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Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

Melancthon Williams Jacobus

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Transferred from Western Theological Seminary.
Melancthon Williams Jacobus was born in Newark NJ on September 19, 1816. He attended the College of New Jersey (later Princeton), graduating in 1834. Theological study was pursued at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, from which Jacobus graduated in 1838. Honorary degrees were conferred: D.D. from Jefferson College (Washington and Jefferson) and an LL.D. from the College of New Jersey.

New York Presbytery ordained Mr. Jacobus in 1839 when he became pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, a position he held until 1851 when he came to Pittsburgh as pastor of Central (Fifth) Church. Western Theological Seminary called Dr. Jacobus as Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature and Exegesis, later Biblical Literature and Exegetical Theology and Biblical Literature and Exegetical Theology and Old Testament Literature and Exegetical Theology, covering the years of 1851-1876. In 1869 Dr. Jacobus was Moderator of General Assembly, the year when Old School and New School reunited after an earlier schism.

Dr. Jacobus is described in superlative terms as scholar, writer, orator, preacher and executive skills. Melancthon Jacobus died suddenly "mysteriously" in Allegheny PA on October 28, 1876.

The record of Melancthon Jacobus contains photographs of the subject, a memorial book of addresses and statements at the time of his death. There is a catechism, a pamphlet against "Romanism," and a volume of lectures. There are also several letters.
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In Memorium, addresses at time of Jacobus' death; MS "His Versatility," 2 photographs.

The Catechetical Question Book, Entered according to the Act of Congress...1856, by Melancthon W. Jacobus; A Plea for the Critical Study of the Scriptures against Romanism and Rationalism, Dr. Jacobus, April 12, 1852.

Lectures by Dr. Jacobus, 1859-1860-61,

Correspondence.

M. W. Jacobus to Samuel T. Lowrie, January 8, 1875; Jacobus to Philip Schaff, February 26, 1872; Jacobus to Philip Schaff, May 10, 1865.

Re: Dr. Jacobus death, October 28, 1876.

See central catalog for circulating materials.