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53 boxes, 1 vol., 22 lin. feet**

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Abstract

Albert J. Edmunds was born in England in 1857 and immigrated to the United States in 1885. He attended Friend's school as a child and graduated from the University of London in 1877. Upon settling in the Philadelphia area, Edmunds became a librarian at Haverford College. After a short time at the Philadelphia Library, Edmunds joined the staff at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in 1891 and remained there until 1936. At an early age Edmunds, who never married, devoted his life to vegetarianism and academia. Throughout his life, Edmunds studied and wrote about Christianity and Buddhism in particular and religion in general and was the author of several published works. In addition to these scholarly pursuits, he was also a prolific poet, writing hundreds of poems and publishing a book of poetry in 1906 *Fairmount Park and Other Poems*. Edmunds died in 1941.

This collection contains the papers and published works Edmunds collected throughout his life. The papers include correspondence, invitations, and greeting cards. There is a series of his religious and general writings, as well as his poems. In addition to these papers are diaries and notebooks dating from 1871 through the 1930s. The diaries and correspondence are particularly rich and describe Edmunds's daily life, his dreams, and his philosophical proclivities.

Background note

Albert J. Edmunds was born in England in Tottenham, a country village in Middlesex, England, on November 21, 1857, to Thomas and Rebecca (Hallat) Edmunds. He was the first of thirteen children. Thomas was in poor health and in 1876 he moved the family to Essex where he took a grocery and drapery business. The relocation did not cure Thomas and he died four years later in 1880. In 1903 Rebecca moved to Kings Lynn, where she died in 1926.

His family belonged to the Society of Friends and Albert attended Croyden Friends Boarding School (1867-1873) and taught there intermittently until 1879. In 1874, Edmunds attended the Flounder's Institute in Yorkshire, and graduated from the

University of London in 1877. He began his career as the secretary to astronomer T.W. Blackhouse from 1879 to 1883. In 1885 he immigrated to the United States, where he became an assistant librarian at Haverford College from 1887 to 1889. He worked at the Philadelphia Library from 1889 to 1890 and was the cataloger for the Historical Society of Pennsylvania from 1891 to 1936.

Throughout his life, Edmunds was a prolific writer. At an early age he began writing a series of diaries that he continued for sixty years. In addition to his journal-keeping, he also studied and wrote about religion. He was an accomplished scholar and published several books and articles that were sold around the globe. Edmunds' primary subject was a comparison of Buddhist and Christian texts, particularly the gospels. His most popular work was his acclaimed *Buddhist and Christian Gospels* (1900) in which he translated Pali texts and compared them to Christian gospels. Other religious works include: *Buddhist Texts in John* (1906), *A Dialogue Between Two Saviors* (1908), and *Leaves From the Gospel of Mark* (1936). This last work incorporated his groundbreaking study of ancient Armenian translations of New Testament verses that had been protected and preserved for centuries. In addition to these religious works, Edmunds wrote hundreds of poems throughout his life, some of which were published in 1906 in *Fairmont Park and Other Poems*. He also published a book about his sister Lucy after she died entitled *Lucy Edmunds in the Two Worlds*.

Scope & content

The collection contains a broad array of materials collected by Albert Edmunds throughout his life. Personal items are included, as are writings and other documents of professional interest. The personal materials include diaries, poems, notes, and correspondence with his family and women he courted. The professional material, largely of an academic nature, includes his writings and notes on religion, as well as the books and articles he collected on the subject.

The first series (*Correspondence*) primarily contains incoming letters; however, there are some letters in the series that were penned by Edmunds. Edmunds received frequent letters from his sisters back home in England until their deaths. Most of the letters were from acquaintances either writing a friendly greeting or to discuss religious matters.

Diaries provide a chronicle of Edmunds's daily life from 1871 to 1931. In addition, they provide penetrating insight into his inner world. In them, he occasionally alluded to certain thoughts and actions that were questioned by others, as well as his own conscience. The diaries are related to some of his general writings and notes. He discontinued writing his diary entries in 1931, but continued to record his thoughts on loose sheets of paper.

