of Newell Dwight Hillis are of special note here. Hillis's outspoken view urging the United States to enter World War I and his *Better America* lecture series, following the War, illustrate his pro-American position during this time of political unrest in the United States.

The final three sections in Series II contain general items including correspondence and clippings of noted members of Plymouth Church and scrapbooks. Series II, Section VI: "History" (1876-1972) includes items pertaining to the general history of Plymouth Church, such as biographical information and correspondence from noted members of the church. In addition, the church's continued concern for the reputation of its most famous son can be seen in its stance against Paxton Hibben's 1927 biography of Beecher in this series. The book did not show the minister in the most favorable light and the members of Plymouth gathered clippings and reviews of the spirited responses to it and engaged in an active letter writing campaign in an attempt to discredit its account. General historical information pertaining to the church is also found in this section. Items from Church of the Pilgrims prior to its consolidation with Plymouth Church and other miscellaneous items will be found in Series II, Section VII: "General" (1824-1978). Series II, Section VIII: "Scrapbooks" (c. 1864- c. 1908) is the final section in this series and consists of scrapbooks created by members of the church, documenting the activities of the congregation through newsclippings, programs, bulletins, and other ephemera.

Beyond these specific categories, the Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims - Henry Ward Beecher Collection houses eight scrapbooks and five boxes of newspaper clippings (including some ephemeral material) relating to Henry Ward Beecher, church activities, and the Beecher family, dating from 1866 to 1886.

The collection is completed with Series III (1.61 cubic ft.), which contains a large number of photographs of Beecher throughout his life, and Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims throughout its history, as well as related scenes and people. In addition, the collection included an extensive assortment of books which include Beecher's own works, writings about him and Plymouth Church, and the remaining volumes of his personal library. The works from Beecher's library illustrate his varied interests and include texts from family members. The multiple volumes of his own works document their printing history, as well as their scope, and include a number of volumes that were signed, presented or annotated by him. These volumes have since been incorporated into The Brooklyn Historical Society Library's own collection. Also removed from the collection are various artifacts including a lock of Beecher's hair and pendant tin types which were transferred to The Brooklyn Historical Society's Museum.

CONTAINER LIST

SERIES I: HENRY WARD BEECHER, 1847-1937

The documents found here, the first of three general series, pertain directly to Henry Ward Beecher, his career at and relations with Plymouth Church, as well as his public and private life. The series has been divided into twelve more specific sections, descriptions of which follow.

Section 1: Correspondence, 1847-1887

These letters, both to and from Beecher, have been divided into two categories: Personal Correspondence and Business Correspondence. Topics range from Beecher's political stance, to the upkeep of his summer home in Peekskill, N.Y., to the sincerity of one of his product endorsements. Also included within this section is a copy of Beecher's letter of acceptance of the pastorate at Plymouth Church.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Personal Correspondence			
1	1	Beecher to Tilton re: experiences in Britain	1863
	2	To Charles re: his political position	1866
	3	To Mr. Rodgers	1865-1867
	4	To caretakers of summer house, Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Chandler	1881-1887
	5	1978.172: letter from HWB on letterhead	1885
	6	To Mrs. Beach	n.d.
Business Correspondence			
	7	Letter of acceptance to Plymouth	1847
	8	To Cushing family re: baptism	1849
	9	1978.98: Letter to lozenge company exalting product and newspaper reprint	Oct 15, 1858
	10	re: Plymouth Church organist	1878
	11	From G.E. Sawyer re: donation to church	1884
	12	To Mayor Whitney: declining public reception in his honor	1886
	13	re: Pear's soap endorsement, original and reply	1886
	14	Miscellaneous: printed in newspapers	

Section 2: Personal and Familial Papers, 1858-1898

This section consists of miscellaneous personal materials relating to Henry Ward Beecher, such as a scrapbook of his final journey to England and a stock certificate, as well as materials pertaining to other members of the Beecher family, including his wife Eunice White Bullard, his sister Harriet Beecher Stowe, and his son William. As a whole, the section is primarily made up of correspondence and newspaper clippings.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	15	Beecher's stock certificate for Continental Insurance Co.	1867
	16	Trip to England: departure ceremony- tickets, invitation, itinerary, lecture announcements	1886
	17	New York news clippings reporting on trip	1886
	18	British news clippings reporting on trip	1886
	19	United States' papers reporting on trip	1886
	20	British and other foreign papers reporting on trip	1886
	21	Correspondence re: Charles and James C. Beecher	1857, 1942
	22	Family autographs/ notes: Lyman Beecher, Edward, Thomas, Charles, William, and Henry Beecher	1845-1891
	23	Mrs. John Tasker Howard to Mr. Howard re: daughter's conversion and relationship with the Stowes: annotated transcription	1858
	24	Edward Beecher: golden wedding anniversary, newspaper clippings, obituary	1862, 1893-1895
	25	William C. Beecher: business letter, letter to Durkee (pastor of Plymouth)	1881, 1927
	26	Correspondence from Eunice Beecher; incl. autograph book	1886-1896
	27	1978.172: 2 letters from Eunice Beecher	1891
	28	Eunice Beecher: newspaper clippings	1897
	29	Letter from Hattie B. Beecher (wife of HWB Jr.)	1898
	30	Harriet Beecher Stowe: articles, newsclippings, brochure from house tour	1926-1975
	31	Dr. John Beecher: newsclipping about "Walk for Peace"	1961
	32	Family scrapbook pages: newsclippings, images	
	33	Family tree: beginning with Henry Ward Beecher	
	34	John Greenleaf Whittier writing sample	n.d.
	35	Mrs. Oliver Coomes: 2 Brooklyn Sanitary Fair tickets, cards relating to Coomes incl. calling card	
30		<i>The Christian World</i> (British) reporting on trip	1886
31		Scrapbook of newsclippings re: HWB and family	
32		William C. Beecher Letterbook	1864-1869
33		Scrapbook: clippings on Beecher	1866-1876
34		Scrapbook: clippings on Beecher	1877
35		Scrapbook of political news	1880

