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Collection Summary
Title: Samuel J. Baird Papers
Span Dates: 1834-1892
ID No.: MSS11551
Creator: Baird, Samuel J. (Samuel John), 1817-1893
Extent: 650 items; 5 containers; 1 linear foot
Language: Collection material in English
Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Abstract: Presbyterian clergyman and author of Newark, Ohio. Correspondence and other material relating to Presbyterian Church affairs and doctrinal questions, the work of the American Bible Society in Virginia, and the Baird family.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Alexander, James W. (James Waddel), 1804-1859--Correspondence.
Baird family.
Baird, E. Thompson (Ebenezer Thompson), 1821-1887--Correspondence.
Baird, Samuel J. (Samuel John), 1817-1893.
Baird, Thomas Dickson--Correspondence.
Baird, William Logan--Correspondence.
Boardman, Henry A. (Henry Augustus), 1808-1880--Correspondence.
Breckinridge, John, 1797-1841--Correspondence.
Breckinridge, Robert J. (Robert Jefferson), 1800-1871--Correspondence.
Cattell, William C. (William Cassidy), 1827-1898--Correspondence.
Chamberlain, Jeremiah, 1794-1851--Correspondence.
Duffield, John T. (John Thomas), 1823-1901--Correspondence.
Finley, Robert Smith, 1804-1860--Correspondence.
Gurley, P. D. (Phineas Densmore), 1816-1868--Correspondence.
Hopkins, Mark, 1802-1887--Correspondence.
Howe, George, 1802-1883--Correspondence.
Humphrey, Edward P. (Edward Porter), 1809-1887--Correspondence.
McIlwaine, Richard, b. 1834--Correspondence.
Miller, John, 1819-1895--Correspondence.
Nevins, John W.--Correspondence.
Parvin, Theodore Sutton, 1817-1901--Correspondence.
Plummer, William S.--Correspondence.
Potts, Stacy G. (Stacy Gardner), 1799-1865--Correspondence.
Reid, Hugh--Correspondence.
Robinson, Stuart, 1814-1881--Correspondence.
Shedd, William Greenough Thayer, 1820-1894--Correspondence.
Smith, Henry Boynton, 1815-1877--Correspondence.
Sprague, William Buell, 1795-1876--Correspondence.
Taylor, William J. R. (William James Romeyn), 1823-1891--Correspondence.
Witherspoon, T. D. (Thomas Dwight), 1836-1898--Correspondence.
Wood, James, 1799-1867--Correspondence.

Organizations
American Bible Society.
Subjects
Presbyterian Church--Doctrines.
Presbyterian Church.

Places
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Medical care.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Religious aspects.

Titles
Bible--Societies, etc.--Virginia.

Occupations
Authors.
Clergy.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of Samuel J. Baird, clergyman and author, were purchased by the Library of Congress from C. S. Hook in 1910.

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Preferred Citation
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Samuel J. Baird Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<tr>
<td>1840</td>
<td>Married Jane Jemima Wilson</td>
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<tr>
<td>1843</td>
<td>Graduated from Indiana Theological Seminary, New Albany, Ind.</td>
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<td>1854</td>
<td>Ordained by the Presbytery of Cedar (later Cedar Rapids), Iowa</td>
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<td>1854-1857</td>
<td>Pastor, Presbyterian church, Muscatine, Iowa</td>
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<td>1857-1865</td>
<td>Pastor, Woodbury, N.J.</td>
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<td>1865-1875</td>
<td>Promoted the work of the American Bible Society</td>
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<td>1875-1884</td>
<td>Pastor, Third Presbyterian Church, Woodbury, N.J.</td>
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1884-1888  Pastor, Ronceverte, W. Va.
1888-1891  Retired to Blacksburg, Va.
1893, Apr. 10  Died, West Clifton Forge, Va.

Scope and Content Note
The papers of Samuel John Baird (1817-1893) span the years 1834-1892 and consist of correspondence and miscellaneous material. Correspondence between Baird, fellow clergymen, and others relative to church affairs includes letters concerning Baird's efforts to minister to soldiers and to assist wounded soldiers and prisoners during the Civil War.


Arrangement of the Papers
This collection of correspondence is bound in volumes and arranged chronologically.
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