Guide to the Ernest DeWitt Burton Papers 1875-1969
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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract  The papers of Ernest DeWitt Burton comprise 45 linear feet of personal and professional material. The papers document his career as a New Testament scholar at Newton Theological Institute and the University of Chicago as well as his interest in missionary work and religious education in east Asia. The collection consists primarily of correspondence as well as publications, addresses, and a small amount of course materials from the New Testament Department. From his involvement in missionary organizations and commissions, such as the Oriental Investigation Commission and the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, there are minutes, correspondence, financial records, photographs, and reports. The collection also includes personal materials including family history, a large number of memorials and some journals and notebooks.

Information on Use

Access  No restrictions.

Citation  When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Burton, Ernest DeWitt. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note  Ernest DeWitt Burton was born on February 4, 1856 in Granville, Ohio. He was the third son of Nathan Smith Burton and Sarah Johns Fairfield Burton. His father was a Baptist minister and both his parents were teachers. Burton began his college education in 1872 at Griswold College in Davenport, Iowa but after one year he transferred to Denison University in Granville, Ohio. He received his B.A. from Denison in June 1876.
After graduating, Burton taught at a number of schools including Kalamazoo College in Michigan and Norwood School in Ohio, and in 1879 he entered Rochester Theological Seminary in Rochester, New York. His former teacher and mentor, W. Arnold Stevens was now part of the faculty there. Burton spent three years at the seminary, studying the New Testament, and graduated in 1882. He taught New Testament Greek at the seminary the following year. He was ordained a Baptist minister in the summer of 1883 and soon thereafter received a post at the Newton Theological Institution near Boston.

Burton had met Frances Mary Towson in Rochester and when he had secured a permanent position at Newton, they were married. The ceremony was performed on December 28, 1883 by Burton’s father, N. S. Burton. Ernest and Mary Burton had one daughter, Margaret, who shared many of her father’s interests in religious work.

Burton enjoyed his work at Newton where he befriended Charles Rufus Brown, an Old Testament scholar, and Shailer Mathews, a fellow student from Rochester who would later join him at the University of Chicago. In 1889 at Newton he also became friends with William Rainey Harper when the latter was giving a series of lectures in Boston.

When Harper became the president of the newly formed University of Chicago in 1891 he invited Burton to join the New Testament Department. Burton was reluctant to leave Newton, however, and initially refused the invitation. Nevertheless, Harper was persistent, and after three months of negotiations, in March 1892 Burton was elected professor of New Testament Interpretation in the Divinity School, professor of New Testament instruction and head of all New Testament work in the university.

After entering his new post in July 1892, Burton’s responsibilities immediately expanded. He became associate editor of Biblical World, a journal established at the opening of the university. In 1897 he temporarily left this journal to become the editor of the Journal of Theology. Additionally, he became involved in the American Institute for Sacred Literature in 1889, an organization that promoted the systematic study of the Bible outside of schools. The Institute produced pamphlets, leaflets and correspondence courses to encourage popular study of the Bible. Burton, with Harper, the Institute’s organizer, was an enthusiastic participant in the production of these materials.

Burton’s research interests in the New Testament and New Testament Greek are reflected in his publications. Syntax of the Moods and Tenses in New Testament Greek was published in 1893, soon after his arrival in Chicago. With W. A. Stevens he published A Harmony of the Synoptic Gospels for Historical Study in 1894 and Records and Letters of the Apostolic Age one year later. Burton was a scholar who had adopted modern historical techniques for the study of the Bible, an approach that some traditionalists criticized. Burton remained unmoved by his critics, saying that he would continue to use and teach the modern approach.
Burton was awarded an honorary D.D. in 1897 by his Alma Mater, Denison University.

Burton’s health was in decline in 1901 and while recuperating at Harper’s request he researched building design and architecture. He collected information on campuses throughout the country and especially on library buildings.

Burton’s New Testament work continued with the publication of Constructive Studies in the Life of Christ with Shailer Mathews in 1901 and Principles and Ideals of the Sunday School also with Mathews in 1908. In the interim between these two books he also published Short Introduction to the Gospels, Studies in the Gospel of Mark, and Principles of Literary Criticism and Their Application to the Synoptic Problem. In addition he produced many essays, articles, and editorials for the Biblical World and the American Journal of Theology.