In addition to the journal-like writings, series 3 contains Edmunds's general and academic writings, poems, and notes. The academic writings pertain mostly to religion and include his published works such as *Buddhist and Christian Gospels*. Edmunds also wrote hundreds of poems that range in size from several lines to several pages. Most of these works concern religion, but scattered throughout are poems about girls, society,

war, and everyday thoughts. Lastly, the series contains a multitude of notes Edmunds wrote. Most of these are just a few lines written on small pieces of paper and relate to his religious works and his philosophical beliefs.

Series 5 relates to Benjamin Smith Lyman who corresponded with Edmunds late in the nineteenth century. Lyman was an engineer who lived in Japan for nearly ten years and became an authority on Japanese customs and religion. The series contains Lyman's correspondence, miscellaneous papers, and a draft of his volume *Vegetarian Diet and Dishes*.

The miscellaneous series contains four subseries of Albert J. Edmunds related materials. The first subseries contains letters, bills, receipts and order forms from various publishers, bookstores, and libraries from around world concerning Edmunds' books and published material. The second subseries contain three boxes of greeting cards Edmunds received from family and friends throughout his life. The miscellaneous subseries contains receipts, invitations, announcements, and other various papers Edmunds collected. Many of the receipts are for money that he sent to his sister Lucy in England, most of which are found from 1934 and 1935. The newspaper clippings subseries consists of several boxes of clippings Edmunds collected concerning religion, ghosts, vegetarianism, and various additional topics.

The final series in the collection is comprised of photographs.

Overview of arrangement

Series I	Correspondence, 1861-1941	14 boxes
Series II	Diaries, 1871-1931	5 boxes
Series III	Writings and notes, 1879-1935, n.d. <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. General writings, n.d.b. Religious writings, 1914-1935, n.d.c. Poems, 1879-1927, n.d.d. Notes, 1890-1917, n.d.	16 boxes
Series IV	Published and printed materials, 1898-1941	4 boxes
Series V	Benjamin Smith Lyman, 1844-1935	2 boxes
Series VI	Miscellaneous, 1871-1941, n.d. <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Publishing documents, 1893-1939b. Greeting cards, 1871-1941, n.d.c. Miscellaneous, 1876-1941, n.d.d. Newspaper clippings, 1904-1939, n.d.	11 boxes
Series VII	Photographs, ca. 1870-1940	1 box

Series description

Series 1. Correspondence, 1861-1941 (Boxes 1-14)

This series contains the correspondence of Albert Edmunds. The majority of these papers are incoming letters from family and friends. There are only intermittent outgoing letters from him. The earliest letters he received are from family members while he was away at school. The bulk of the letters are from 1900 through the 1930s.

Many of the letters from this period are from two of Edmunds's sisters, Lucy and Katie; his mother; and his niece Edith. Other family members wrote to Edmunds as well, including a brother, a nephew, and cousins. While most of these letters are chronologically arranged throughout the series, there are a few folders that specifically contain family letters. Aside from a few family members, Edmunds had only a few people with whom he corresponded on a regular basis. One of these people was religious scholar Benjamin Smith Lyman another was Emma Eckel. Series 5 contains Smith's correspondence with Edmunds as well as his correspondence with other people and his writings.

Other correspondents include Buddhist theorists such as Masaharu Anesaki. Edmunds was a well respected scholar of Buddhism and correspondence includes testimony and comparison of theories.

Emma Eckel corresponded with Edmunds from 1909 to 1915. Eckel was living in Alsace when the two began their correspondence. The letters indicate that the two were romantically involved, but that Eckel declined Edmunds's marriage proposal. Despite her retreat from Edmunds romantically, the two remained close for several years. In her letters to Albert, Emma stated the reasons why she would not marry him. See Series 2 for diary entries regarding their relationship; in the diaries he provided details of his life and relationships that do not appear in the letters.

Edmunds corresponded with a woman named Jane through the 1930s, but it was his sisters Lucy and Kate who wrote to him most often. Lucy and Kate remained in England and wrote to Albert quite frequently. Mostly they wrote to update him on the health and well being of family members and friends. They told him of their comings and goings, thanked him for money he sent, and wrote sisterly advice concerning his life. In addition to family and occasional friends, Edmunds received mail from his publishers and various booksellers from around the globe.

