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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 China
ID:	11065262
Date [inclusive]:	1893-1950
Physical Description:	8 linear feet 8 linear feet 17 boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains materials compiled by the Missionary Research Library that document mission work in China largely during the 20th century, including information on missions and religious work, education work, subject files, committees and reports, and photographs.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL6: Missionary Research Library collection on mission work in China, 1893-1959, 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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Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

This collection is organized in one unarranged series.

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Administrative Information

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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 collection was organized to the box level following the "More Product, Less Process" method. The clips and staples were also left in the folders. The finding aid was created by Brigette Kamsler in 2014 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2022.

Conditions Governing Use

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Controlled Access Headings

- Missions -- China -- Sources
- China

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL6, China

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Collection Inventory

Missionary Research Library collection on mission work in China , circa 1893 -- 1959

Physical Description: 8 linear feet 8 linear feet; 17 boxes

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

This series is open for research.

Arrangement

This series is unarranged, though roughly grouped by topic.

Scope and Contents

This series contains materials compiled by the Missionary Research Library that document mission work in China largely during the 20th century, including information on missions and religious work, education work, subject files, committees and reports, and photographs.

Title/Description	Instances
Committees and Conferences, circa 1900 -- 1930	box 1
Scope and Contents	
National Christian Council of China; German Association of China; YMCA of China; Council of Youth Workers; Committee on Continental and Orphaned Missions Relief; Conference of Administrators of Mission Boards Having Work in China; Cooperation in the Western Provinces	
Christianity, Churches and Religion, circa 1930 -- 1949	box 2
Scope and Contents	
Church of Christ in China; Christian Literature; Buddhism and Christianity; Chinese Christians; United Christian Publishers; Evangelism; Maps and Local Church Parish Member Roles	
Missions and Missionaries, 1903 -- 1945	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Correspondence; Reports; Politics in Missions; Medical Missions; the Future of Missions; Presbyterian Missions; China Inland Mission; Property and Finance Policies	
Missions and Missionaries, 1893 -- 1950	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Mission Groups; Memorandum of Missions; Reports and Publications; Correspondence	
Missions and Missionaries, 1930 -- 1945	box 5

Scope and Contents

Correspondence; Circle Letters; Missionary Reports
from Japanese Occupied China

Education, 1930 -- 1945 box 6

Scope and Contents

Yenching University

Education, circa 1920 -- 1959 box 7

Scope and Contents

Ginling College; Shanghai American School; Medical
Education; China Christian Education Association;
North China Union Language School; Nanking
Theological Seminary

Education, circa 1902 -- 1949 box 8

Scope and Contents

United Committee for Christian Universities in China;
University of Shanghai; Student Christian Federation;
Middle Schools in China; China Christian Education
Association

Reports and Bulletins, 1937 -- 1941 box 9

Photographs, 1890 -- 1944 box 10

Non-Book Paper Material and Wooden Book Boards, circa
1900 -- 1959 box 11

Non-Book Paper Material and Wooden Book Boards, circa
1900 -- 1959 box 12

Subject files, circa 1900 -- 1945 box 13

Scope and Contents

Relief Work; China under British Rule; China Famine
and Flood Relief; Industrial Cooperatives; Red Cross;
North China; Post-War Planning

Subject files, circa 1900 -- 1945 box 14

Scope and Contents

Relations with Japan; Visual Aids; American
Community in Peking; SinoJapanese Conflict;
Shanghai Evening Post

Subject files, circa 1900 -- 1945 box 15

Scope and Contents

Boxer Indemnity Agreement; Foreign Relations;
Shanghai; Languages; Maps; Aid; Medicine

Subject files, circa 1900 -- 1945

box 16

Scope and Contents

Industrial Cooperatives; Chinese in the United States;
Women Leaders; Agriculture; War Effort; Politics

Subject files, 1897 -- 1939

box 17

Scope and Contents

Health Services and Relief; Industrial Cooperative;
China Mail

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