Descriptive Summary

Creator: Wolf, Edmund Jacob, 1840-1905.
Title: Edmund Jacob Wolf Lecture notes, 1864-1865
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 148
Extent: 0.01 cubic ft. (1 folder)
Abstract: Consists of a volume of handwritten notes taken during the 1864/1865 academic year at the University of Tübingen.
Language: Materials entirely in German.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note
Edmund Jacob Wolf was born December 8, 1840 in Rebersburg, Pennsylvania. Educated at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary and Tübingen and Erlangen Universities, he served as a Lutheran pastor in Baltimore and as a professor of Church History and New Testament Exegesis at his alma mater, Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary. He was a conservative scholar who co-edited The
Lutheran Quarterly and wrote The Lutherans in America along with many other academic works.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of a volume of handwritten notes (in German) taken during the 1864/1865 academic year at the University of Tübingen by Edmund Jacob Wolf from the lectures of Johann Tobias Beck (1804-1878) on the Epistles of Peter and Gustav Friedrich Oehler (1812-1872) on the Minor Prophets.

The spine carries the three-line notation in manuscript, “COMMENTAR. Beck Oehler.” The heading at the top of the first page is, “Die Briefe Peteri von Dr. Beck.”

There are marginal annotations, sometimes in English, and occasional notations of lecture dates (the earliest of which is Nov. 9, 1864). There are occasional gaps in the body of the text with marks in the margins beside them, perhaps indicating instances when Wolf did not catch what was spoken by the lecturer. Sometimes Wolf returned to write in the margin a word or phrase that should have been inserted in the ellipsis. There are instances of misspellings and some use of archaic German forms. The latter may indicate the type of German that Wolf learned as a child among Pennsylvania Lutherans. The marginal notations of dates indicate that Wolf was attending lectures by Beck and Oehler during the same term. He began his notes on 1, 2 Peter at the front of the volume and skipped to about the halfway position in the book to begin his notes on the Minor Prophets. His notes on the epistles end with the notation, “Closed Mar 16:1865 Edmund J. Wolf” (p. 185), and those on the Prophets with, “Finis” (p. [191]). His handwriting is often difficult to read, and the text includes frequent references to Greek and Hebrew terms. His skill and organization at taking notes apparently improved as time progressed. Although most of the notes were taken in ink, some are in pencil, and there are occasional confusions in pagination.