Besides teaching and writing, Burton was also deeply interested in missionary work. This interest had begun early in his seminary days, and he had seriously considered becoming a missionary. In 1908 he was appointed head of a commission of investigation to the east to explore “educational, social, and religious conditions in the Far East.” The Oriental Investigation Commission was to be organized by the University of Chicago and its expenses met by John D. Rockefeller. Travelling through England, Turkey, India, China, Japan, and Korea, the commission’s journey lasted for more than a year. Burton kept detailed notes of interviews and records of what he learned in his journal and reports. He was also involved in many missionary organizations such as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America and the Edinburgh World Missionary Conference.

In 1910 Burton became the director of the University libraries. Under his tenure as director, Harper Library was built and the books were reorganized in the Library of Congress system of classification. Besides centralizing the location of many books, the library holdings grew from approximately 218,000 volumes to one million. Burton remained Director of Libraries until his death.

Burton continued to research and write on the New Testament, publishing A Harmony of the Synoptic Gospels in English with Edgar Goodspeed in 1917 among other works. He also maintained his interest in missionary work in the east and was appointed chairman of the China Educational Commission in 1920. The purpose of this commission was to investigate the state of Christian education in China, and Burton traveled with other members of the commission to that country in 1921. Later the commission produced and published a report of their findings.

Burton was elected acting president of the university in January 1923 to replace the retiring Harry Pratt Judson. Subsequently he was elected president in July 1923 and served as president
until his death in 1925. Although his tenure in office was short, he made great strides to improve the university through a program of building, an increase in fundraising, and initiating the development of a medical school.

Ernest DeWitt Burton died on May 26, 1925 in Chicago.

**Scope Note**
The Ernest DeWitt Burton papers have been divided into seven series: I. Personal, II. Writings, III. Foreign Education and Missions, IV. Universities and Colleges, V. YMCA, VI. National Religious Organizations and VII. University of Chicago.

The concentration of material covers the period from 1890 to 1925. Burton was a prolific letter writer, and the majority of the collection is correspondence. He also preserved many of his notes and journals, which contain research ideas, drafts of lectures, and his observations. Much of the material centers on his interest on missionary work and education. This includes not only the material in Series III but also in series IV, V and VI. The divisions between the series are not strict and the subjects overlap in the series divisions. Included in the first series, Personal, is a small amount of the correspondence of Frances Mary Burton, his wife; Margaret Burton, his daughter; and Eleanor Burton, his niece. The seventh series, University of Chicago, includes little material from Burton’s presidency.

**Related Resources**
The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html

Presidents’ Papers, 1889-1925

William Rainey Harper. Papers

University of Chicago. Divinity School. Records

American Journal of Theology. Records

Baptist Theological Union. Records

University of Chicago. Board of Trustees. Minutes

**Subject Headings**
• Burton, Ernest DeWitt, 1856-1925
• Burton, Margaret E. (Margaret Ernestine), b. 1885
• Harper, William Rainey, 1856-1906
• Swift, Harold Higgins, 1885-1962
• Mathews, Shailer, 1863-1941
• Goodspeed, E. J. (Edgar Johnson), 1833-1881
• Brown, Charles Rufus, 1849-1914
• Denison University
• American Baptist Foreign Mission Society
• Chinese Educational Commission
• Rockefeller Foundation
• Baptist Central Tabernacle – Tokyo Japan
• Young Men’s Christian Association
• University of Chicago. Divinity School
• University of Chicago -- Administration
• University of Chicago -- Buildings
• University of Chicago -- History
• University of Chicago. Oriental Educational Commission
• Religious Education
• Universities and colleges -- China
• Universities and colleges -- Japan
• Missionaries
• Photographs

INVENTORY

Series I: Personal

Series I, Personal, contains Burton’s personal correspondence, genealogical materials, memorials, and other personal papers including his certificate of ordination and marriage license and covers the period 1879 to 1969. It is divided into five subseries: 1. General, 2. Correspondence, 3. Family History, 4. Memorials and 5. Notebooks.

Subseries 1, General, covers the period 1875 to 1931. It contains a few poems that Burton wrote, invitations, convocation programs, newspaper clippings, photographs, and postcards. Also of note in this subseries is the memorandum of a conversation between Harper and Burton that took place just before Harper’s death.