Series 2. Diaries, 1871-1931 (Boxes 15-19)

For most of his life Albert Edmunds wrote notes about his daily life, his thoughts, and his dreams. This series contains 91 numbered volumes that chronicle the life of Edmunds. [Number 89 is not extant.] This series begins with entries while attending Croyden in 1871 and continues through 1931. Edmunds wrote that some of his early entries were lost to an unscrupulous schoolmistress and that he intentionally destroyed other entries himself because they revealed thoughts he decided to keep to himself. The years 1885 to 1889 are only mentioned on one page at the end of the 1884 volume. It is unclear if this is all he entered for these years or if additional

volumes are missing. It is clear that Edmunds re-read his own diaries. Throughout the volumes there is additional commentary to the original entries dated years later.

The majority of the entries are comprised of only a few lines filling in the basic event of his day, such as these from January 1912: January 24: "Over Hyslop's 1912 report," January 25: "Funeral of Victor Muller. Took white roses and an orchid." The entry from the 26th, however, is seven pages long and describes a dream, who he visited, his thoughts concerning an entry he read in *Proceedings of the American Society Psychical Research* in 1910, his work day wherein he cataloged a reference to glass-blowing at the Centennial in 1876, and of his evening with Solomon Cohen.

Not all of Edmunds's entries were mere descriptions of his day. Throughout his diaries, Edmunds wrote about his thoughts on religion, diet, and various people. He also wrote about himself. These entries provide insight into Edmunds' innermost thoughts and feelings. In the late 1870s, he declared that he would abstain from sexual relations. As an alternative he remained on a vegetarian diet and chose to befriend young children, claiming that their innocence would keep his spirit clean. Throughout his diaries, Edmunds wrote about spending time with various children, including trips to the zoo, walks to school, and sitting out on the steps. He also wrote about the dynamics of his relationships with various girls and referred to those who displeased him as "little beast" "monster" and "wretched." Edmunds's fondness of children roused the suspicions of some parents who prohibited their children from seeing him. Other parents, as his entries illustrate, welcomed him into their homes.

Edmunds's diaries end purposefully and abruptly. On February 13, 1932, Albert's entry was as follows: "Heard or saw: 'The late A.J. Edmunds' END OF MY DIARY: 1871-1932.'" After sixty years of writing and for no apparent reason, Edmunds abandoned his near daily routine of logging in the events and thoughts of his days. Although he no longer wrote in a diary, he did continue to write his personal and academic thoughts. These writings can be found in series 3.

Series 3. Writings and notes, 1879-1935, n.d. (Boxes 20-30, 48-52)

a. General writings, n.d.

Albert Edmunds was a prolific writer having had published several books and articles mostly concerning religion. When not engaged in his academic writings, Edmunds wrote short pieces about a wide range of subjects from thoughts on the American Revolution to interpretations of his dreams. In addition, he wrote many short stories.

Most of the writings in this series are only a page or two in length, and they were not kept in any discernible order. Some of these writings concern religion and should be considered when viewing the materials from the *Religious Writings* subseries. Mixed in are some poems and works that appear poetic. These should be considered when viewing the *Poems* subseries. Additional writings read as though they were journal entries, but for what ever reason were not recorded in any of Edmunds's diaries.

These writings, like the diaries, provide insight into the mind and character of their author. They tell of his personal life including his vegetarianism, spirituality, family, and relationships. They also shed light on his feelings towards his fellow man and the industrial age. He wrote in the 1920s of his disdain toward “devil carriages” after a young friend was stuck and killed by a car. Edmunds relished the past and attempted to live as simply as he could.

Despite the length of time he spend working at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Edmunds wrote little concerning his place of employment. What he did write illustrated contempt toward those of high society who he referred to as “non-cusses,” “pedigree mongers,” and “colonial dames,” a term he used pejoratively.

b. Religious writings, 1914-1935, n.d.

Edmunds was extremely devoted to his religious studies. It was also in this area that he was most accomplished, having published several books and articles on the subject. He was most noted for his comparative work of the Christian and Buddhist texts. This subseries includes drafts of some of his published works as well as extensive writings on Buddhism and Christianity. Edmunds uncovered an ancient Armenian translation of the gospels which he wrote about and compared with other versions the writings of which are also contained in this subseries. Among his unpublished drafts included in the subseries are: the Life of Jesus, Un-canonical Parallels, Armenian Tenacity, Virgin Birth, and Mary and Upali.

