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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Missionary Research Library (New York, N.Y.)
Title:	Missionary Research Library collection on mission work in the Near/Middle East
ID:	11040989
Date [inclusive]:	1911 -- 1941
Physical Description:	0.75 linear feet 0.75 linear feet; 2 boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains materials compiled by the Missionary Research Library that document foreign mission work in the Near/Middle East during the early 20th century, including reports, pamphlets, minutes, clippings and publications, and educational records pertaining to the Near East School of Theology (transcribed by the Syria-Palestine Translation Service) and Robert College in Constantinople.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL2: Missionary Research Library collection on mission work in the Near/Middle East, 1911-1941, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

The Missionary Research Library was created by John R. Mott in 1914 after the World Missionary Conference, held in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1910. It was created to be a resource for missionaries and to document the missionary movement, and was initially funded by John D. Rockefeller. It was located at the Madison Avenue headquarters of the Foreign Missionary Conference of North America. By the 1920s, funding was becoming scarcer; therefore it was moved to the Brown Tower of the Union Theological Seminary, New York City in 1929. The Library was an important center of information and research. Active missionaries would

consult the material of the Missionary Research Library while on furlough. Much of the Library's success was due to the director and librarian, Charles H. Fahs. Upon his retirement in 1948, the MRL's financial difficulties continued until it was finally integrated as one with the Burke Library's collections in 1967. In 2004, the Burke Library was fully integrated with the Columbia University Library System.

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Onsite storage.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was assembled from records in the Missionary Research Library before its 1976 closure. These records were accessioned by the Burke Library at the time of the MRL's closure in 1976.

Processing Information

Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. The finding aid was created by Brigitte Kamsler in 2014 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2021.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Missions

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL2, Near/Middle East

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Title/Description	Instances	
Syria-Palestine Translation Service: Near East School of Theology, 1935 -- 1940	box 1	folder 1-3
Robert College, Constantinople, 1916 -- 1939	box 1	folder 4-6
Legal Status of Women in Turkey clipping, circa 1911 -- 1941	box 2	folder 1
Organizations in Turkey, 1911 -- 1930	box 2	folder 2
Constantinople Christian Workers Union, 1921 -- 1925	box 2	folder 3
Armenian Missionary Council of America minutes, 1941	box 2	folder 4
Pamphlets and reports: Turkey, Egypt, Beirut, 1930 -- 1936	box 2	folder 5

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