

Description: The collection of papers of William Brenton Burnett (1870-1964) consists mainly of autograph letters, typescripts of addresses, notebooks and documents. These relate to Dr. Burnett's life as a student at Acadia University and at McGill University, and as a teacher and physician in Vancouver, B.C. (Note: His connection with the mining industry is shown in the records deposited in the Rare Books and Special Collections Division of The University of British Columbia). The principal part of this collection deals with the early years of the period covered (1891-1964). A number of diplomas accompany these papers.

The material was given to the Woodward Biomedical Library by Dr. Burnett's daughter, Dorothy Burnett.

In June 1979 the material was placed in acid-free envelopes numbered from I to XVII. Brief notations on each envelope indicate their contents. Some of the items have been photocopied.

Dates: 1891-1964

Location: Memorial Room Rare Cabinet 27

Items: 6 cm of textual fonds.

Inventory:

Roman numerals refer to envelopes.

- I. A history of the class of '91, Acadia University.
4 programmes.
- II. Yamazaki, Y. to W.B.B., undated.
Enornoto, R. to W.B.B., Sept. 1, 1906
Kojima, R. to W.B.B., Mar. 24, 1900
- III. Myrtli ?, M. to W.B.B., undated.
Caricature on envelope.
Sukuri, to W.B.B., ?1901.
Morris, M.P., to W.B.B., Aug. 22, 1904.
- IV. Uchida, C. to W.B.B., Sept. 8, 1906.
Webley, Hezekiah to W.B.B., Sept. 2, 1904.
McKay, Peter to W.B.B., Apr. 14, 1891.
Grant, A. to W.B.B. (telegram), Oct. 25 191?

- V. Pupils at Central School to W.B.B., June 28, 1894.
Yawada, M. to W.B.B., undated.
Sugaya, Y. to W.B.B., 1901?
- VI. Agreement between J. Shimamura, K. Oki, and Y. Yamazaki and W.B.B. concerning retainer of W.B.B. as attending physician at the Japanese Hospital at Steveston, B.C., dated July 1, 1900.
2 newspaper clippings concerning the hospital.
- VII. 2 notebooks: "cash acc't.", March 1892 - May 1894.
"Expenses of course in medicine at McGill University",
Sept . 18, 1895 - June 1899. (Total 1980. dollars)
Continues "expenses", Oct . /99 - July 1900.
- VIII. Fragmentary notes: Anatomy, "Surgical list".
- IX. 1 reprint: Post-operative nausea
1 programme, annual meeting Mainland Teachers' Institute, 1895.
- X. "Sterilization of the feeble-minded and criminals", delivered at the Vancouver Institute.
- XI. Typescript of paper on labour in childbirth.
- XII. Curriculum vitae.
"Who's who" entries
Miscellaneous.
- XIII. Documents concerning memberships in various professional and other organizations.
- XIV. Documents relating to W.B.B's 90th birthday celebrations.
1 document referring to 80th birthday.
- XV. Newspaper clippings referring to W.B.B.'s 90th birthday.
- XVI. Newspaper clippings - miscellaneous.
- XVII. Ms. poem, by H.T.J. Coleman, presented to W.B.B. on behalf of the Vancouver Kiwanis Club, June 16, 1960.