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
36		Scrapbook: clippings on Beecher	1883-1884
37		Scrapbook: clippings on Beecher	1885-1886
38		Scrapbook of trip kept by Maj. Pond, Beecher's agent	1886
39		Scrapbook: Beecher, family and church	
66		Scrapbook: clippings on Beecher	

Section 3: Sermons, Lectures, and Publications, 1882-1887

This large section holds typescripts (both bound and unbound) of five years of Beecher's sermons at Plymouth Church, as well as some undated sermons and lectures. Within the collection, the sermons and lectures are organized chronologically. To aid in access to these works an alphabetical index of Beecher's sermons and speeches immediately follows the Container List. The section also contains reviews and correspondence regarding Beecher's works, compiled by his stenographer, T.J. Ellinwood.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	36	"God's Seal and Testimony"	1858
2	1	"The Law of Sympathy" and lecture excerpt	1859
	2	"Wants of Young Men"	May 6, 1860
	3	"The Camp and Country"	October 1861
	4	"Education of the Citizen"	c. 1860-1863
	5	Sermon	Jan 17, 1864
	6	"The Lord's Prayer"	Jan 17, 1865
	7	"Universal Suffrage" (Missing)	1865
	8	Sermon	Dec 7, 1865
	9	"The Hidden Manna and the White Stone" and "The Cleveland Letters"	1866
	10	Speech delivered at American Equal Rights Assoc.	May 10, 1867
	11	Sermon	October 1868
	12	"The Household"	1869-1871
	13	Sermons	1860-1869
	14	"Happiness"	1870-1871
3	n.f.	"Narrative on Trip to Ft. Sumter"	April 12, 1865
	n.f.	"Patient Waiting"	April 16, 1865
	1	Untitled Sermon	Nov 19, 1872
	2	"Money and Manhood"	1872-1873
	3	Sermon	Sept 20, 1873
	4	Sermon notes	Dec 28, 1873
	5	"Upper and Under"	c. 1874
	6	Handwritten sermon	Oct 11, 1874
	7	Sermon: Matthew 25:26	Dec 19, 1875
	8	"Henry Ward Beecher in the West"	1877
	9	Sermon notes: incl. set given to James Higgins by Beecher	Jun 22, 1877
	10	Sermons and Talks	1870-1879

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
3	11	"The Bible" and "Sepulcher in the Garden"	March 26, 1880
	12	"Profession of Faith"	July 11, 1880
	13	"The Worth of Man"	Jan 1882, Feb 18, 1883
	14	"Progress of Thought in the Church" (in <i>North American Review</i> . Beecher's statement on evolution)	August 1882
	15	"Statement Before the Congressional Association" (including Beecher's resignation from the Association resulting from his views on evolution)	Oct 13, 1882
	16	Sermons (2 bound copies)	Sept 1882- March 1883
4	17	Sermons	1883
	n.f.	Sermons (2 bound copies)	April- Oct 1883
	n.f.	Sermons (2 bound copies)	Oct 1883- April 1884
5	1	Sermon: Deuteronomy 6:1, 6-12	July 2, 1884
	2	Sermons	1884
	n.f.	Sermons (2 copies)	April- Oct 1884
	n.f.	Sermons (2 copies)	Oct- Nov 1884
	1	Sermon: Romans 8:19-23	June 14, 1885
	2	Sermon: James 46:5	June 28, 1885
	3	Sermon: John 11:44	July 5, 1885
	n.f.	"Eulogy on General Grant"	Oct 22, 1885
	n.f.	Sermons	1885- 1886
	4	"Significance of the Term Hatred as Used by Christ"	Jan 10, 1886
6	5	Sermon Notes	Feb 21, 1886
	6	Sermons	1886
	n.f.	Sermons	1886-1887
	1	Printed sermons	c. 1887
	2	"Getting up in the Morning" and sermon notes	n.d.
	3	Sermon: Romans: 2:4,5	n.d.
	4	"Two Hundred and Forty Years Ago"	n.d.
	5	"Young America"	n.d.
	6-9	Sermons	n.d.
	10-11	Sermons and sermon notes	n.d.
	12	Sermon notes	n.d.
	13	"The Lord's Prayer No. III"	n.d.
	14	Reports of Beecher's sermons	1867-1887
15	Prayers and Announcements	1860-1869	
16	Prayers	1872-1879	
n.f.	Lecture/ Sermon Notebook	n.d.	
n.f.	<i>Bible Lecture Prayers</i>	1878-1879	
7	1	Announcements	1872-1879
	2	Prayers and Announcements	n.d.
	3	Prayers published in <i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1861-1887
	4	Promotional material for <i>Norwood</i>	n.d.
	5	<i>Metaphors and Similes</i> : reviews and correspondence	1896

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
7	6	<i>A Treasury of Illustration</i> : reviews and correspondence	1904
	n.f.	<i>Remarks on Preaching</i>	
	n.f.	Bound stenographic typescript of <i>Miscellaneous Sayings</i>	
	n.f.	<i>Last Morning Prayers</i>	1887
	n.f.	Compiled reviews of <i>A Book of Prayer</i> (bound)	1892
8	n.f.	Compiled reviews of <i>Bible Studies</i> (bound)	1893
	n.f.	Bound "draft" typescript of <i>Pictures and Music</i> , initialed by T.J. Ellinwood	
	n.f.	Bound stenographic typescript of <i>Birds and Flowers</i>	
	n.f.	Bound stenographic typescript of <i>Advice to Young People</i>	
	n.f.	Bound stenographic typescript of <i>Concerning Children</i>	
	n.f.	Bound stenographic typescript of <i>Biographical Sketches</i>	
40	1	Miscellaneous Correspondence Scrapbook of clippings re: sermons, lectures and some correspondence	c. 1877, 1883

