

# **Albert J. Edmunds Papers, 1887-1941**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections
<b>Creator</b>	Edmunds, Albert J. (Albert Joseph), 1857-1941
<b>Title</b>	Albert Joseph Edmunds papers,
<b>Date</b>	1887-1941
<b>Extent</b>	2.0 Boxes
<b>General Physical Description note</b>	2 boxes, ca. 200 items
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Correspondence and manuscripts of Albert Edmunds primarily relating to Buddhism and Christianity.

### Preferred Citation note

Haverford College Library, Haverford, PA, Special Collections, Quaker Collection, Albert J. Edmunds papers, Coll. No. 1152

## Biographical/Historical note

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Albert J. Edmunds (1857-1941) was a scholar and mystic, pupil and disciple of J. Rendel Harris. Edmunds did not attend or teach at Haverford College. He was a Quaker.

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## Scope and Contents note

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*Box 1* of this collection contains letters from J. Rendel Harris primarily to Edmunds, 1887-1930, written from Haverford College, England (including Woodbrooke), Suez, Athens and Constantinople. The letters offer Harris' advice on Edmunds' notable research interest, the parallels and intersections of Buddhism and Christianity; on various topics in Christianity; and on incidental issues.

*Box 2* continues the letters of J. Rendel Harris, 1931-40. It also includes a folder of letters from Harris to Edmunds, 1897-1900, on Buddhism and the New Testament. The folder is entitled by Edmunds *End of God's Great Century*. (No such title has been recorded for either Harris or Edmunds; Edmunds published *The End of the Gospel according to Mark in the Oldest Manuscripts and Versions....* Philadelphia, 1916.)

Included also is correspondence of Albert Edmunds, 1933-41. Primarily letters of Edmunds, there are some responses from Morris Evans Leeds and Felix Morley.

Another folder of Edmunds correspondence, ca. 50 items, 1933-41, is especially concerned with Buddhism and Christianity, including:

1941 6/3: anecdotes about various people including Hannah Whitall Smith, J. Rendel Harris and his time as a student at Haverford College

A folder of the manuscripts of Albert J. Edmunds includes:

- 1 "A Lay of Ancient Rome." Haverford, 1906. Ms.copied by Helen Sharpless. The poem is based on Thomas MacCauley's "Horatio at the Bridge" and Sharpless substituted references to include Haverford and Sharpless family members.
- 2 "What I Believe." 1933. H.Ms.
- 3 "More Harris Notes." 1941. H.Ms.

A folder of letters, ca. 25 items, to Albert J. Edmunds from Haverford College friends, not including J. Rendel Harris, 1892-1940.

Writers include:

John H. Dillingham, Amelia Mott Gummere, Rufus Jones, Rayner W. Kelsey, Morris Evans Leeds : May 23, 1941 notes Edmunds' gift of letters from Harris and others to Haverford College, Christopher

Morley, Felix Morley, Frank V. Morley, Robert Rogers, Charles Coleman Sellers to M.E. Leeds : June 30, 1941 re Edmunds' diaries and other materials, Edith F. Sharpless : Sept. 27, 1940 on unification of churches in Japan, Edward Valentine et al.

There are many references to the *Gospel of Mark* by Edmunds as well as to Christianity and Buddhism.

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## Arrangement note

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The letters of J. Rendel Harris and Albert Edmunds are arranged chronologically; letters of other writers are arranged alphabetically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gift of Albert J. Edmunds, 1941.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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**Personal Name(s)**

- Harris, J. Rendel, (James Rendel), 1852-1941

**Subject(s)**

- Buddhism -- Study and teaching
- Christianity -- Study and teaching