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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Hard, Clark P.
Title:	Clark P. Hard papers
ID:	4492552
Date [inclusive]:	1863 -- 1923
Physical Description:	2.25 linear feet 2.25 linear feet; 5 boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Clark P. Hard was a Methodist Episcopal missionary in South India beginning in 1874. The collection contains correspondence, diaries, photographs, scrapbooks, and personal items relating to Hards life and missionary work.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL 3: Clark P. Hard Papers, series #, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

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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Scope and Contents

This collection contains Hard's correspondence, including letters discussing past and current events from India the death of Hard's wife Lydia, and Hard's birthday; photographs depicting people in India as well as buildings and landmarks; addresses and essays handwritten by Hard; journals and scrapbooks that document Hard's life while in India and including letters, newspaper clippings, images and other remembrances; as well as pamphlets and other printed ephemera, personal items, and diplomas and certificates recognizing Hard's work.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in five series: Series 1: Correspondence; Series 2: Photographs; Series 3: Addresses and Essays; Series 4: Journals and Scrapbooks; and Series 5: General.

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Administrative Information

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Onsite storage.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Formerly part of the independent Missionary Research Library (MRL), these records were accessioned by the Burke Library at the time of the MRL's closure in 1976.

Processing Information

Some material was cataloged by Lynn A. Grove on 1988-07-18. 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. The finding aid was created by Brigette C. Kamsler in 2011 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2022.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

William Hard Papers; Public Policy Papers, Department of Special Collections, Princeton University Library. MC145

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Controlled Access Headings

- Missions -- India
- Chennai (India) -- Religious life and customs
- Diaries
- Scrapbooks
- Missionaries
- Methodist Episcopal Church -- : Missions
- Methodist Episcopal Church. South India Conference

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL3, South Asia

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Collection Inventory

Series 1: Correspondence, 1914 -- 1923

Physical Description: 13 folders 13 folders in 0.5 linear foot box

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

This series is open for research.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically, then by topic of correspondence.

Scope and Contents

This series contains 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

Title/Description	Instances
B-C, 1918 -- 1923	box 1 folder 1

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Barnes, V.V., Zion, IL, June 7, 1922 [1] Bennett, Fred E., The Family Altar League, Chicago, IL, October 2, 1923 [2] Chapin, Lillian H., Chicago, IL, May 31, 1923 [3] Chenoweth, A.G., Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, New York, NY, January 21, 1920 [4] Clark, Allison F., Chicago Northern District, Chicago, IL, July 30, 1918 [5] Collins, Ada M., Bombay, India, June 1, 1923 [6] Collins, Alex [I?], Bombay, India, December 22, 1922 [7] Crouse, Margaret D., Khandva, India, January 27, 1923 [8]

F1920 -- 1923

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Scope and Contents

Faulkner, J.A., Drew Theological Seminary, Department of Church History, Madison, NJ, June 29, 1923 [10] Faulkner, J.A., Drew Theological Seminary, Department of Church History, Madison, NJ, July 9, 1923 [9] Faulkner, J.A., Drew Theological Seminary, Department of Church History, Madison, NJ, July 18, 1923 [11] Faulkner, J.A., Drew Theological Seminary, Department of Church History, Madison, NJ, July 24, 1923 [12] Faulkner, J.A., Drew Theological Seminary, Department of Church History, Madison, NJ, August 15, 1923 [13] Faulkner, J.A., Drew Theological Seminary, Department of Church History, Madison, NJ, August 20, 1923 [14] Faulkner, J.A., Drew Theological Seminary, Department of Church History, Madison, NJ, October 24, 1923 [15] Felt, F.R., Methodist Episcopal Church in Southern Asia, Jubbulpore, India, May 13, 1920 [16] Felt, F.R., Methodist Episcopal Church in Southern Asia, Jubbulpore, India, December 7, 1920 [17] Flickinger, Roy C., American School of Classical Studies, Olympia, Greece, November 27, 1923 [18] Finger, Peter W., Committee on Conservation and Advance of the Council of Boards of Benevolence, Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, IL, August 17, 1923 [19] Fritchley, C. P., Calcutta, India, November 27, 1922 [20] Fritchley, C. P., Children's Lantern Service Mission, Calcutta, India, November 27, 1923 [21]