Section 4: Beecher in Indianapolis, 1913, 1927

This small section contains just a few items pertaining to Beecher's tenure in Indianapolis, including newspaper clippings, reminiscences, and the hundredth anniversary program of the Second Presbyterian Church where he served as pastor.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
9	1	Letter re: call to Indianapolis; 2 clips; memoir of Beecher there; hundredth anniversary program	1913, 1927

Section 5: Beecher and Plymouth Church, 1847-1887

These papers focus on Beecher's time at Plymouth Church and consist of newspaper accounts of Beecher's activities at the church, materials relating to Church events centered around Beecher (such as his "Silver Wedding" Celebration), and other materials directly related to Beecher. Those materials dealing with Plymouth Church during Beecher's tenure, such as record books and publications, can be found in Series II: Plymouth Church.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
9	2	Newspaper accounts of Beecher's activities at the church	
	3	Page from anti-evolution work: "Evolution Decadent"	
	4	Silver Wedding ephemera: tickets.	1872
	5	Silver Wedding programs and anthems	1872
	6	Ribbon from Silver Wedding	1872

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
9	7	Account of Silver Wedding by Horatio C. King (3 copies)	1873
	8	Beecher's 70 th birthday celebration: ticket, newsclippings and programs	1883

Section 6: Beecher's Involvement in the Anti- Slavery Movement, 1819-1927

The materials found here range from photographs to an original bill of sale for a slave. The section includes documents relaying Plymouth's position on slavery, materials relating to "Pinky" (a slave girl who Beecher "auctioned" at Plymouth), and a scrapbook containing newspaper clippings and letters regarding Beecher's position on slavery. (Also see Box 27, folder 34 and Box 73 for additional "Pinky" documents.)

9	9	Church's position on slavery	
	10	Auctioning of slaves: written reminiscences	
	11	Original tax return of Charlotte Collins incl. slaves as property	1819
	12	Statement on slavery from British churches to Congregational Churches of New York	1853
	13-14	"Pinky": newspaper clippings re: return to church for celebration of 80 th anniversary of Beecher's first sermon preached at Plymouth Church	1927
41		scrapbook: clippings and letters to Beecher	

Section 7: Political Climate, 1834-1885

These papers document the political climate of the day and allude to Beecher's own political involvement. Housed here are correspondences of major figures of the day, newspaper clippings relating to Beecher and Lincoln, reactions to Lincoln's assassination, and a memento of General U.S. Grant.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
10	1	Typescript about "Beecher's Volunteers", letter relating Lincoln's attendance of a Plymouth service	
	2	Gen. U.S. Grant memorial ribbon	
	3	Andrew Johnson: leaf from account book	1834-1837
	4	Letter from Admiral John A. Dahlgren (recipient unknown) and engraved image	1861
	5	Transcript of farewell address to Beecher from Britain sent to Plymouth and Plymouth's response	1863
	6	Death of Lincoln: photo of portrait, memorial ribbon, manuscript of the "Action of the City Government on the occasion of the Assassination of President Lincoln", 3 pieces Confederate currency	1863, 1865
	7	Letter to Tilton from Cheever and engraved image of Cheever	1864

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
10	8	Fort Sumter flag raising program	1865
	9	Letter from Sen. Charles Sumner to Chandler re: reconstruction and engraving of Sumner	1867
	10	Newsclipping and colored "comic book style" history re: Beecher and Lincoln	c. 1937

Section 8: Beecher- Tilton Trial, 1875

This infamous trial is well documented through contemporary newspaper clippings, the published proceedings of the trial, and pamphlets regarding the trial. Also included in this section is an invitation to visit the Tilton's on their tenth anniversary.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
10	11	Pamphlets of trial proceedings	1875-1876
	12	Newsclippings re: trial	1874-1934
	13	Invitation to party celebrating 10 th anniversary of the Tiltons	1865
	14	Article on Beecher- Tilton Case	1920
	n.f.	<i>Theodore Tilton vs. Henry Ward Beecher</i> (Verbatim Report): vol. 2	1875
11	n.f.	<i>Theodore Tilton vs. Henry Ward Beecher</i> (Verbatim Report): vol. 3 (2 copies), vol. 2; <i>Official Report</i> vol. 2	1875
42		Copies of the <i>New York Tribune</i> containing articles on Beecher- Tilton case	July 29- Aug 28 1874
43		Scrapbook of newsclippings re: trial	
73		Mounted political cartoon	c. 1874

Section 9: Death

This section contains a number of memorials to Beecher, including poetry, memorial booklets, his eulogy, and photographs. Also found here are artifacts from his funeral and a hand-calligraphed album commemorating the pastor. Additional artifacts are held in the Historical Society's object collections.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
12	1	Ephemera: flowers and leaves from casket, copies of "His [Beecher's] Last Prayer", tickets to funeral, order of service, ribbon/ Easter card from Beecher (?)	1887
	2	Manuscripts and printed poems	1887
	3	Printed, single items	
	4	Brooklyn Baptist Social Union: Beecher Memoriam	March 17, 1887
	5	Sermon of Rev. Armitage, at Plymouth	March 27, 1887
	6	Newsclippings of death and funeral	1887
	7	Eulogy by Joseph Parker	1887
	8	"Henry Ward Beecher: A Sermon" by John Chadwick	May 1887

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
12	9	Plymouth Sunday School Memorial	February 1887
	10	General eulogies of Beecher	1887
	11-12	Beecher Memorial Album (4 copies)	1887
	13	"I am Resolved What to Do": Beecher's last sermon	1887
44		Hand calligraphed memorial album	
45		News clipping scrapbook: <i>Brooklyn Citizen</i>	
46		News clipping scrapbook: <i>Brooklyn Daily Eagle</i>	
47		News clipping scrapbook: <i>Brooklyn Union</i>	
48		News clipping scrapbook: <i>New York Herald</i>	
49		News clipping scrapbook: <i>New York Star</i>	
50		News clipping scrapbook: <i>New York Sun</i>	
51		News clipping scrapbook: <i>New York Times</i>	
52		News clipping scrapbook: <i>New York Tribune</i>	
53		News clipping scrapbook: <i>New York World</i>	
54		News clipping scrapbook: Miscellaneous	
55		News clipping scrapbook: Miscellaneous	
56		News clipping scrapbook: Miscellaneous	

