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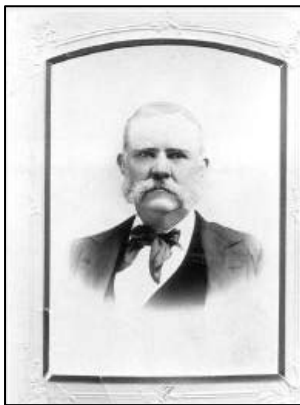
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### John Milton Scudder Papers, 1829-1894 Collection No. 4

#### Abstract

The collection consists of the letter-press book of John Milton Scudder, used primarily ca. 1871, containing approximately one hundred (100) letters primarily concerned with personal business and the functioning of the Eclectic Medical Institute. Includes the Scudder Family Bible, originally owned by John Milton Scudder's father, John Scudder, Jr.

#### Biographical Sketch



John Milton Scudder "the most conspicuous man in modern Eclecticism" [Felter] was born in Harrison, Hamilton County, Ohio on September 8, 1829. In 1841, at the age of twelve, he entered Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. He studied medicine at the Eclectic Medical Institute, graduating at the head of his class in 1856. In 1857, he was appointed Professor of Anatomy at the Eclectic Medical Institute, and then filled the chair of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children from 1858-1860. In 1861, Dr. Scudder was transferred to the chair of Pathology and Practice of Medicine, retaining the chair until 1887, when for health reasons the responsibilities were divided.

In 1862, Dr. Scudder was appointed Dean of the Eclectic Medical Institute. In a state of disarray, and financially devastated, the Eclectic Medical Institute was on the verge of closing its doors. Dr. Scudder in a short time turned the Institute around, making it a profitable venture, as well as restoring and adding to its academic reputation. Scudder was also a scholar and researcher, and authored several notable works in his field. Scudder revived the *Eclectic Medical Journal* and as its editor placed it in the forefront of eclectic journals. John Milton Scudder died on February 17, 1894.

#### Scope and Content

The letter-press book gives an insight to Scudder's business and personal affairs for a segment of roughly a year, 1871. The Family Bible contains genealogical information on the Scudder family.

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<b>Container List</b>		
<b>Box</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Vol. 1	<i>Series I. Minutes</i> Letter-press book
2	Vol. 2	<i>Series II. Genealogical Records</i> Scudder Family Bible

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