



Guide to the Charles Edwards Lester Letter and Newspaper Clipping, 1845, 1887

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Summary

Collection Title:

Charles Edwards Lester letter and newspaper clipping, 1845, 1887

Creator:

Lester, C. Edwards (Charles Edwards), 1815-1890

Abstract:

Charles Edwards Lester was an American author and diplomat. Collection comprises an invitation written by Lester to Unitarian ministers at a New York convention (1845 October 20), along with a newspaper clipping on Lester (1887 December 31). The invitation asks the Unitarian ministers to see an ivory sculpture of Christ, and mentions sculptor Hiram Powers' opinion of the work.

Extent:

0.1 Linear Feet (2 items)

Language:

English

Language:

Materials in English

Collection ID:

RL.11448

Permalink:

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Background

Scope and Content

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Lester (1887 December 31). The invitation asks the Unitarian ministers to see an ivory sculpture of Christ, and mentions sculptor Hiram Powers' opinion of the work.

Biographical/Historical

Charles Edwards Lester was an American author and diplomat. Lester was born in Griswold, Connecticut, a descendant of Jonathan Edwards. He was of a roving disposition and traveled widely in the United States and Europe. He was admitted to the bar in Mississippi and later was ordained a minister in the Presbyterian church. In 1840, he addressed antislavery meetings in Massachusetts and was elected a delegate to the London antislavery conference of that year. He did not return to the United States after the close of the conference but remained in England. His *The Glory and Shame of England*, published in New York in 1841, criticized England's antislavery professions. In 1842, President Tyler appointed Lester United States Consul at Genoa.

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Names and Subjects

- Lester, C. Edwards (Charles Edwards), 1815-1890
- Powers, Hiram, 1805-1873

Collection Inventory

Letter and newspaper clipping

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