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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
<b>Creator:</b>	Missionary Research Library (New York, N.Y.)
<b>Title:</b>	Missionary Research Library collection on mission work in Japan
<b>ID:</b>	11076978
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1902 -- 1981
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.25 linear feet 2.25 linear feet; 5 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection contains materials compiled by the Missionary Research Library that largely document mission work in Japan during the 20th century, including information on missions and religious work, education work, subject files, committees and reports, photographs, and scrapbooks.

### Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL7: Missionary Research Library collection on mission work in Japan, 1902-1981, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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## Biographical / Historical

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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

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This collection is organized in one unarranged series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

PDF converted to EAD and description updated by Leah Edelman. 2022-01-25

### **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 2022.

### **Conditions Governing Use**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Missions -- Japan

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## **Burke Library record group:**

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Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL7, Japan

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## Collection Inventory

### Missionary Research Library collection on mission work in Japan , 1902 -- 1981

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#### Arrangement

This series is unarranged, though roughly grouped by topic.

#### Scope and Contents

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Title/Description	Instances	
Letters on Education to Japan and Teachers Missions Group Meeting, 1933 -- 1934	box 1	folder 1
Ernest D. Burton Materials: Kyoto; Correspondence and Reports on Christian Schools in Tokyo; Osaka; Yokohama, 1902 -- 1909	box 1	folder 2
Japanese Christian Students, 1941 -- 1942	box 1	folder 3
"A Seminary in Transition," Tokyo Union Theological Seminary, 1969 -- 1970	box 1	folder 4
Committee on Christian Education in Japan, International Missionary Council, 1932 -- 1933	box 1	folder 5
Inter-board Committee for Christian Work in Japan, circa 1950 -- 1959	box 1	folder 6
Resettlement of Japanese Americans, Committee on Home Missions Council, 1944 -- 1946	box 1	folder 7-8
Missionary Presence in Japan, 1963 -- 1970	box 2	folder 1
Hong Kong Christian Industrial Committee, 1981	box 2	folder 2
Christians in Japan, 1941 -- 1962	box 2	folder 3-5
Missions in Japan, 1937 -- 1944	box 2	folder 6-7
Church of Christ in Japan, circa 1931 -- 1949	box 2	folder 8
Property Loss, work of Missions in the Far East, 1937 -- 1938	box 2	folder 9

Infringement of Religious Liberties, 1939 -- 1940	box 2	folder 10
Church Committee for Japanese Work, 1942 -- 1944	box 2	folder 11
Elementary School Scrapbook, 1953	box 3	folder 1
Buildings of Hokusei Gakuen Scrapbook, 1965 -- 1967	box 3	folder 2
Leaves from a Japanese Calendar from the Women's Missionary Society, 1927	box 3	folder 3
Speeches and Addresses, 1963 -- 1970	box 4	folder 1
Kobe, 1909	box 4	folder 2
Battle of Shanghai, 1932	box 4	folder 3
Correspondence, Sino-Japanese Conflict, 1943	box 4	folder 4
Effects of the Sino-Japanese Conflict, 1938	box 4	folder 5
Sino-Japanese Relations, 1928	box 4	folder 6
Excerpts of Communication from M. S. Bates, 1939	box 4	folder 7
Excerpts of Communication from Y. T. Wu, 1939	box 4	folder 8
Japanese Resettlement, 1940 -- 1949	box 4	folder 9
Far East Settlement Group, 1943 -- 1946	box 4	folder 10
Boycott against Japan, 1937 -- 1938	box 4	folder 11
Mukden Incident, 1931	box 5	folder 1
Attitude of Japanese Authorities in Occupied China, 1937 -- 1939	box 5	folder 2
Conflict in the Far East, 1931 -- 1939	box 5	folder 3-5
Economics, America and the Far East, 1938 -- 1939	box 5	folder 6
Japanese Occupation in Java, 1946	box 5	folder 7
America and the Far East, 1937 -- 1943	box 5	folder 8
Prisoners of War in Japanese-Controlled Areas, 1942	box 5	folder 9
Radio Report on the Far East, 1943	box 5	folder 10
Clippings, circa 1902 -- 1981	box 5	folder 11

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