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## Collection Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
<b>Creator:</b>	Vassar College
<b>Title:</b>	Samuel L. Caldwell Scrapbook
<b>Inclusive Dates:</b>	1878-1885
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.5 cubic feet (1 scrapbook)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Scrapbook documenting Samuel L. Caldwell's tenure as president of Vassar College, primarily through event ephemera, notes, and letters.

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## Biographical Note

Samuel L. Caldwell was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts in 1820. After graduating from Waterville College (now Colby College) in 1839, Caldwell worked in academic administration before attending Newton Theological Seminary. After graduating from the seminary in 1845, Caldwell dedicated himself to ministry, preaching in Baptist churches in Virginia, Maine, and Rhode Island for fifteen years.

Caldwell became president of Vassar College on September 12, 1878. Like his two predecessors, he was a Baptist minister, but he lacked the experience of administering an institution of higher education. Over the years, he drew criticism from alumnae for not adequately fostering relations between the college and preparatory schools in order to secure a larger and stronger student population. Eventually, the Trustees were in agreement with this dissatisfaction. Caldwell resigned from the presidency in 1885, and J. Ryland Kendrick, another Baptist minister on the Board of Trustees, served as acting president until James Monroe Taylor was appointed president in 1886. Caldwell died in 1889.

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## Scope and Content Note

The collection contains one scrapbook documenting Samuel L. Caldwell's tenure as president of Vassar College, primarily through event ephemera, notes, and letters.

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## Access and Use

### Access

This collection is open for research according to the [regulations of the Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#) without any additional restrictions.

## Restrictions on Use

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## Related Material

- [The vast majority of materials documenting Samuel L. Caldwell's tenure as president of Vassar College are located in the Vassar College Archives Files collection. These materials include correspondence, reports, meeting minutes, and sermons.](#)

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## Subject Headings

### Names:

- Caldwell, Samuel L. (Samuel Lunt), 1820-1889

### Organizations:

- Vassar College--Presidents
- Vassar College--Students

### Subjects:

- Women's colleges--New York (State)--Poughkeepsie
- Women--Education

### Document Types:

- Scrapbooks

### VCL Categories:

- Vassar College Presidents

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## Encoding Information

Encoded by Emma Gronbeck, January 2023.

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## Administrative Information

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Processing Information**

Processed by Emma Gronbeck, January 2023.

### **Acquisition Information**

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