



Guide to the Eliza Beckwith Commonplace Book, 1860

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Summary

Collection Title:

Eliza Beckwith commonplace book, 1860

Creator:

Beckwith, Eliza

Source:

Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture

Abstract:

Eliza Beckwith appears to have been a student in 1860 at an unidentified normal college (a school created to train high school graduates to be teachers) in an English-speaking country, most likely Great Britain, Canada, or the United States. The collection consists of a single commonplace book with the name Eliza Beckwith or perhaps Eliza Beckwith Burton on the front cover. Twenty manuscript pages contain 30 poems and short phrases collected from college acquaintances, some with titles such as The Enquiry, Happiness, Remember Me, Prudent Simplicity, The Old and New Year, Friendship, and The Rights of Woman. A few of the poems are extracts taken from Tennyson and Wordsworth, but most appear to be original pieces from fellow students including Annie Kembball, Martha Ardley, Louisa Gillingham, Annie Morris, Helen Taylor, and Lizzie Capez. A few pieces are signed and dated College 1860, Christmas 1860, or Normal College.

Extent:

1 Volumes

Language:

Materials in English

Collection ID:

RL.30179

Permalink:

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Background

Scope and Content

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Biographical/Historical

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- Beckwith, Eliza
- Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture

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