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Collection Summary

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Creator: Murdock, Charles A. (Charles Albert), 1841-1928.

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Abstract: Correspondence relating mainly to Murdock's activities as editor of the Pacific Unitarian and as a printer. Drafts of talks on various subjects for the Chit-Chat Club, San Francisco, also included.

Languages Represented: English

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Biography

Charles Albert Murdock, born in Massachusetts in 1841, came to California in 1855. He was appointed register of the land office, Humboldt, California, in 1863. In 1867 he entered the printing business, printed the *Lark*, edited the *Pacific Unitarian* from 1891, and retired from business only in 1915. He was a member of the California House of Representatives in 1883, served on the Board of Education in San Francisco, 1894-1896, was civil service commissioner, 1902-1903, and a member of the Board of Supervisors, San Francisco, 1907-1916. He was an active Unitarian. He wrote his autobiography when he was 80 years old, *A backward glance at 80*, and also *Horatio Stebbins -His ministry and personality*.

Scope and Content

His papers, given by his daughter, Miss Margaret Murdock, on February 29, 1960, consist of correspondence, arranged alphabetically, and of drafts of talks given before the Chit-Chat Club in San Francisco, these arranged alphabetically by title.

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| item 1. | Book of Job |
| item 2. | Edward Rowland Sill |
| item 3. | Ethics of the Labor problem |
| item 4. | Francis Bret Harte (later incorporated in his autobiography) |
| item 5. | Merit System |
| item 6. | Moral element in political economy |
| item 7. | On Hawaii |
| item 8 . | Policy of protection |
| | Ames, Charles Gordon, 1828-1912 |
| | 1 letter, Apr. 24, 1909 |
| | Brace, Charles Loring, 1855-1938 |
| | see Childrens Aid Society |
| | Burbank, Luther, 1849-1926 |
| | 1 letter, July 1, 1918 |
| | Childrens Aid Society |
| | 1 letter, May 18, 1874. Written and signed by Charles loring Brace. |
| | Carruth, William Herbert, 1849-1924 |
| | 1 letter, Mar. 30, 1917 |
| | Chadwick, John White, 1840-1904 |
| | 1 postcard, May 21, 1902 |
| | Christian Register |
| | 1 letter, Nov. 10, 1921 |
| | Coolbrith, Ina Donna, 1842-1928 |
| | 3 letters, 1917 |
| | Crothers, Samuel McChord, 1857-1927 |
| | 1 letter, Aug. 6, 1915 |
| | Davis, Horace, 1831-1916 |
| | 2 letters, 1871-1909 |
| | Dole, Charles Fletcher, 1845-1927 |
| | 3 letters, 1910-1917 |
| | Eliot, Thomas Lamb, 1841- |
| | 1 letter, Mar. 18, 1884 |
| | Guggenheim, Murry, 1858-1939 |
| | 1 letter, Apr. 9, 1915 |
| | Heyman, Margaret B. |
| | 1 letter, Feb. 4, 1921 |
| | Hoar, George Frisbie, 1826-1904 |
| | 1 letter, Feb. 22, 1900 |

Horton, Edward Augustus, 1843-1931
2 Christmas cards, 1910 and n. d.

Hosmer, Frederick Lucian, 1840-1929
2 letters, 1918-1919

Howe, Julia (Ward), 1819-1910
3 letters, 1889

Irish, John Powell, 1843-1923
1 letter, May 13, 1919

James, George Wharton, 1858-1923
1 letter, Mar. 29, 1917

Johnson, Hiram Warren, 1866 -1945
1 letter, July 11, 1917

Jordan, David Starr, 1851-1931
1 letter, Dec. 28, 1896

Kent, William, 1864-1924
1 letter, Mar. 31, 1908

Le Breton, A. J.
1 letter, Nov. 30, 1885

Lindley, Curtis Holbrook, 1850-1920
1 letter, Oct. 24, 1912

MacCauley, Clay, 1843-1925
2 letters, 1917

Martin, Alfred Wilhelm, 1862-1932
1 letter, Dec. 29, 1909

Miller, John Franklin, 1831-1886
1 letter, Feb. 10, 1885

Murdock, Margaret E.
1 letter, Apr. 15, 1960, to Joseph Backus. Contains printed program of Shakespeare club, Oct. 2-16, 1885.

Mullgardt, Louis Christian, 1866-1942
1 letter, Sept. 15, 1915

Phelan, James Duval, 1861-1930
2 items, one card and One letter, 1917

Reid, William Thomas, 1843-1922
1 letter, Nov. 7, 1890

Savage, Minot Judson, 1841-1918
1 letter, June 20, 1887

Shinn, Millicent Washburn, 1858-1940
1 letter, Nov. 10, 1885

Spring Valley Water Company
1 letter, May 25, 1910

Stebbins, Horatio, 1821-1902
1 letter, June 7, 1886

Stephens, Henry Morse, 1857-1919
1 letter, Oct. 26, 1918

Sullivan, William Laurence, 1872-1935
2 letters, 1917

Sunderland, Jabez Thomas, 1842-1936
1 letter, Apr. 14, 1920

Taylor, Edward Robeson, 1838-1923
3 letters, 1908-1911

Wheeler, Charles Stetson, 1863-1923
1 letter, Mar. 26, 1918

Wiggin, Kate Douglas (Smith), 1859-1923
1 letter, Nov. 21, 1921