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### Preferred Citation note

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

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.

Scope and Contents note

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

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

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**Arrangement note**

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**

**Publication Information**

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Gift of Albert J. Edmunds, 1941.

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**Controlled Access Headings**
Personal Name(s)

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

Subject(s)

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