In addition to his strong interest in Buddhism and Christianity, Edmunds was strongly affected by the works of Emanuel Swedenborg. Many of his writings in this subseries are influenced by Swedenborg and he often cites him as the greatest religious mind. He honors him so in his work Buddha, Christ, and Swednenborg.

c. Poems, 1879-1927, n.d.

In addition to his academic religious writings, Albert Edmunds wrote a considerable number of poems, some of which were published in his book *Fairmount Park and Other Poems* (1906). Most of his poems were comprised of around four verses on average, but some ran for several pages. His usual topics were religion and girls, but he also wrote about his thoughts concerning the world around him. One folder contains several poems Edmunds wrote to Richard Hodgson. Hodgson co-authored a book with Frederick Myers, whom Edmunds held in the highest esteem and ranked among his greatest religious minds along with Christ, Buddha, and Sewdenborg. Despite the large number of poems he penned, he only published those found in *Fairmount Park*. Even though this subseries is devoted to Edmunds’ poetry, his poems can be found throughout the collection. Throughout his diaries in series 2, Edmunds wrote poems. Poems can also be found in the General Writings and Religious Writings subseries. In addition to the folders of Edmunds’ unbound poems, a box contains over twenty notebooks of his poetic writings, a copy of his published *Fairmount park and Other Poems*, and a scrapbook collection of printed poems, and

d. Notes, 1890-1917, n.d.

Throughout the collection were Albert's scribbled and jotted notes that range from the nonsensical and whimsical to penetrating philosophical ideas. He wrote these notes most often on small pieces of paper, but occasionally larger sheets. Many of the notes were written in shorthand. Others were written in an indiscernible language; perhaps Pali since Edmunds mentions the language elsewhere in his writings. It is possible that this is a transcribed version of the language. At times, Edmunds switched between English and this other language within the same notes and used this language in some of his letters as well. Several of the folders contain religious notes exclusively, however such notes are found in other folders as well.

Series 4. Published and printed materials, 1898-1941 (Boxes 31-34, 44)

This series contains Edmunds's published works, as well as other printed materials he collected. The first box contains copies of his *Buddhist and Christian Gospels* and *Buddhist Texts in John*. It also contains numerous booklets and articles he wrote, mostly concerning his religious studies. One box contains numerous newsletters, articles, and loose papers relating to Edmunds's interests. Other boxes contain various printed material, again mostly concerning religious studies, including the *Buddhist Tripitaka*, the first two editions of Buddhism Illustrated Quarterly Review from 1903, and, not related to religion a copy of the souvenir book from the 1898 Philadelphia Peace Jubilee. In addition to Edmunds's writings, this series also contains published works by religious scholar Rendel Harris. Among those included in this collection are *The Diatessaron of Tatian*, 1894; *St. Paul and Greek Literature*, 1927; *Jesus and Osiris*, 1927; and *Eucharistic Origins*, 1927.

Series 5. Benjamin Smith Lyman, 1844-1935 (Boxes 35-36)

Benjamin Smith Lyman was a mining engineer born in Massachusetts in 1835. Throughout the 1870s he lived in Japan and was renowned as an expert on the Japanese empire. It is unclear how he and Edmunds became acquainted, but the two formed a friendship and corresponded with one another on various matters including religion. This subseries contains more than two boxes of Lyman's papers that Edmunds acquired. One box contains Lyman's correspondence, including Edmunds. The second box contains a typed draft of Lyman's 1909 book *Vegetarian: Diet and Dishes*. The remaining folders contain miscellaneous papers including invitations, announcements, and acknowledgements.

Series 6. Miscellaneous, 1871-1941, n.d. (Boxes 37-47)

a. Publishing documents, 1893-1939

This subseries contains order forms, receipts, bills, and other papers related to the publishing companies and bookstores Edmunds dealt with. The subseries also consists of acknowledgements, thank-you notes, and order forms from libraries from throughout the world. Edmunds's books were sent to various university libraries in the United States, as well as in Europe, Asia, and South America.

b. Greeting cards, 1871-1941, n.d.

