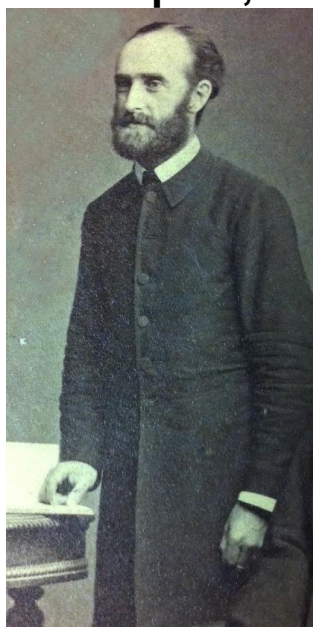


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Clark P. Hard Papers, 1863 – 1923



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Summary Information

Creator: Clark P. Hard, 1845 – 1925
Title: Clark P. Hard Papers
Inclusive dates: 1863 – 1923
Abstract: Methodist Episcopal missionary in South India beginning in 1874. Collection contains correspondence, diaries, photographs, scrapbooks and personal items relating to Hard's life.
Size: 5 boxes and 1 Folder in OS Box, 2.25 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
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Administrative Information

- Provenance:** Originally part of the independent Missionary Research Library, these records were moved with the MRL to the Brown Memorial Tower of Union Theological Seminary in 1929. In 1976 the records were accessioned to the Burke Library archives with the closure of the MRL.
- Access:** Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to burkearchives@library.columbia.edu, or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. Burke Library staff is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
- Access Restrictions:** The collection is unrestricted to readers. Certain materials, however, are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying.
- Preferred Citation:** Item description, MRL 3: Clark P. Hard Papers, series #, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

Biography

Clark Pettingill Hard was born August 12, 1846 in Ogden, New York to Amos and Elizabeth Hard. He graduated first from Genesee College, now Syracuse University, in 1865 and again in 1868 with a master's degree; he also studied at Garrett Biblical Institute in 1867. During this time, Clark worked as a local preacher in the United States for ten years.

Hard arrived in India on December 18, 1874 becoming presiding elder of the Madras District, South India Conference, until 1878, a role he assumed when William Taylor left Madras. Hard returned to New York to serve as a pastor from 1878 – 1882. In 1882, he resumed work in India and was pastor in Allahabad from 1882-1883 and then Bombay in 1883-1884. Clark became the presiding elder of the Central District, South India Conference in 1884. He was also the first secretary of the South India Conference from 1876-1877.

Clark married Lydia Emilia Van Someren, who was born August 18, 1847 in India, in December 1877. Clark and Lydia had three children together: William Amos, born September 15, 1878; John Vincent, born August 31, 1881 and Gertrude Green, born December 30, 1889. Lydia died September 3, 1922.

Clark P. Hard died December 12, 1925 in Benton, Illinois at the age of 79. He is buried in the Lake Mound Cemetery in Zion, Illinois.

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Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection is organized in five series. Series one through three are housed in the same box:

- **Series 1: Correspondence, 1914 – 1923 (1 box, 0.50 lin. ft.)**

This series contains a large number of letters written to people throughout the world when Clark Hard was in Illinois. All letters are addressed to C.P. Hard unless otherwise specified. Letters cover a variety of topics and locations, including discussing past and current events from India; thanking Hard for a monetary donation; and acknowledgment of the distribution of books which pertain to religious history. There are also sections of letters pertaining to specific topics, such as the death of Hard's wife Lydia, or regarding Hard's birthday. The letters show a dedication to India and missionary activities throughout his life.

The bulk of the materials are organized alphabetically by the last name of the acquaintance.

- **Series 2: Photographs, [188? – 1900s?] (Same Box as Series 1)**

Within this series are photographs depicting associates of Hard's, including Reverend Paul Singh, as well as group photographs of people in India. Buildings and landmarks are also depicted. The photographs are original, labeled and have been organized by topic.

- **Series 3: Addresses and Essays, 1871 – 1893 (Same Box as Series 1)**

Within this series are addresses and essays handwritten by Hard from the mid-point of his life. Some items originate from before he went to India and others were written during his time as a missionary abroad.

- **Series 4: Journals and Scrapbooks, 1869 – 1923 (3 boxes, 1.50 lin. ft.)**

This series contains the journals and scrapbooks created by Hard that document the life of Clark and his wife while in India. The few books called journals were deemed such by Hard himself. All of the books in this series contain a number of items including letters, newspaper clippings, images and other remembrances. They have been arranged in chronological order from the first recorded date.

- **Series 5: General, 1863 – 1923 (1 box, 0.25 lin. ft.)**

Within this series are pamphlets and other printed ephemera, as well as personal items of Hard's including a number of diplomas and certificates recognizing his work.

Processing

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Acidic items were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed. Photographs were placed in Mylar envelopes and fragile books were wrapped in acid-free tissue and tied with cotton tying tape.

The original numbering scheme by the Missionary Research Library is maintained and supplied by the numbers in brackets at the end of each line.

Related Sources

Clark P. Hard's son, William, became a well-known journalist and magazine writer during his life. His papers can be found at the Mudd Manuscript Library, Princeton University Library:
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