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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 North America
ID:	11077520
Date [inclusive]:	1819 -- 1963
Physical Description:	2 linear feet 2 linear feet; 4 boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains materials compiled by the Missionary Research Library that document mission work in North America during the 19th and 20th centuries, including material pertaining to Christianity, churches, and religion; committees and conferences; reports and bulletins; education; three-dimensional objects and photographs; and subject files.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL10: Missionary Research Library collection on mission work in North America, 1819-1963, 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

- Baptists -- Missions -- United States
- Indians of North America -- Missions
- Methodist Church -- Missions

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL10, North America

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Title/Description	Instances	
American Bible Society Files, 1880 -- 1959	box 1	folder 1-9
American Friends Service Committee: Toward a Peaceful Society, circa 1950 -- 1959	box 2	folder 1
Northern Baptist Convention: Board of Missionary Cooperation, 1930 -- 1931	box 2	folder 2
Conference on Missionary Education, Yonkers, NY, 1925	box 2	folder 3
American Tract Society, 1920	box 2	folder 4
Minutes Book of the New York Female Missionary and Bible Society, Auxiliary to the Missionary and Bible Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in American, 1819 -- 1836	box 2	folder 5
Conference on the Church and the Jewish People in America, 1949	box 2	folder 6
Correspondence, H. B. Sharman, 1941	box 2	folder 7
American Legion New York City Records, William H. Chandler Post no. 865, 1920	box 2	folder 8
Packard Manse Annual Report of Directors, 1963	box 2	folder 9
Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, circa 1819 -- 1963	box 2	folder 10
Methodist Episcopal Church, Board of Foreign Missions, Delaware Conference, 1931	box 2	folder 11

Elizabeth Davis Autograph Book, Mount Holyoke Seminary, 1855 -- 1856	box 3	folder 1
North American Ecumenical Conference, 1941	box 3	folder 2
National Catholic Welfare Conference, 1961	box 3	folder 3
Presbyterian League of New York and Vicinity, 1912	box 3	folder 4-8
Subject files: Religious Life of Mexicans in Chicago, circa 1819 -- 1963	box 4	folder 1
Subject files: Government Personnel, 1942 -- 1944	box 4	folder 2
Subject files: Indian Study, Oklahoma, circa 1939	box 4	folder 3
Subject files: United States Department of State News Releases, 1937 -- 1941	box 4	folder 4
Education: Report on Schools for American Children, 1926	box 4	folder 5
Education: Boston University School of Theology Syllabi, 1955 -- 1958	box 4	folder 6

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