Section 10: Memorials, 1888-1958

This rather broad section contains information regarding several of the organizations founded in Beecher's name following his death, memorial magazines, a Brooklyn City memorial proclamation made in 1958, and reminiscences of friends and congregants.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
13	1	Beecher Memorial Ephemera: programs, Eunice Beecher's ticket to unveiling of Beecher statue	1888-1941
	2	Memorials	
	3	Memorial pamphlets	1888
	4	Memorial programs	1891
	5	Memorial addresses	1895, 1897, 1899
	6	Memorial pamphlets	1903
	7	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1914, 1917
	8	Memorial pamphlets	1923, 1927
	9	Memorial magazines: Brooklyn Eagle Library	1900
	10	Memorial magazines	1903
	11	<i>The Congregationalist and Christian World</i>	Jan 2, 1904
	12	Memorial magazines	1913, 1914
	13	Brooklyn memorial proclamation of Henry Ward Beecher Anniversary Day	June 9, 1958
	14	Lists of Beecher's friends ?	
	15	<i>History of the 13th Regiment</i>	1894
14	1	Personal reminiscences by church members (typescripts)	

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
14	2	Personal reminiscences by church members (manuscripts)	
	3	Tape recorded reminiscences of Plymouth	1958
	4	Reminiscences of William E. Davenport	
	5	Printed reminiscences by Beecher's friends	
	6	<i>Henry Ward Beecher as Preacher and Reformer</i> by Joseph Cook	1887
	7	General printed memorials of Beecher	1887-1978
	8	General printed memorials of Beecher: <i>Brooklyn Daily Eagle</i> newsclipping	October 13, 1913
	9-13	Loose clippings on Beecher, family and church	
15	1-6	Scrapbook pages of clippings on Beecher, family and church	
16	1-2	Loose clippings on Beecher, family and church	
	3	Henry Ward Beecher Foreign Missionary Society: Organization and History.	1888-1918
	4	Henry Ward Beecher Foreign Missionary Society: Business Records, incl. correspondence, photos	
	5	Henry Ward Beecher Foreign Missionary Society: General Printed Material	1871-1930
	6	Beecher Memorial Church: newspaper clipping	1932
	n.f.	Henry Ward Beecher Literary and Debating Society: 2 Minute Books	1889-1892, 1892-1894

SERIES II: PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 1824- c.1980

This second series contains materials that primarily concern Plymouth Church. Although certain items document the church during Beecher's tenure, their primary use is in documenting the activities of the church rather than those of Beecher. In addition to church records, this series includes papers of and regarding four of Beecher's successors at Plymouth Church. The series are arranged as follows...

Section 1: Publications, 1854-c. 1980

This section contains materials published by Plymouth Church and Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims. *The Plymouth Chimes*, the monthly publication of the church (NOTE: *The Chimes* was not published in July and August and are in 3 formats: bound, oversized and loose), church bulletins, and miscellaneous programs can be found here. Articles of Faith and Church Manuals are also in this section.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
17	1	Church Manuals	1854, 1867, 1874, 1923,
	2	Church Manuals	1931
	3	Church Manuals	1940

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
17	4	Articles of Faith and Principles and Rules	1884, 1895, 1920
	5	"Letter-Missive." Sent to Congregational Churches	1876
	6	<i>Plymouth Pulpit</i> : Sermons by HWB	1869, 1870
	7	List of Church leaders	1882, 1884, 1920
	8	Bulletins	1888-1921
	9	Bulletins	1935-1942
	10	Bulletins	1958-1963, n.d.
	11	Bulletins- Polytechnic Baccalaureate ceremony	1930, 1936
	12	Programs: Concerts	1869-1892
	13	Miscellaneous Programs	
	14	Anniversary programs	1900-1937, n.d.
	15	Programs: Miscellaneous events at Plymouth, not Plymouth specific	1930-1932, 1934, n.d.
	16	Lenten and Christmas programs	1934-1960, n.d.
	17	<i>Plymouth Triangle</i> magazine	1879
57		<i>Plymouth Chimes</i> : bound volume	1877-1895
18	1	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1885-1899
	2	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1900
	3	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1901
	4	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1902
	5	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1903
	6	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1904
	7	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1905
	8	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1906
	9	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1907
	10	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1908
	11	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1909
	12	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1910
	13	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1911
	14	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1912
	15	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1913
	16	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	Jan - May 1914
	17	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	June - Dec 1914
	18	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	Jan - May 1915
	19	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	June - Dec 1915
19	1	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	Feb - June 1916
	2	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	Sept - Dec 1916
	3	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1917
	4	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1918
	5	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1919
	6	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1920
	7	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1921
	8	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1922
20	1	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i>	1923

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
20	2	<i>Plymouth Chimes</i> calendar	1891-92, 1902, 1904, 1905, 1907, 1908
	3	<i>Plymouth News</i>	1952-1953
	4	<i>The Plymouth Hymnal: For the Church the Social Meeting and the Home</i>	1895
	5	Organ and window information, including programs	1905, 1907, n.d.
	6	Endowment Funds Pamphlet	1932
	7	Plymouth Church and Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims-general church information	1935, n.d.
	8	\$300,000 Capital Restoration Program pamphlet	c. 1980
	9	Notes to visitors	n.d.
	10	"Reply to Membership Inquiries"	n.d.
	11	Membership information and description of Church	n.d.