G1923

box 1

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Scope and Contents

Garden, Reverend J.H., Chaplain to Presbyterian and Wesleyan Troops, Belgaum, October 15, 1923 [22] Geering, Emilie, Bath, England, November 21, 1923 [23] Geering, Emilie, Bath, England, December 25, 1923 [24] Guse, Reverend C.F.H., Thoburn Biblical Institute, Zion, IL, January 5, 1923 [25]

H-K, 1922 -- 1923

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Scope and Contents

Hay, Clyde Lemont, The Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, IL, March 16, 1922 [26] Hay, Clyde Lemont, The Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, IL, April 26, 1922 [27] Kingham, J.J., Madras, India, January 11, 1922 [28] Kingham, J.J., Madras, India, April 21, 1922 [29] Kingham, J.J., Madras, India, November 16, 1922 [30] Kingham, J.J., Madras, India, January 19, 1923 [31] Kipp, John Dennis, Walworth, NY, February 11, 1923 [32]

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Lightfoot, LeRoy, Bombay, India, February 17, 1922 [33] Lightfoot, LeRoy, Bombay, India, April 22, 1922 [34] Linn, Hugh H., Hulda A. Crawford Memorial Hospital, Vikarabad, Deccan, India [192?] [35] Matthew, Reverend W.S., San Mateo, CA, May 23, 1923 [36] Matthew, Reverend W.S., Berkeley, CA, November 7, 1923 [37] Mell, A. Wesley, American Bible Society, Pacific Agency, San Francisco, CA, October 9, 1923 [38] Moss, Arthur Bruce, Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, New York, NY, January 30, 1923 [39]

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Nath, Onkar, Gadarwara, India, November 16, 1921 [40] Nath, Onkar, Gadarwara, India, March 25, 1922 [41] Nath, Onkar, Gadarwara, India, July 29, 1922 [42] Nath, Onkar, Gadarwara, India, October 17, 1922 [43] Nath, Onkar, Gadarwara, India, February 9, 1923 [44] Nath, Onkar, Gadarwara, India, March 8, 1923 [45] Nath, Onkar, Gadarwara, India, April 4, 1923 [46] Nath, Onkar, Gadarwara, India, September 6, 1923 [47] Nath, Onkar, Gadarwara, India, December 3, 1923 [48] Nicholson, Evelyn Riley, Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, IL, February 28, 1922 [49] Nicholson, Thomas, Chicago, IL, December 27, 1921 [50] Nicholson, Thomas, Chicago, IL, April 5, 1922 [51] Nicholson, Thomas, Chicago, IL, August 27, 1923 [52]

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[55] Price, F.B., The Indian Witness, Lucknow, India, January 26, 1922 [56] Robinson, J.E., Bangalore, India, January 12, 1922 [57] Robinson Retta I., (Mrs J.E.Robinson), Bangalore, India, March 1922 [58] Robinson Retta I., (Mrs J.E.Robinson), Bangalore, India, [November 1922?] [59] Robinson, John W., Bombay, India, November 11, 1922 [60]

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Samsun, Jabez, Narsingpore, October 20, 1922 [61] Sandmeyer, E.G., Illinois Annual Conference, Champaign, IL, September 13, 1923 [62] Shellabear, W.E., Madison, NY, February 23, 1923 [63] Singh, Paul, Foreign Missions Committee of Churches in Christ in Great Britain and Ireland, Bihar, August 30, 1921 [64] Singh, Paul, Foreign Missions Committee of Churches in Christ in Great Britain and Ireland, Bihar, October 10, 1922 [65] Singh, Paul, Foreign Missions Committee of Churches in Christ in Great Britain and Ireland, Bihar, February 7, 1923 [66] Speer, Robert E., The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the USA, New York, NY, June 14, 1923 [67]

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Stuart, Charles M., Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston,
IL, October 28, 1921 [87]

