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### Abstract

Book of orations, compositions, disputes and other writings of Jonathan Brace, Jr., a Hartford, Connecticut, Presbyterian minister, while a student at Yale College (1827-1828) and Amherst College (1828-1831).

### Creator

Brace, J. (Jonathan), 1810-1877

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# Biographical / Historical

Jonathan Brace, Jr., son of Thomas K. and Lucy Mather Lee Brace, was born in Hartford County, Connecticut on June 12, 1810. He attended Yale College from 1827 to 1828 and graduated from Amherst Colleges in 1831. Around 1837, he married Sarah E. Finch (1818-1866); the couple had two daughters who survived to adulthood and a son who died in childhood. After studying for the ministry in Andover, New Haven, and Princeton, Brace became pastor of the Congregational Church at Litchfield, Connecticut, ca. 1838. After six years, he moved to New York City, where he served for a short time as pastor of Central Presbyterian Church before returning to Connecticut and serving as pastor of First Congregational Church at Milford for 18 years. During this time, he became editor of the *Religious Herald*, a position that he held until his death in Hartford, Connecticut on October 1, 1877. He was buried in Hartford's Old North Cemetery.

# Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a composition book belonging to Jonathan Brace, Jr., a Presbyterian minister of Hartford, Connecticut during the mid-19th century. The book, which dates from Brace's years as a student at Yale and Amherst (1827-1831), bears the title "Jonathan Brace Jr's Book: Containing Orations, Compositions, Disputes, &c." Included are Brace's debate positions on such questions as "Ought an Infidel to be Eligible to Office?" and "Are Capital Punishments Justifiable?" Also included are essays, such as "On Eminent Poets and Their Productions" and "On Chastity," and several oration texts, such as "The American Aboriginal."

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