Section 2: Records, 1851-1937

Found in this section are the records of Plymouth Church. Records relating to membership include a parish book, a shareholders' book, and a list of applicants to the church. Also in this section are annual reports and pew rental charts.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
20	12	Pew Rental Receipts	1851-1853, 1931
	13	Shareholders' book	1858
	14	Applicants to the Church	1868-1870
21	1	Annual Reports	1889, 1891, 1896-7, 1903
	2	Subscribers to Semi-centennial fund	c. 1897
	3	Plymouth Church Pew Rental Charts	1900-1924
	4	Parish Book	1904
	5	Treasurer's Report	1920
	6	Minutes- Church Work Committee	1920-1921
	7	Report to Annual Meeting	1923
	8	Church of the Pilgrims: Treasurer's reports	1925-1926, 1931-1933
	9	Lists of members	1925, n.d.
	10	Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims: Financial Reports	1934-1937
	11	Former address of members	n.d.

Section 3: Sunday School, 1853-1939

Materials pertaining to the Sunday/ Sabbath Schools such as rosters, hymn books, sheet music, and programs for Sunday School events can be found in this section.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
58		Church of the Pilgrims- S.S. Record Book	1845-1907
22	1	Programs: Sunday School Concert and festival	1853, 1961-62
	2	Sunday school ephemera	1859-1882
	3	Hymn Book: <i>Book of Praise</i>	1875
22	4	Sunday school attendance book	1875-1876
	5	Sunday School roll book and roster	1879-1880, n.d.
	6	Santa Claus: <i>A Christmas Cantata</i> (play by S.S.)	c. 1880
	7	Sunday School Hymn Book, Church of the Pilgrims	1894
	8	Plymouth Sunday School: Christmas Carols	1904
	9	Sunday school vacation questions	1906
	10	"Land of My Children" from Plymouth Bible Class	1918
	11	Mayflower Sunday School: Annual Reports	1923-1925, 1928-1929
	12	Sunday School Manuals: Catechism, Lenten Manuals	1939, n.d.
	13	Weekday school roster	n.d.

Section 4: Church Organizations, 1845-1949

The many organizations that were affiliated with Plymouth Church and Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims, such as the Plymouth League, the Bethel, Work Committee, Men's and Women's Clubs, and the Arbuckle Institute, Plymouth Institute, and Plymouth Church house are represented in this section. This section contains programs, membership rosters, and newsclippings and is organized in alphabetical order.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
22	14	Arbuckle Institute	1914-1921
	15	Plymouth Institute: Letter indicating name change and publicity pamphlets	1918, n.d.
	16	Plymouth Institute- Play Programs	1934
	17	Plymouth Institute: Report	1939
	18	Plymouth Institute: Misc. Organizations	1937
59		Bethel Mission Scrapbook	c. 1868-c. 1904
73		"Bethel Mission" newsletter	Oct. 1873
23	1	Bethel Scrapbook Pages	c. 1869-1891
	2	Bethel Mission ephemera	c. 1877-1881, 1891
	3	Bethel Branch bulletin	1900
	4	Bethel Closing, Newsclippings	n.d.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>	
23	5	Benevolence Fund: "Yearbook" list of food items donated and purchased by the Church	1920-1921	
		"Yearbook" listing donations and disbursements of Thanksgiving items	1923-1934	
	6	Benevolence Fund account book	1934-1935	
	7	Church Work Committee	1889, n.d.	
	8	Henry Ward Beecher Memorial Association: Scrapbook presented by John Low, Jr. and Horatio C. King	1917	
	9	Ladies of the Foreign Missionary Society- "Favorite Quotations of Plymouth People"	n.d.	
	10	Mayflower Mission Reminiscences	n.d.	
	11	Plymouth Church Choir Book	1871	
	24	1	Plymouth League Constitution	1887
		2	Plymouth League programs and ephemera	1896-1902, n.d.
3		Plymouth Men's Club- Constitution and Bylaws	1917	
4		Plymouth Rock Celebration: Preparation	1940	
5		Plymouth Rock Celebration: Bills and Receipts	1940	
6		Plymouth Rock Celebration: Correspondence- invitations and replies	1940	
7		Plymouth Rock Celebration: Correspondence- acknowledgements	1940	
8		Plymouth Rock Celebration: Programs	1940	
9		Plymouth Rock Celebration: Speeches	1940	
10		Plymouth Rock Celebration: Press Releases	1940	
11		Plymouth Rock Celebration: Miscellaneous	1940	
60		Plymouth Rock Celebration scrapbook	1940	
	12	Plymouth Work Committee Fund: Misc. Program	1896	
	13	Tandem Club Constitution	1949	
	14	Thanksgiving Cheer Fund- Correspondence and receipts	1925-1932	
25	1	Women's Home Missionary Society	1899, 1911-12	
	2	Women's Guild of Plymouth Church	1927	
	3	Church of the Pilgrims: Benevolence Fund, Annual Report	1930	
	4	List of women who contributed to Plymouth	c. 1920's	
	5	Miscellaneous Activities	1938, 1941, n.d.	

Section 5: Pastors, 1888-1954

The four pastors immediately following Henry Ward Beecher: Lyman Abbott, Newell Dwight Hillis, J. Stanley Durkee, and L. Wendell Fifield, are represented in this section. Included are their writings, newsclippings, and ephemera relating to the pastors.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Lyman Abbott			
25	6	"Installation Council" proceedings	1890
	7	Writings, sermons, lectures	1888-1911
	8	Correspondence	1891-1896
	9	Miscellaneous- Programs and clippings	1895-1922
	10	Clippings	
Newell Dwight Hillis			
25	11	Writings, sermons, lectures	1900-1920
	12	Correspondence: from servicemen	1918-1919
	13	<i>Better America Lectures</i>	c. 1919-1920
	14	Search Committee for Hillis' successor, memorials	1925, 1929, 1953
	15	Sermons: <i>Brooklyn Eagle</i> Reprints	n.d.
	16	Miscellaneous- Ephemera, programs and clippings	n.d.
	17	Book: <i>Great Books as Life's Teachers</i>	1899
26	1	Book, <i>A Yearbook of Quotations from Contemporary Women</i> , by Mrs. NDH	1927
	2	Book: <i>Aftersermon Prayers</i>	1930
J. Stanley Durkee			
	3	Biographical information	c. 1925
	4	Correspondence	1928
	5	Writings, sermons, lectures	1940, 1941, n.d.
	6	Dedication of Durkee Memorial Library	1938
	7	Miscellaneous- Ephemera, programs, and clippings	1925-1926, 1937, n.d.
	8	Book, <i>Pull of the Invisible</i> - signed; published volume of radio addresses	1941
L. Wendell Fifield			
	9	Biographical and general information	1941
	10	Writings, sermons	1941, 1943-1955
	11	Correspondence	1941-1943

