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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 43

CREATOR: Avery, John, 1837-1887

TITLE: John Avery papers

DATES: 1867-1885

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Lectures and research notes on Indian civilization, religion and philology. Included also are lecture notes taken while he was studying in Berlin (1867-1868). Several of the lectures were prepared for presentation at meetings of the American Oriental Society.

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f. folder

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Biographical / Historical

B.A., Amherst, 1861; studied at Yale, 1863-1867; professor of Latin and Greek, Iowa College, Grinnell, 1870-1877; professor of Greek, Bowdoin, 1877-1887; steady contributor to the American Oriental Society.

Scope and Contents

The John Avery Papers consist of one box of lectures and research notes. John Avery was a philologist interested in the antiquities, ethnology, and philology of the ancient tribes of northern India. He was a graduate of Amherst in the class of 1861. From 1863-1867 he studied in Yale's graduate philology program under Professor Whitney. Upon graduation from Yale, Avery studied in Berlin and Tübingen; some of his lecture notes from this study in Germany are in the papers.

Avery was professor of Latin and later of Greek at Iowa College, Grinnell, 1870-77. In 1870, John Avery joined the American Oriental Society and was a steady contributor of papers until his death. Several of the lectures were prepared for presentation at the society's meetings. He served as professor of Greek, 1877-1887, at Bowdoin College and died shortly after his retirement.

Collection Contents

Lectures on:

b. 1, f. 1	Growth of civilization in India
	I. Physical conditions
	II. [missing]
	III. The Vedas and Vedic religion
	IV. Civil and social life in the Vedic Age
	V. The Sacerdotal Age and the Rise of Philosophy
b. 1, f. 2	Physical geography of India
	The Hill Tribes of India
	I. Tribes of the northeastern border
	II. Tribes of the northeastern border, cont'd
b. 1, f. 3	Philology of India
	Ethnic Groups of India
	Notes on language of the Lepchas of Sikkim
	The Khasi language
	The language of the Hill tribes of India
	Incomplete lecture on general linguistics
b. 1, f. 4	Religion in India
	Primitive religion in India
	Buddhism in India
	Hindu philosophy
	Protestant missions in India
	Fragment on Aryan religion
b. 1, f. 5	Wordsworth
	Education
b. 1, f. 6	Lectures and research notes on relative clauses in Sanskrit
b. 1, f. 7	Lectures and research notes on Sanskrit grammar
b. 1, f. 8	<i>Talavakara (Jaimmiya) Brahmana</i> (Part II) [Romanized]
b. 1, f. 9	<i>Talavakara Brahmana</i> (pp. 371-455) [Romanized]

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Berlin lecture notes

Bibliographic fragment

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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

Americans -- Germany
Linguistics

Geographic Names

Asia
India -- Civilization
India -- Languages
India -- Religion

Genres / Formats

Lectures

Occupations

Philologists

Names

Avery, John, 1837-1887