Subseries 2, Correspondence, is arranged alphabetically by the name of the correspondent. It covers the period 1888 to 1969 and includes correspondence with William Rainey Harper, Harold Swift, Shailer Mathews, and Edgar Goodspeed. Earlier correspondence with Charles Rufus Brown, a colleague in the Old Testament Department at Newton Theological Seminary can also be found here. Also included at the end of the subseries is the correspondence of Burton’s wife, Mary Burton, his daughter, Margaret Burton, and his niece, Eleanor Burton.

Subseries 3, Family History, contains genealogical information about Burton’s family, a biography of Mary Burton by her daughter Margaret, and a number of photographs. The majority of this material is undated, but the bound life of Nathan S. Burton is dated to 1915.
Subseries 4, Memorial, includes tributes, bound memorials, letters of condolence, and a scrapbook of press clippings about Burton’s death. The materials date from 1925 to 1957. Also included in this subseries is the biography of Burton by Thomas Wakefield Goodspeed.

Subseries 5, Notebooks, covers the period from 1875 to 1923. The earliest notebooks contain notes from Burton’s student days at Denison University. These notebooks contain notes on many topics including notes on addresses and future topics of research and are arranged chronologically. The most extensive notebooks are from his trip to east Asia with the Oriental Education Commission in 1908 to 1909.

**Subseries 1: General**

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  - Card to Mrs. Burton

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  - Christmas cards, n.d.

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  - Convocation, 1923

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- Folder 5
  - Convocation, 1924

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  - Convocation, 1925

Box 1
- Folder 7
  - Convocation, 1931

Box 1
- Folder 8
  - Datebook, 1919

Box 1
- Folder 9
  - Datebook, 1921

Box 1
- Folder 10
  - Financial records, 1901-1918

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  - Friends and colleagues
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"Friendship calendar" from daughter

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Harper Library "party" program cards, n.d.

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Memorandum of conversation of Burton and Harper shortly before his death

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   • Bray, Mellen
   • Brockman, F. S.
   • Brown, Charles Rufus
   • Burbank, A.
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   • Burton, Mary (Mrs. Ernest DeWitt Burton)
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• Deming, John Howard
• Dodge, Grace H.

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• Goodspeed, Edgar
• Goucher, John F.
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• Grant, W. Henry

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• Harper, William Rainey
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• Swift, Harold H.

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  • Turley, Althea B.
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  • Whitney, F. C.
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  • Williams, J. E.
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Correspondence of Eleanor Burton

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Correspondence of Frances Mary Burton

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Correspondence of Margaret Burton

Subseries 3: Family History

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Burton, Frances Mary and Margaret Burton, photograph

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Burton, Henry Fairfield, Helen Elizabeth Burton, Charles Smith Burton, Edmund Fairfield Burton, and Ernest DeWitt Burton, color photocopies of photographs

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Burton, Smith, and Elizabeth Wilcox Burton, paternal grandparents, color photocopies of photographs

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Fairfield, Micaiah, and Hannah Withers Wynn Neale Fairfield, maternal grandparents, photographs

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Baptist Theological Union, memorial, 1925
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City of Chicago
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The Commercial Club of Chicago
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Distinguished Service Professorship, 1955-1957
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Series II: Writings

Series II, Writings, covers the period 1870 to 1927 and has been divided into three subseries: 1. Addresses and Reports, 2. Publications, and 3. Speeches. Each subseries is arranged chronologically.

Subseries 1, Addresses and Reports, includes lectures, addresses, sermons, and reports given by Burton from his student days until his presidency at the University of Chicago. Many of the address are handwritten although some are published reprints. The interests reflected in this subseries echo Burton’s concern for missionization and the relationship between education and religion found in Series III, Foreign Education and Missions.
Subseries 2, Publications, contains both bound volumes of Burton’s works, often annotated, and reprints of his journal articles. The two harmonies of the synoptic gospels which Burton wrote with William Arnold Stevens and Edgar Goodspeed, respectively, indicate his scholarly interests in the New Testament as does his Syntax of the Moods and Tenses in New Testament Greek. At the end of this subseries is correspondence concerning Burton’s publications. It is arranged by publication.

Subseries 3, Speeches, consists of a small collection of funeral addresses and memorials given by Burton. It covers the period 1906 to 1923.