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
26	12	Radio Addresses	1942-1943
27	1	Invitations and replies to receptions for Fifield	1941, 1951
	2	Installation	1941-1942
	3	Resignation	1954
	4	Miscellaneous- programs and clippings.	c. 1941-c. 1955

Section 6: History, 1876-1972

Included in this section are materials pertaining to the general history of Plymouth Church. Materials pertaining to the architecture and noted members and leaders can be found in this section. In addition, the materials relating to Paxton Hibben's 1927 biography of Henry Ward Beecher, *Henry Ward Beecher: An American Portrait* are also in this section.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
27	5	"The Young Man"	1894
	6	50 th Anniversary Newsclip	1897
	7	Correspondence regarding printing "Souvenir" of Plymouth Church	1904
	8	"Plymouth Church Statistics" from <i>Plymouth Chimes</i> Calendar	1904
	9	Organization of Plymouth Church	1912, 1924
	10	"The Honor Roll"	1918, n.d.
	11	Fire: Newsclipping	1920
	12	Newsclippings	1920-1924
	13	Paxton Hibben: Biography of HWB- reviews and correspondence	1927
	14	Correspondence re: Plymouth Church Architecture	1932
	15	<i>Metropolitan Church Life</i> - Announcement of service at Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims	1934
	16	Portland vase: Clipping and letter re: gift of vase	1934
	17	Department of the Interior press release re: Plymouth's aid to Metlakahtla Indians	1937
	18	Advertising flyer for <i>One Hundred Years of Plymouth Church</i>	c. 1949
	19	<i>United Church Herald</i> : article on Plymouth's designation as historical landmark	1961
	20	Henry Ward Beecher: quotations	n.d.
	21	Howard S. Bliss: Obituary and memorial	1920, n.d.
	22	William E. Davenport: Correspondence and pamphlet	n.d.
	23	Charles Dickens: Lecture at Plymouth	n.d.
	24	Amorette E. Fraser: Luncheon: correspondence	1934, 1937
	25	Reverend S.B. Halliday: Address given	1894
	26	Charles Halsey: memorial service	1933
	27	John R. Howard: Correspondence and newsclips	1856, 1897-1926
	28	John Tasker Howard: Correspondence and Newsclip	1888

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
27	29	Horatio C. King: Clippings and ephemera	1876-1918
	30	Rossiter Wortington Raymond: Obit and biography	1919-1935
	31	Dummy of "Plymouth Church: Its History, Membership, Chronology" edited by R.W. Raymond	1904
	32	Captain Edward M. Smith: Memorial	1920
	33	Augustus Storrs: Memorial	1892
	34	Rose Ward: Newsclippings	1927-1928
	35	Miscellaneous people of Plymouth: correspondence	1901-1902
	36	Miscellaneous people of Plymouth: correspondence	1927, 1970, 1972
	37	Miscellaneous people of Plymouth	n.d.
	38	Ephemera: Church under Hillis- Ribbons, reciepts, clippings	n.d.
	39	Ephemera: Church under Hillis- Programs, clippings	n.d.
	40	Ephemera: Miscellaneous	n.d.

Section 7: General, 1824-1978

This section contains materials that are not specific to Plymouth Church. Included are items from Plymouth, Massachusetts and items from the Church of the Pilgrims.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
28	1	First Presbyterian Church	1824, 1970, n.d.
	2	"The Illustrated Pilgrim Memorial"	1863
	3	"The Musical Critic and Trade Review"	1881
	4	Church of the Pilgrims: "The Church of the Pilgrims After Forty Years of Pastoral Service"	1886
	5	Church of the Pilgrims: Miscellaneous items	1902, 1918
	6	Church Hymns: Publishing dummy	c. 1886
	7	Miscellaneous ephemera, inc. programs from other churches	1901-1938, n.d.
	8	Brooklyn Eagle Library, <i>The New Onward Movement</i>	1904
	9	Notebook containing extracts from sermons and addresses by ministers, evangelists, religious teachers, and others	c. 1913-c. 1919
	10	Miscellaneous clippings re: Beecher	1928, n.d.
	11	Green-Wood Cemetery: materials pertaining to plot of Bond Family	1934-1935, n.d.
	12	<i>United Church of Christ, A.D. 1978</i> : Photos of Beecher	1978
	13	History of Communion sets used at Plymouth Church	n.d.
	14	Pilgrim origins (includes photos not transferred to series III)	n.d.
	15	Plymouth, Massachusetts ephemera (includes postcards not transferred to series III)	n.d.
	16	Scroll presented to Beatrice Loenecke and Plymouth Church	n.d.

