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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1291

**CREATOR:** Bushnell, Horace, 1802-1876

**TITLE:** Horace Bushnell papers

**DATES:** 1823-1901

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Letters by and about Horace Bushnell collected by his daughter, Mary Bushnell Cheney in connection with her book: *Life and Letters of Horace Bushnell* (New York, Harper & Brothers, 1880). The earliest items are a letter from Bushnell's great-grandmother to his mother (n.d.) and a letter to him from his grandmother, Mary Bushnell (1823 June 7). The letters from Bushnell to his daughter, to friends, and to parishioners seeking advice were written between 1855 and 1874. Also in the collection is a marriage service he used. The letters (1876-1901) to Mary B. Cheney concerning her father and commenting on her book, were written by Cyrus Augustus Bartol, Amos Sheffield Chesebrough, N. H. Egleston, Edwin Pond Parker, and William W. Patton who each have essays or letters on Bushnell printed in her book.

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b.      box  
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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

In part, gift of Horace B. Learned in 1982.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Horace Bushnell: ordained in the Congregational Church, 1833; pastor of North Church, Hartford, Ct., 1833-1859; author of numerous books; tried and acquitted of heresy, 1850.

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## Scope and Contents

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Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 1	Apthorp, Mary	undated
b. 1, f. 1	Bushnell, Mary	1823 June 7
b. 1, f. 1	Bushnell, Horace	
b. 1, f. 2	Letters to his daughter, Mary B. Cheney	1855 April 13-1874 June 22
b. 1, f. 3	Letters to others	1847-1868, undated
Cheney, Mary A. (Bushnell)		
	Incoming correspondence regarding Horace Bushnell and her biography of him	
b. 1, f. 4	Allen, Alexander Viets Griswold	1901 February 4, 6
b. 1, f. 4	Bartol, Cyrus Augustus	1876 June 9-1879 August 15
b. 1, f. 4	Chesebrough, Amos Sheffield	1880 June 11- August 2
b. 1, f. 4	Egleston, N. H.	1878 October 30
b. 1, f. 4	Parker, Edwin Pond	1896 February 11
b. 1, f. 4	Patton, William W.	1880 July 7
b. 1, f. 4	Twichell, Joseph Hopkins	[187?] July 23
b. 1, f. 4	Cheney, Mrs. Frank	1891
b. 1, f. 5	Marriage ceremony used by Horace Bushnell [manuscript]	undated
b. 1, f. 6	Letter to H. B. from congregation and reply	1858
b. 1, f. 6	Fragment	1857-1858
b. 1, f. 7	Sermons and addresses	1831-1859, undated
b. 1, f. 8	Letter from A. Bullard	1847 September 28
b. 1, f. 9	Letter from Noah Porter to James Estes	undated

## **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.

### **Subjects**

Clergy  
Families  
Marriage service  
Religion -- 19th century

### **Geographic Names**

United States -- Religion

### **Names**

Bartol, C. A. (Cyrus Augustus), 1813-1900  
Bushnell, Horace, 1802-1876  
Cheney, Mary Bushnell, 1840-1917  
Chesebrough, Amos S. (Amos Sheffield),  
1813-1905  
Egleston, Nathaniel Hillyer, 1822-1912  
Parker, Edwin Pond, 1836-1920  
Patton, William, 1798-1879  
Twichell, Joseph Hopkins, 1838-1918