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Taylor, Mrs. Hugh, Nan North, Siam, September 1923
[88] Thoburn, J.M., Meadville, PA, March 10, 1914
[89] Thoburn, J.M., Meadville, PA, December 6, 1915
[90] Torrey, R.L., Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church, New York, NY, April
13, 1920 [91] Twidale, C.H.A., Serampore, India,
February 14, 1923 [92] Twidale, C.H.A., Kurseong,
May 26, 1923 [93] Twidale, C.H.A., Kurseong, August
12, 1923 [94] Twidale, C.H.A., Serampore, December
4, 1923 [95] Wynkoop, T.S., New York, NY, March 19,
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30, 1922 [104] Dewadasan, J. to Dr. O'Brien,
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H.D., Lucknow, India, November 8, 1922 [108]
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[110] Warne, Frank W., Meerul, India, November 14,
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Lucknow, India, November 23, 1922 [112] Scholberg,
H.C., Hardwicke Christian High School, Narsingpur,
India, December 3, 1922 [113] Eldridge, George,
Rajputana, India, December 7, 1922 [114] Sheets,
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Wright, Mrs. E., Pachmarhi, India, December 18, 1922
[116] Lightfoot, LeRoy, Puntamba, India, December

29, 1922 [117] Collins, Williams, Bombay, India, May
10, 1923 [118]

Correspondence Concerning C. P. Hard's 77th Birthday,
1923

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Fowler, George M., Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, New York, NY, July 10, 1923 [119] Clark, Allison F., Chicago Northern District Rock River Conference, Chicago, IL, August 14, 1923 [120] Maveety, P.J., The Board of Education for Negroes of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Cincinnati, OH, August 15, 1923 [121] Stuart, Charles M., Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, IL, August 16, 1923 [122] Landes, W.G., World's Sunday School Association, New York, NY, August 21, 1923 [123] Harris, A.M., The Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, New York, NY, August 27, 1923 [124] Mell, A. Wesley, American Bible Society Pacific Agency, San Francisco, CA, September 1, 1923 [125] Loveland, Golbert, The Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, IL, September 15, 1923 [126] Fahs, Charles H., Missionary Research Library Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, New York, NY, September 18, 1923 [127]

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Fahs, Charles H., Missionary Research Library, New York, NY, February 8, 1917 [128] Hering, Hollis W., Missionary Research Library, Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, New York, NY, February 23, 1922 [129] Fahs, Charles H., Missionary Research Library, Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, New York, NY, August 2, 1922 [130] Clark, C.P. to C.H. Fahs, Zion City, IL, August 14, 1922 [131] Hard, John V., Zion City, IL, September 3, 1922 [132] Fahs, Charles H., Missionary Research Library, Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, New York, NY, September 25, 1922 [133] Stults, Josephine McK., Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, NJ, October 5, 1922 [134] Ayres, S.G., Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, IL, November 25, 1922 [135] Sanford, N.W., Olivet University, Olivet, IL, December 2, 1922 [136] Stahl E. Wayne, Olivet Library, Olivet, IL, December 4, 1922 [137] Hard, C.P. to Charles H. Fahs, Zion City, IL, [1922?]

[138] Hard, C.P. to Charles H. Fahs, Zion City, IL,
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Series 2: Photographs, circa 1880 -- 1909

Physical Description: 5 folders 5 folders within 0.5 linear foot box

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

This series is open for research.

Arrangement

This series is unarranged.

Scope and Contents

This series contains 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 labeled.

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This series is open for research.

Arrangement

This series is arranged by format.

Scope and Contents

This series contains 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.

Title/Description	Instances	
Addresses, circa 1893 -- 1923	box 1	folder 19
Scope and Contents		
<p>"At the feet of John Ruskin," Proverbs 13:22, [18??] [142] "Environments of Native Convert: Cast; Polygamy and other Hereditary Customs" Read at Parliament of Religions, Chicago, IL, 1893 [143] "My times are in Thy hand!" Psalm 31:15, [Elkhart, IL?], [18??] [144] "George Washington," Proverbs 2:20, [18??] [145]</p>		

Essay, "Christ and the Christian" by C.P. Hard, Corning,
 K.Y., 1871

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Conditions Governing Access

This series is open for research.

Arrangement

This series is arranged roughly chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series contains journals and scrapbooks that document the life of Clark Hard 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.

Title/Description	Instances	
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Scrapbook, 1874 -- 1888	box 2	folder 2
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Journal, America, 1878	box 3	folder 2
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This series is open for research.

Scope and Contents

This series is arranged roughly chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series contains pamphlets and other printed ephemera, as well as personal items including a number of diplomas and certificates recognizing Hard's work.

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