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SUMMARY

Size.	2 volumes
Geographic locations.	New Orleans, Louisiana
Inclusive dates.	1845-1846
Bulk dates.	N/A
Language.	English
Summary.	Diary of L. F. Tower, cotton broker in New Orleans, giving details of his life during the years 1845 and 1846.
Organization.	N/A
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Related collections.	N/A
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Luther Field Tower was a clerk for a New Orleans, Louisiana, cotton exchange. Presumably Tower was not a native Louisianan, as in his diary he refers to his relatives in Illinois, New England weather, and his desire to return home.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Daily accounts of local events are provided. Entries mention visitors prominent in state and national politics, the military, and the arts. Tower notes weather conditions; mail and steamer arrivals; civic, social, and political activities; local holidays (e.g., Mardi Gras); and cultural entertainment in the city. His attendance at the First Presbyterian Church in New Orleans explains his entries regarding the trial of Dr. W. A. Scott, the church's minister. Other Protestant ministers and their activities are also mentioned.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1845	<p><u>January.</u> Mentions I. A. Mabin, Rev. Mr. Stanton, Mr. Monroe, Dr. Kennedy, Alexander Dimitry, Rev. M. Nicholson (Methodist Church), Rev. Dr. Hawkes (St. Paul Church), Rev. Mr. Scott, Judge Watts, Rev. Mr. [Theodore] Clapp (Unitarian), Rev. C. K. Marshall (Methodist), and Rev. I. F. Hinton. Also mentions Sacred Heart Music Society (Dr. Clapp's church) and vocalist Henry Phillips' first concert.</p> <p><u>February.</u> Captain Pease, Professor Silliman (Geology), Rev. Dr. Rice (Princeton), and E. H. Wailes. Mentions Mardi Gras (February 4), the burning of the steamer <i>Pathfinder</i>, and violinist Old Bull.</p> <p><u>March.</u> Duel between Judge Leonard and (?); funeral, military and Masonic honors. Judge I. W. Collins. Mentions the Mexican Gulf Railroad.</p> <p><u>April.</u> Dr. Stockbridge (Woodville), ordination of Rev. Beatty (Presbyterian Church); Mr. Hawkins, Baltimore Washingtonians on Temperance at Mr. Clapp's church. Ex-president Sam Houston on their way to the Hermitage.</p> <p><u>June.</u> Funeral of Andrew Jackson, river stages, people leaving town; weather; steamers, mail, sermons, civic celebrations, yellow fever; General Gaines' request for 2,000 men from Louisiana; General Taylor – position strong.</p> <p><u>September.</u> Honorable J. C. Calhoun, reception; American Theatre opened for the season; Mr. Clapp of St. Paul's Church.</p> <p><u>November.</u> Dr. Scott's trial.</p> <p><u>December.</u> Thanksgiving Day, January 15th. Mention of,</p>
1846	<p><u>January.</u> Thanksgiving Day, no notice taken by the Catholics; Dr. Hamilton of Mobile, People's Lyceum; and Odd Fellow's dedication.</p> <p><u>February.</u> Templeton, concert.</p> <p><u>March.</u> Professor Bronsen, lecture.</p> <p><u>April.</u> Dr. Meyers, first concert "greatest pianist in the Country."</p> <p><u>May.</u> General Taylor; patriotic meeting, reports about war, volunteers; concert, harp and piano.</p> <p><u>October.</u> Sivori, the "greatest" violinist, first concert.</p> <p><u>November.</u> All Saint's Day; New Orleans Sacred Music Society</p>

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