

# **John George Replier McElroy lecture and literary notes**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	McElroy, John George Replier, 1842-1890
<b>Title</b>	John George Replier McElroy lecture and literary notes
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<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1867-1885
<b>Extent</b>	0.4 linear feet (1 box)
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	John George Replier McElroy (1842-1890), an alumnus of the University of Pennsylvania (class of 1862), is best known as a professor of Greek, History, and Rhetoric at his alma mater. This collection is primarily composed of lecture notes by John George Replier McElroy (1842-1890); however it also includes McElroy's notes on his readings of Chaucer and his manuscript of <i>Readings from the Electra of Socrates</i> .

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## Biography/History

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John George Replier McElroy (1842-1890) graduated second in his class at the University of Pennsylvania in 1862 and won several awards, including prizes in Greek and Latin. He taught in Philadelphia and Chicago before becoming an Assistant Professor of Greek and History at the University of Pennsylvania in 1869, a position which he held until 1876. Thereafter, he served as Professor of Rhetoric and English Language until his death in 1890. Professor McElroy was the author of *A System of Punctuation*(1878), *How to Tell the Parts of Speech* (1881), *The Structure of English Prose* (1885), among other books and articles.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection is primarily composed of lecture notes by John George Replier McElroy (1842-1890). The majority of these notes are for lectures dating between 1867 and 1873 on the English language, the study of language, and etymology. Miscellaneous lectures in folders 33-44 cover pedagogy, rhetoric, English literature, grammar, composition, and other aspects of writing and language. In addition to the lecture notes, this collection contains McElroy's notes on his readings of Chaucer and his manuscript of *Readings from the Electra of Socrates*.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### FORM/GENRE(S)

- Lecture notes
- Manuscripts (document genre)
- Notes

### SUBJECT(S)

- English language--Etymology--19th century
- English language--History
- English language--Rhetoric--Study and teaching--19th century
- Language and languages--Study and teaching

## Collection Inventory

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### OUTLINE OF LECTURES AND APPENDIX.

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Outline of lectures, undated.	1	1
Appendix to Pt. I.I, undated.	1	2

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### LECTURES 1869-70, ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND STUDY OF LANGUAGE.

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Outline/analysis of "Lecture X. The Nature and Origin of Language", 1869-1870.	1	9
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**LECTURES 1870-1871, ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ETYMOLOGY.**

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**LECTURES 1867-1868.**

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Lecture VI. Origin and History of the English Language, 1867-1868.	1	21
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**LECTURES 1872-1873.**

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Lecture II. On the Classification of Languages (includes outline), 1872-1873.	1	31
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**NOTES ON CHAUCER AND READINGS ON SOPHOCLES' ELECTRA.**

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Notes on Chaucer readings, 1885-.

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*Readings from the Electra of Sophocles, undated.*

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