**Subseries 1: Addresses and Reports**

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Compositions from Griswold College, 1870-1872

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**Box 15**
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- "Doubts," address, November 3, 1895

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- "The Kingdom and the Individual" address, 1896
- "Missionary Motives," address, May 7, 1896
- Easter Thoughts," address, 1896

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1897
- "The Bible and Missions," address, March 14, 1897

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- "The Moral Element in Scholarship or Scholarship and Religion," address, January 27, 1898

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- "How can one become a Christian," June 4, 1899
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1900
• "Education in Relation to the Kingdom," address, January 31, 1900

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• "The Ethics of Jesus," January 1901
• "The Problem of Jesus"
• "The Inspiration of the Record", address, January 25, 1901
• "Jesus as an Ethical Teacher"

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Folder 14
1903
• "Lead Us Not into Temptation", address, November 2, 1903
• Oxford

Box 15
Folder 15
1905
• "Religious Liberty in the Twentieth Century," typescript, March 1905
• "What is it to be a Christian?" January 22, 1906
• Theodor Zahn, April 1906

Box 15
Folder 16
1907
• "The Christian University and the World-wide Mission of Christianity", May 1907
• Round table, October 28, 1907
• "The Present Outlook in Missions," address, November 1907
• "Knowing God," manuscript notes, January 20, 1907

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Folder 1
1908
• "Education in China"
• "The Significance of Foreign Missions to the University," address, February 12, 1908

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1909
• "Mr. Burton’s Speech before the Students of Soochow University"
• "Excerpts of an Address delivered by Professor Ernest D. Burton ...
• "The American University," address, February 12, 1909
• "After Three Years"
• "Why I am Content to be a Christian"
• "What is the attitude of the people ...
• "Effects of the Journey," manuscript notes, 1909
• "Impressions of the Orient," manuscript notes, 1909
• "Notes of an Address to the students in the Union Middle School, Chengtu," 1909

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1910
• "Educational Conditions in Eastern Lands," address, August 14, 1910
• "The Basis of Mission," January 30, 1910
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• "YMCA in the Orient, The," manuscript notes, White House, 1910
• "Contribution of Friendship to Life, The," manuscript notes, 1910

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Folder 6-8
1913
• "A Flexible or an Inflexible Christianity in the Mission Field"
• "Living in a New Age," November 28, 1913
• "Education in China"
• Divinity Chapel, August 7, 1913
• "Why Should Baptists Concern Themselves with Education?" address, October 23, 1913
• "Will the Chinese Republic Survive?" manuscript notes, Vassar College, 1913

Box 16
Folder 9
1914
• "Present Demand for Men and Women of Education in the Orient" (2 copies)
• "Round Table," manuscript notes, 1914

Box 16
Folder 10
1915
• Resolutions of the Executive Committee of the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention, January 1915
• "Why Should Baptists have a Board of Education?" January and March 1915
• Memorandum for California meetings
• "Paul as a Missionary," October 1915
• "Western Education in Eastern Lands," manuscript notes, 1915
• "The Future of West China" typescript and manuscript notes, December 1915

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1916
• "Missionary Education as a Vocation," January 24, 1916
• "Characteristics of an Effective Religion," April 1916
• "The Responsibility of an Education," October 14, 1916

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1917
• Bryn Mawr, October 1917
• "Two Themes of Political Life," November 25, 1917
• Chapel Talk, September 23, 1917
• "India," manuscript notes, 1917

Box 17
Folder 1
1918
• "The Christianizing of International Relations" and other manuscript notes, 1917-1918
• "The New World and Education," address, May 29, 1918
• "Baptists and Education," January 1918
• International Dinner, YMCA-Chicago, December 27, 1918

Box 17
Folder 2
1919
• "Address to the Cleveland Conference," typescript, 1919
• "College Men and Women and International Relationships," January 1919
• "Can a nation be Christian," YMCA, March 2, 1919
• "Education for Life" January 16, 1919

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Folder 3
1920
• Address, December 1920
• Provincial Teacher's association, June 24, 1920

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Folder 5
1922
• "The Rationale of Church Cooperation"
• "Education in a Democratic World," address, September 1, 1922
• "Education in China," manuscript notes, 1922
• "China," typescript notes, Manuscript notes, 1922

Box 17
Folder 6
1923
• "An Address Delivered by Acting President Ernest DeWitt Burton Before the Chicago Alumni Club," 1923
• "Research"

