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## Biographical Note

The papers of the two periods between the terms of President James G. Merrill and George A. Gates and between the term of the latter and that of President Jayette A. McKenzie theoretically reflect the activities of the committees, actually the chairman of the committees handled most of the correspondence. He was the central figure of the interim periods.

Dean Wright was born in 1848, in Lord Cottage, near Oberlin, Ohio. He was the son of Deacon W. W. Wright, and the brother of one who was to serve as president of Oberlin for many years. Sources used failed to disclose information as to his family or early education. It is definite that in 1872 he graduated from Oberlin College, a school his brother served as president. Wright later earned an M. A. Degree and was awarded the L. L. Degree. After teaching a year in the public schools of Galton, Ohio he served for three years as principal of a school in Defiance, Ohio. He later taught for three years in Savannah, Georgia Academy. In 1883 he was appointed professor of mathematics at Fisk University. For the next thirty years he served the college in trucecapacity of teacher, Dean, and chairman of the Committees of Administration. He retired in 1913 and three years later died in Oberlin, Ohio.

## Scope and Content Notes

The papers are housed in one box of fifteen folders. Material in the first folder is biographical in character. The remaining fourteen folders contain correspondence that took place between the members of the Committee of Administration - more frequently than not, the chairman, Dean Wright and financial donors, Fisk Alumni, members of the Board of Trustees, faculty staff, officials of other schools and colleges and Fisk students or parents of students. A minor portion of the correspondence is classified as general or personal. A very few of the letters concern the Fisk musical organization.

The portion of the folders labeled "collection" is comprised of miscellaneous materials.

Note: Information concerning Dean Herbert Hornell Wright is derived from the Fisk News, December, 1919, pp. 11-12 and February 1920, p. 36.