Edmunds received hundreds of greeting cards from family and friends throughout his life. The first box of this subseries contains several envelopes of cards that were arranged in chronological order from 1871 to 1920. The cards in the remaining boxes are only loosely organized and range in date from the 1800s through 1941. The majority of the cards are birthday and Christmas greetings, however other cards were sent to him for no other reason than to say hello.

c. Miscellaneous, 1876-1941, n.d.

Included in this subseries is a folder of material concerning Edmunds family information such as family trees, biographical sketches, and various notes. Another folder contains Edmunds' school papers and letters from 1857 to 1877. This subseries also contains receipts, invitations, announcements, and other various papers Edmunds collected. Many of the receipts are for money that he sent to his sister Lucy in England, most of which are found from 1934 and 1935 and contain small notes on them. There are also postcards and letters from the Abbingdon Society of Friends as well nineteen issues of *The Havorfordian*, a monthly publication devoted to undergraduate literary works and discussions of college life.

d. Newspaper clippings, 1904-1939, n.d.

This subseries contains the newspaper clippings Edmunds collected throughout his life. He collected clippings on religion, but he also save clippings on a wide array of less obvious subjects including ghosts, haunted houses, technology, and phrenology. In addition to these subjects, there are clippings about various people. The majority of the clippings are from local newspapers, but friends and family sent him clippings from England and throughout the United States.

Series 7. Photographs, ca. 1870-1940 (Box 53)

This series contains the photographs Edmunds collected throughout his life. There are some family photographs, as well as many pictures of friends and acquaintances, including Emma Eckel and many of the children that Edmunds befriended. There are also some other images of buildings and landscapes.

Separation report

None.

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Subjects

Buddhism – Study and teaching
Christianity – Study and teaching
Courtship
Dream interpretation
Eccentrics and eccentricities – 20th century
Librarians – Social life and customs
New Jerusalem Church
Philadelphia (Pa.) – Social life and customs
Poetry – 20th century
Religion – Study and teaching
Single men – Social life and customs
Society of Friends
Spiritualism
Vegetarianism

Anesaki, Masaharu, 1873-1949
Edmunds, Albert J. (Albert Joseph), 1857-1941
Harris, J. Rendel (James Rendel), 1852-1941
Lyman, Benjamin Smith, 1835-1920
Myers, Frederick

Administrative Information

Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Acquisition information

Gift of Albert J. Edmunds.

Alternative format

None.

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Processing note

Several items were cleaned for mold. Crumbling correspondence was preservation photocopied.

A portion of this collection was previously know as Collection 1576. "Dream Voices" (box 19) was formerly part of Collection 188 and had the call number Am .0613. "Soteriology" (box 28, folder 15) was also part of Collection 188 and had the call number Am .1297. "Reunion of Orthodox and Hicksites" (box 27, folder 17) was formerly part of Collection 1880 and had the call number Am .702.

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Box and folder listing

Series 1. Correspondence.

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Correspondence	1861-1860	1	1
Correspondence	1881-1890	1	2
Correspondence	1891-1895	1	3
Correspondence	1896-1900	1	4
Correspondence	1901	1	5
Correspondence	1902	1	6
Correspondence	1903	1	7
Correspondence	January-June 1904	1	8
Correspondence	July-December 1904	1	9
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Correspondence	January-June 1906	1	11
Correspondence	July-December 1906	1	12
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Correspondence	August-December 1907	1	14
Correspondence	January-June 1908	1	15
Correspondence	July-December 1908	1	16
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Correspondence	May-July 1909	2	3
Correspondence	August-September 1909	2	4
Correspondence	October-December 1909	2	5
Correspondence	January-February 1910	2	6
Correspondence	March-June 1910	2	7
Correspondence	July-September 1910	2	8
Correspondence	October-December 1910	2	9
Correspondence, Emma Eckel	1910	2	10
Correspondence	January-July 1911	2	11
Correspondence	August-December 1911	2	12
Correspondence	January-April 1912	2	13
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Lucy Edmunds	n.d.	13	15
Montgomery, Shillston	1883-1886	13	16
Samuels' family	n.d.	14	1
Maurice Brix	1911-1927	14	2
Rhys Davids	1897-1931	14	3
Others	n.d.	14	4
Correspondence	n.d.	14	5
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Correspondence	n.d.	14	8
Correspondence	n.d.	14	9
Correspondence	n.d.	14	10
Correspondence	n.d.	14	11
Correspondence	n.d.	14	12
Correspondence	n.d.	14	13
Postcards	1909-1924. n.d.	14	14
Postcards	1935-1936	14	15
Outgoing	1923-1941	14	16
Miscellaneous	n.d.	14	17
Fragile	n.d.	14	18