Section 8: Scrapbooks, c. 1864-c. 1908

Scrapbooks compiled by members of the congregation are found in this section.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
61		Scrapbook of non-Beecher items- Miscellaneous newsclips and ephemera, not Brooklyn or Plymouth Church specific	1880s
62		Scrapbook presented to Plymouth Church by Marie A. Freckelton in memory of her parents, May 9, 1943- Brooklyn, Plymouth Church, Beecher, and miscellaneous newsclippings and ephemera	1868-1900
63		Scrapbook compiled by Shipman family- Brooklyn, Plymouth Church, Beecher, and miscellaneous newsclippings and ephemera	c. 1870's-c. 1890's
64		Scrapbook compiled by Frances Lee Pratt- Brooklyn, Plymouth Church, and Beecher newsclippings and ephemera	1870's-c. 1890's
29	1	Scrapbook leaves 1 of 2- Brooklyn, Plymouth Church, and Beecher newsclippings and ephemera	c. 1868- c. 1908
29	2	Scrapbook leaves 2 of 2- Brooklyn, Plymouth Church, and Beecher clippings and ephemera	c. 1868- c. 1908
	3	Scrapbook leaves "Book I"- Plymouth Church, Hillis, members, and Brooklyn newsclips	May 27, 1901- Nov 17, 1902
65		Scrapbook by Horatio King- Programs and newsclips of Plymouth Church, members, and Hillis	1901-1907
66		Scrapbook re: both Beecher and Plymouth	

SERIES III: IMAGES

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
67	1	Henry Ward Beecher: small images	
	2	H.W. Beecher: medium images	
	3	H.W. Beecher: engravings	
	4	H.W. Beecher: large engravings	
	5	H.W. Beecher: large photographs	
	6	H.W. Beecher: large photographs	
	7	H.W. Beecher and Eunice Beecher	
	8	H.W. Beecher with others	
	9	Beecher House and Summer House	
	10	Beecher House: large photographs	
	11	H.W. Beecher funeral	
	12	H.W. Beecher statues	
	13	H.W. Beecher: miscellaneous photographs	
	14	Engravings for illustration of Beecher's trip to England	
68	1	Eunice Bullard Beecher	

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
68	2	Beecher children (?)	
	3	Beecher family portraits	
	4	Harriet Beecher Stowe	
	5	Lyman Beecher	
	6	Harriet E.B. Seaville	
	7	Rose Ward Hunt: a.k.a. "Pinky" or Sally Maria Diggs	
	8	Fannie Virginia Casseopia Lawrence	
	9	Ellen Mitchell	
	10	Lyman Abbott	
	11	J.S. Durkee	
	12	L.W. Fifield	
	13	Newell Dwight Hillis	
	14	Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims: interiors	
	15	Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims: exteriors	
	16	Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims: landmark plaque	
	17	Plymouth Institute	
	18	Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims: fire	November 1920
	19	Church Activities	
	20	Beecher Missionary Society	
	21	Tandem Club: rummage sale	
	22	The Women's Guild	
	23	Unidentified/ Miscellaneous	
69		Printing plates: 18 total, including bill of sale and two images of "Pinky"	
70		33 cartes de visite: 29 of Beecher; 1 of Eunice Beecher, 2 of other Beecher family members, and 1 of Fannie Virginia Casseopeia Lawrence	
71		89 cabinet cards: majority of Beecher, also includes Eunice Beecher, Lyman Abbot, Newell Dwight Hillis and various people related to Plymouth Church	
72		54 postcards: majority of Plymouth Church/ Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims; also includes H.W. Beecher, the house where H.W. Beecher died, and N.D. Hillis	
73		Oversized items: Includes images of Harriet Beecher Stowe, Henry Ward Beecher, the Library at the Church of the Pilgrims, Newell Dwight Hillis, and Plymouth Church; satirical cartoons; the Freedom Certificate / Bill of Sale for Sally Maria Diggs / "Pinky"; newspapers; etc.	

Index to Henry Ward Beecher Sermons and Speeches

<u>Title</u>	<u>Date Delivered</u>	<u>Box/ Folder</u>
"Activity"	n.d.	6/8
"Activity Indispensable to Normal Development"	n.d.	6/9
"The Administration of Wealth"	n.d.	6/8
"American Missionary Association"	n.d.	6/9
"American Missionary Association"	n.d.	6/9
"Be Conspicuous for Good Qualities"	n.d.	6/6
"The Bible"	March 26, 1880	3/11
"The Camp and Country"	October 1861	2/3
"Caution Against Procrastination"	n.d.	6/6
"Children of God not to Crawl in His Presence"	n.d.	6/6
"Christ's Personal Ministry"	n.d.	6/6
"Church Worship"	April 8, 1877	3/9
"A Circuit of the Continent"	Nov. 29, 1883	3/17
"Cleveland Letters"	Aug. 30 and Sept 8, 1866	2/9
"Comfort in Knowing the Worst"	n.d.	6/9
"Commercial Wisdom of Religion"	n.d.	6/6
"Consolation in Trouble"	March 3, 1876	3/10
"Deterioration of Man"	n.d.	6/7
"Disenchantment of Scripture Passages"	n.d.	6/6
"Disinterested Benevolence"	n.d.	6/8
"The Divine Government"	n.d.	6/6
"Education of the Citizen"	1860-1863	2/4
"England and the Civil War of America"	June 7, 1861	2/13
"Eulogy on General Grant"	Oct 22, 1885	5/ n.f.
"Eve of Emancipation"	December 31, 1863	2/13
"Extract from Lecture Room Talk"	March 27, 1863	2/13
"The Faults of Character"	n.d.	6/9
"Fruitfulness of the Human Mind"	n.d.	6/8
"Generosity and Benevolence"	n.d.	6/8
"Getting up in the Morning"	n.d.	6/2
"God's Love and Presence"	Feb. 23, 1868	2/13
"God's Seal and Testimony"	1858	1/36
"Happiness"	Lecture delivered 1870-1871	2/14
"Heirship with Christ"	February 14, 1886	5/6
"Henry Ward Beecher in the West"	1877	3/8
"The Hidden Manna and the White Stone"	July 1, 1866	2/9
"The Higher Christian Life"	February 16, 1872	3/10
"The Household"	Lecture delivered 1869-1871	2/12

