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Pamphlet Collection Finding Aid
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**Rocky Nook School Publication: *The Leaflet*
Bulk dates: 1872-1875**

Pamphlet Collection, PC -9

1 Box (3 linear inches)

Historical Sketch: In the 1870s the town of Kingston had several public schools in various parts of town, each of which was presided over by one or two teachers. These included the High School, Town Grammar School, Rocky Nook School, North West School, Indian Pond School, Wapping School, Centre Primary School, and Stony Brook School. Attendance (in 1871) ranged from as few as nine pupils at North West to 61 at Centre Primary.

During the years that the *Leaflet* was produced, Emily Spring was the teacher at the Rocky Nook School. Approximately 35 to 40 pupils were enrolled at Rocky Nook (in 1871), and attendance was typically 85-88%.

Scope and Content Note: The *Leaflet* appears to have been produced as a student literary magazine, with brief essays being contributed by Rocky Nook students on topics such as “winter,” “fish,” “birds,” “minerals,” “Boston,” “United States,” etc. The last essay in each issue was by Emily Spring (the teacher and presumed editor). Each issue was produced on stationary-grade paper. The essays were hand written. Several different hands are noted, and accordingly it’s reasonable to suppose that each student penned in his own essay. Presumably only one copy of each issue was produced.

Box and Folder List:

Box	Folder	Item
1	1	<i>Leaflet</i> , June 12, 1872 V.3.4, p20.
	2	<i>Leaflet</i> , October 26, 1872 V.4.5, p24.
	3	<i>Leaflet</i> , June 6, 1873 V.5.4, p24.
	4	<i>Leaflet</i> , February 5, 1874 V.6.5, p28.
	5	<i>Leaflet</i> , May 12, 1874 V.8.3, p20.
	6	<i>Leaflet</i> , January 15, 1875 V.10.3, p20.

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