Series 2. Diaries

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Diaries	1872-1889	15	
Diaries	1889-1909	16	
Diaries	1909-1917	17	
Diaries	1917-1922	18	
Diaries	1923-1931	19	
"Dream Voices"	1910-1918	19	

Series 3. Writings and notes. a. General writings

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
General	n.d.	20	1
General	n.d.	20	2
General	n.d.	20	3
General	n.d.	20	4
General	n.d.	20	5
General	n.d.	20	6
General	n.d.	20	7
General	n.d.	20	8
General	n.d.	20	9
General	n.d.	20	10
General	n.d.	20	11
General	n.d.	20	12
General	n.d.	20	13
General	n.d.	20	14
General	n.d.	20	15
General (Coal Mine)	n.d.	20	16
General	n.d.	21	1
General	n.d.	21	2
General	n.d.	21	3
Autobiographical	n.d.	21	4
Autobiographical	n.d.	21	5

Series 3. Writings and notes. b. Religious writings and notes

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Religious writings	n.d.	21	6
Religious writings	n.d.	21	7
Religious writings	n.d.	21	8
Religious writings	n.d.	21	9
Religious writings	n.d.	21	10
Religious writings	n.d.	21	11
Religious writings	n.d.	21	12
Religious writings	n.d.	21	13
Religious writings	n.d.	22	1
Religious writings	n.d.	22	2
Religious writings	n.d.	22	3
Religious writings	n.d.	22	4
Religious writings	n.d.	22	5
Religious writings	n.d.	22	6
Religious writings	n.d.	22	7
Religious writings	n.d.	22	8

Religious writings	n.d.	22	9
Lecture I	1914	22	10
Lecture II	1914	22	11
Lecture III	1914	22	12
Additional lecture notes	1914	22	13
Religious writings	n.d.	23	1
Religious writings	n.d.	23	2
Religious writings	n.d.	23	3
Religious writings	n.d.	23	4
Religious writings	n.d.	23	5
Religious writings	n.d.	23	6
Religious writings	n.d.	23	7
Religious writings	n.d.	23	8
Religious writings	n.d.	23	9
Religious writings	n.d.	23	10
Religious writings	n.d.	24	1
Religious writings	n.d.	24	2
Religious writings	n.d.	24	3
Religious writings	n.d.	24	4
Religious writings	n.d.	24	5
Religious writings	n.d.	24	6
Religious writings	n.d.	24	7
Religious writings	n.d.	24	8
Religious writings	n.d.	24	9
Religious writings	n.d.	24	10
Religious writings	n.d.	24	11
Religious writings	n.d.	25	1
Religious writings	n.d.	25	2
Religious writings	n.d.	25	3
Religious writings	n.d.	25	4
Religious writings	n.d.	25	5
Religious writings	n.d.	25	6
Religious writings	n.d.	25	7
Religious writings	n.d.	25	8
Religious writings	n.d.	25	9
Religious writings	n.d.	26	1
Religious writings	n.d.	26	2
Religious writings	n.d.	26	3
Religious writings	n.d.	26	4
Religious writings	n.d.	26	5
Religious writings	n.d.	26	6
Religious writings	n.d.	26	7
Religious writings	n.d.	26	8
Religious writings	n.d.	27	1