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"How to Labor for a Revival"	n.d.	6/6
"The Human Body a Temple of the Holy Ghost"	n.d.	6/8
"Humanity"	February 28, 1886	5/6
"Inspiration of Scripture" No. 1	October 27, 1878	3/10
"Interpolation of the Scriptures"	n.d.	6/6
"Is There a Devil?"	February 25, 1883	3/17
"The Kingdom of Heaven"	January 3, 1886	5/6
"A Knowledge of Doctrines Useful but not Indispensable"	n.d.	6/7
"The Law of Human Development"	n.d.	6/8
"The Law of Sympathy"	Lecture delivered 1858-1859	2/ 1
"Laws and their Penalties"	n.d.	6/7
Lecture	December 1, 1859	2/ 1
Lecture Room Talk	January 1, 1863 ?	2/13
Lecture Room Talk	May 21, 1875	3/10
Lecture Room Talk	July 27, 1876	3/10
Lecture Room Talk	March 1, 1878	3/10
Lecture Room Talk: excerpt	December 29, 1876	3/10
"The Lord's Prayer" No.2	January 17, 1865	2/6
"The Lord's Prayer" No.3	n.d.	6/13
"Love for Southerners as well as Northerners"	January 9, 1863	2/13
"The Love of Money"	n.d.	6/9
"Lying Never Justifiable"	n.d.	6/6
"Men's Plans in Life"	n.d.	6/9
"Misconception of One's Duty as a Christian"	June 15, 1877	3/10
"Mission of Christ"	n.d.	6/9
"Money and Manhood": incomplete copy	1872-1873	3/2
"Motives for Action"	n.d.	6/7
"Narrative on Trip to Ft. Sumter"	April 12, 1865	3/ n.f.
"Natural Laws Moral, and Moral Laws Natural"	n.d.	6/9
"Old and New Ideas of Inspiration"	n.d.	6/6
"Origin of the Bible"	n.d.	6/6
"Patience"	n.d.	6/9
"Patient Waiting"	April 16, 1865	3/ n.f.
"Patient Waiting"	n.d.	6/9
"Personal Influence"	n.d.	6/7
"Plymouth Church as a Pioneer in the Anti-Slavery Cause"	May 25, 1870	3/10
"Premonitions of God's Coming"	1865	2/13
"Professions of Faith"	July 11, 1880	3/12
"The Progress of Thought in the Church" (In <i>North American Review</i>)	August 1882	3/14

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"Ready to Depart"	December 31, 1863	2/13
"Regular Progress in the Gospel Representation of Christ's Life"	n.d.	6/6
"Reign of the Common People"	May 13, 1879	3/9
Remarks at 1 st Anniversary of Equal Rights Association	May 10, 1867	2/10
"Remote and Permanent Results"	n.d.	6/8
"Retrospection"	n.d.	6/6
"Riches"	February 18, 1883	3/17
"Self- Government"	n.d.	6/9
"Sepulcher in the Garden"	March 26, 1880	3/11
Sermon	September 20, 1873	2/3
Sermon: 1 st Corinthians 1:28	November 19, 1872	3/1
Sermon: 1 st Corinthians 2:15	October 1868	2/11
Sermon: Acts of the Apostles 16	n.d.	6/9
Sermon: Deut 6:1, 6-12	July 2, 1884	4/1
Sermon: Genesis 9:11-16	December 7, 1865	2/8
Sermon: Hebrews 4:9	October 11, 1874	3/6
Sermon: Isa 16:3	November 28, 1869	2/13
Sermon: James (?) 46:5	June 28, 1885	5/2
Sermon: John 11:44	July 5, 1885	5/3
Sermon: Matthew 11: 1-12	November 9, 1884	4/2
Sermon: Mathew 25:26	December 19, 1875	3/7
Sermon: Romans 2:4,5	n.d.	6/3
Sermon: Romans 8:14,16	n.d.	6/8
Sermon: Romans 8:19-23	June 14, 1885	5/1
Sermon: untitled	December 7, 1868	
Sermon extract	December 6, 1868	
Sermon extract	May 31, 1874	3/10
Sermon extract	February 28, 1875	3/10
Sermon extract	March 19, 1876	3/10
Sermon extract	April 15, 1877	3/10
Sermon extract	April 14, 1878	3/10
Sermon notes: Eph. 4:L31-32	December 28, 1873	3/4
Sermon notes: Hebrews 12:18 and Galatians 5:22	n.d.	6/14
Sermon notes: Luke 14:10	June 22, 1877	3/9
Sermon notes: Luke 16:4	n.d.	6/2
Sermon: Peter 2:17	January 17, 1864	2/5
Sermon notes: Phil 1:15-18	Feb 21, 1886	5/5
Sermon notes: Romans 14:12	n.d.	6/2
Sermons	September 1882- March 1883	3/16
Sermons	April- October 1883	4/ n.f.
Sermons	October 1883- April 1884	4/ n.f.
Sermons	April- October 1884	5/ n.f.
Sermons	October 5- November 2, 1884	5/ n.f.
Sermons	1885-1886	5/ n.f.

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Sermons	1886-1887	5/ n.f.
Sermons: printed	c. 1887	6/1
"Shame"	n.d.	6/6
"Significance of the Term Hatred as Used by Christ"	January 10, 1886	5/4
"Signification of the Word 'Forty' in the Scriptures"	n.d.	6/6
"Sorrow and It's Dangers"	n.d.	6/9
Thanksgiving Sermon	Thursday, November 27, 1879	3/10
"The Threefold Man"	n.d.	6/7
"Truths of Law Founded in Nature"	n.d.	6/6
"Two Hundred and Forty Years Ago!"	n.d.	6/4
"Unconscious Selfishness"	n.d.	6/9
"The Unity of Christians by the Power of Love"	July 11, 1886	5/6
"Universal Suffrage"	1865	2/7
"Upper and Under"	c. 1874	3/5
"A 'Voice'"	n.d.	6/9
"The Vulgarity of Ignorance"	n.d.	6/6
"Wants of Young Men"	May 6, 1860	2/2
"What Men Believe Religion can do for Them"	n.d.	6/6
"Works"	n.d.	6/8
"The Worth of Man"	January 1882	3/13
"Young America"	n.d.	6/5