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1924
• "The Quest for Truth, An Account of Scientific Research at the University of Chicago," 1924
• "Commemorative Chapel Address," 1924
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- "The Phenomenal Word in Korea"
- "China"
- "Religion and Education: the Church and the School"
- "Religious Freedom in the Early Church"
- "Christianity and Education"
- "The Situation in China"
- "Some Recent Developments of Christian Education in China"
- "University Education in America"
- "University Education in the United States of America"
- "Women's Colleges in the Orient" (2 copies)
- "John 3:6"
- "The Rationale of Church Cooperation"
- Announcement of address at Indiana University
- "The Responsibility of the College Man"
- "The Kingdom of Self Respect"
- "Missionaries Going Out to China"
- "The Educational Situation in China"
- "Liberty"
- Notes on war
- "The History of Christian Missionary Education ..."
- "The ministers of today ...
- Present conditions in China

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Subseries 2: Publications

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Series III, Foreign Education and Missions, covers the period 1879 to 1923 and is divided into three subseries: 1. Subject files, 2. The Oriental Education Commission, and 3. Correspondence. The material in this series is predominately correspondence and reflects Burton’s interest in missionization, especially in East Asia. Burton was active in a number of Baptist organizations, which were involved in missionary activity, and participated in University sponsored commissions that had an interest in furthering education. Burton’s concern for religious education both in the United States and abroad is indicated in this series as well as by certain publications in Series II.

The first subseries, Subject Files, is organized alphabetically by the name of the organization. The papers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society consist of correspondence, minutes, and some financial statements. The China Educational Commission, of which Burton was a member, was a commission sponsored by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America with the cooperation of similar group in England. Its purpose was to study Christian educational work in China and evaluate its progress and included a trip to China in 1921. Similar interests are reflected in Burton’s involvement in the Commission on Education of the Edinburgh World Missionary Conference. The Foreign Missions Conference of North America and its subsidiary, the Board of Missionary Preparation, was a multi-denominational conference that aided in the coordination of a number of missionary organizations. The Rockefeller Foundation materials include copies of the U. S. Senate bill incorporating the foundation and Burton’s correspondence with foundation officers. The Tokyo Tabernacle folders include correspondence and other papers related to the rebuilding of the Baptist Central Tabernacle in Tokyo, which had been destroyed by fire.

Subseries 2, Oriental Education Commission, contains the papers of this commission, sent to East Asia in 1908-1909 to investigate educational, social, and religious conditions in the region. Burton was head of the commission, which was sponsored by the University and funded by John D. Rockefeller. The Report of the Oriental Education Commission found in this subseries was never published but was influential in work done by the Rockefeller Foundation for the next two decades. The commission traveled to China via England, Turkey, Egypt, and India and included
a two month journey up the Yangtze River. Many of the photographs in this subseries are from the time spent in China. Burton's wife and daughter accompanied him, and the correspondence of Mary Burton, his wife, includes a rice paper scroll that she wrote during the trip. Other material includes correspondence, particularly the correspondence between Burton and Edgar Goodspeed, which Goodspeed had bound and presented to Burton as a gift. Burton’s journal from the trip is included as are newscclippings announcing the commission and pamphlets and other publications that Burton collected on the trip.

Subseries 3, Correspondence, overlaps in subject matter with the other two subseries, especially Subseries 1. This subseries dates from 1909 to 1923. It is arranged alphabetically by the name of the correspondent. Correspondence with the organizations itemized in Subseries 1, Subject Files, can be found here as well as general correspondence about education and missionization.

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Subseries 1, University Correspondence, is divided by subject and arranged alphabetically by subject title. Most of this correspondence consists of administrative matters. The correspondence with the Press relates to the publication of Burton’s books.

Subseries 2, General Correspondence, covers a wider range of subjects and includes correspondence with William Rainey Harper, Shailer Mathews, Eri Hulbert, and other correspondents outside the university community. It is arranged chronologically.

Four notebooks that Burton kept on university buildings make up Subseries 3, Committee on Buildings and Grounds. He kept notes on both University of Chicago buildings and the buildings of other universities. It also includes a brochure on University of Chicago development plans from 1924.

Subseries 4, New Testament Department, contains copies of examinations, course notes, correspondence, class schedules and other administrative materials. The series is arranged chronologically and covers the period 1893 to 1922.

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