Religious writings	n.d.	27	2
Religious writings	n.d.	27	3
Religious writings	n.d.	27	4
Religious writings	n.d.	27	5
Religious writings	n.d.	27	6
Religious writings	n.d.	27	7
Religious writings	n.d.	27	8
Myers, Swedenborg, and Buddha I	n.d.	27	9
Myers, Swedenborg, and Buddha II	n.d.	27	10
Religious writings	n.d.	27	11
Religious writings	n.d.	27	12
Religious writings	n.d.	27	13
Religious writings	n.d.	27	14
Buddhist lecture I	n.d.	27	15
Buddhist lecture II	n.d.	27	16
Reunion of Orthodox and Hicksites	1916	27	17
Religious writings	n.d.	28	1
Religious writings	n.d.	28	2
Religious writings	1931, 1935, n.d.	28	3
Religious writings and notes	n.d.	28	4
Religious writings and notes	n.d.	28	5

Series 3. Writings and notes. c. Poems

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Poems	n.d.	28	6
Poems	n.d.	28	7
Poems	n.d.	28	8
Poems	n.d.	28	9
Poems to Richard Hodgson	1887-1888	28	10
Poems	n.d.	28	11
Poems	n.d.	28	12
Poems	n.d.	28	13
Poems	n.d.	28	14
"Soteriology" by Eliot Robinson and other poems	1910	28	15
Poems	1879-1927	29	

Series 3. Writings and notes. d. Notes

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Notes	n.d.	28	16
Notes	n.d.	28	17
Notes	n.d.	28	18
Notes- religious	n.d.	30	1
Notes- religious	n.d.	30	2
Notes- religious	n.d.	30	3
Notes- religious	n.d.	30	4
Notes	n.d.	30	5
Notes	n.d.	30	6
Notes	n.d.	30	7
Notes	n.d.	30	8
Notes	n.d.	30	9
Notes	n.d.	30	10
Notes	n.d.	30	11
Notes	n.d.	30	12
Notes	n.d.	30	13
Notes	n.d.	30	14
Notes	n.d.	30	15
Notes	n.d.	30	16
Commonplace books	1890-1917	48	
Commonplace book	n.d.	Vol. 1	
Notebooks	n.d.	49	
Notebooks	n.d.	50	
Notebooks	n.d.	51	
Notebooks & scrapbook	n.d.	52	

Series 4. Published and printed material.

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Published books and articles	1891-1928	31	
Printed materials	1914-1922	32	1
Printed materials	1923-1926	32	2
Printed materials	1927-1929	32	3
Printed materials	1930-1932	32	4
Printed materials	1933-1935	32	5
Printed materials	1936	32	6

Printed materials	1936-1937	32	7
Printed materials	1938-1939	32	8
Printed materials	1940-1941	32	9
Printed materials	n.d.	32	10
Printed materials	1911-1935	33	1
Printed materials	1901, 1925-1928	33	2
Printed materials	1904-1939	33	3
Printed materials	1901-1926	33	4
Printed materials	1909-1932	33	5
Printed materials	1876, 1898	33	6
Religious	1906, 1923	34	1
Religious	1924-1938, n.d.	34	2
Religious	1905-1932	34	3
Religious	1919	34	4
Religious	1921-1932, n.d.	34	5
Religious	n.d.	34	6
Religious	n.d.	34	7
Rendel Harris' religious writings	1926-1938, n.d.	34	8
Miscellaneous	n.d.	44	1
Miscellaneous	n.d.	44	2
Miscellaneous	n.d.	44	3
Miscellaneous	n.d.	44	4

Series 5. Benjamin Smith Lyman.

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Correspondence	1844-1875	35	1
Correspondence	1876	35	2
Correspondence	1877	35	3
Correspondence	1878-1879	35	4
Correspondence	1880-1890	35	5
Correspondence	1891-1904	35	6
Correspondence	1912-1935	35	7
Incoming	1905-1911	35	8
Correspondence	n.d.	35	9
Calcutta letters	1874-1884	35	10
Vegetarianism and dishes	1911	35	11
Vegetarianism and dishes	1911	35	12
Vegetarianism and dishes	1911	35	13

Vegetarianism and dishes	1911	35	14
Vegetarianism and dishes	1911	35	15
Vegetarianism and dishes	1911	36	1
Vegetarianism and dishes	1911	36	2
Vegetarianism and dishes	1911	36	3
Printed papers	1865-1916	36	4
Printed papers	1865-1916	36	5
Printed papers	1865-1916	36	6
Printed papers	1865-1916	36	7
Printed papers	1865-1916	36	8
Printed papers	1865-1916	36	9
Printed papers	1865-1916	36	10
Printed papers	1865-1916	36	11
Printed papers	1865-1916	36	12

Series 6. Miscellaneous. a. Publishers and book related

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Publishers and book related	1893-1909	37	1
Publishers and book related	1907-1910	37	2
Publishers and book related	1910-1919	37	3
Publishers and book related	1910-1919	37	4
Publishers and book related	1911-1912	37	5
Publishers and book related	1913	37	6
Publishers and book related	1914	37	7
Publishers and book related	1915	37	8
Publishers and book related	1916	37	9
Publishers and book related	January-September 1917	37	10
Publishers and book related	October-December 1917	37	11
Publishers and book related	1918	37	12
Publishers and book related	1919	38	1
Publishers and book related	1920-1929	38	2
Publishers and book related	1920-1929	38	3
Publishers and book related	1920-1929	38	4
Publishers and book related	1920-1929	38	5
Publishers and book related	1920-1929	38	6
Publishers and book related	1920	38	7
Publishers and book related	1921	38	8

Publishers and book related	1922-1923	38	9
Publishers and book related	1924-1926	38	10
Publishers and book related	1927-1928	38	11
Publishers and book related	1929-1930	38	12
Publishers and book related	1930-1939	38	13
Publishers and book related	1930-1939	38	14
Publishers and book related	1930-1939	38	15
Publishers and book related	1930-1939	39	1
Publishers and book related	1931-1932	39	2
Publishers and book related	1933-1935	39	3
Publishers and book related	1936-1937	39	4
Publishers and book related	1938-1939	39	5
Book order forms	n.d.	39	6

Series 6. Miscellaneous. b. Greeting cards

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Greeting cards	1871-1921, n.d.	40	
Greeting cards	1921-1938, n.d.	41	
Greeting cards	1929-1940, n.d.	42	

Series 6. Miscellaneous. c. Miscellaneous

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Edmunds family information	1920-1932, n.d.	39	7
School papers and letters	1857-1877	39	8
Oriental club minutes	1905-1906	39	9
Papers	1876-1888	39	10
Papers	1897-1909	39	11
Papers	1911-1918	39	12
Papers	1919-1927	39	13
Papers	1929-1931	39	14
Papers	1931-1933	43	1
Papers	1934-1935	43	2
Papers	1936-1941	43	3
Papers	n.d.	43	4
Papers	n.d.	43	5
Bibliographic cards	n.d.	43	6
Miscellaneous	n.d.	44	5
Miscellaneous	n.d.	44	6
Miscellaneous	n.d.	44	7

Miscellaneous	n.d.	44	8
Miscellaneous	n.d.	44	9
Miscellaneous	n.d.	45	1
Miscellaneous	n.d.	45	2
Miscellaneous	n.d.	45	3
Miscellaneous	n.d.	45	4
Miscellaneous	n.d.	45	5
Miscellaneous	n.d.	45	6
Blank postcards	n.d.	45	7
<i>The Haverfordian</i>	1921-1930	46	

Series 6. Miscellaneous. d. Newspaper clippings

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Newspaper Clippings	1904-1918	47	1
Newspaper Clippings	1920-1922	47	2
Newspaper Clippings	1923	47	3
Newspaper Clippings	1924-1925	47	4
Newspaper Clippings	1926-1927	47	5
Newspaper Clippings	1928-1929	47	6
Newspaper Clippings	1930-1931	47	7
Newspaper Clippings	1932-1933	47	8
Newspaper Clippings	1934	47	9
Newspaper Clippings	1935	47	10
Newspaper Clippings	1936-1937	47	11
Newspaper Clippings	1938	47	12
Newspaper Clippings	1939	47	13
Newspaper Clippings	n.d.	47	14
Newspaper Clippings	n.d.	47	15
Newspaper Clippings	n.d.	47	16
Newspaper Clippings- portraits	n.d.	47	17

Series 7. Photographs.

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Photographs	ca. 1870-1940	53	