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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 South and Southeast Asia
ID:	11078408
Date [inclusive]:	1897 -- 1970
Physical Description:	4.25 linear feet 4.25 linear feet; 10 boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains materials compiled by the Missionary Research Library that document foreign mission work in South and Southeast Asia largely during the early 20th century, including committee and conference records, photographs, a diary, manuscript material, reports, correspondence, clippings, and other publications.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL4: Missionary Research Library collection on mission work in South and Southeast Asia, 1897-1970, box #, 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 collection was organized following the "More Product, Less Process" method, utilizing box level description. The clips and staples were also left in the folders. 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.

Conditions Governing Use

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Controlled Access Headings

- Missions -- Asia

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL4, Southeast Asia

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Title/Description	Instances
National Christian Councils; Burma Baptist Convention Medical Education Committee; Madras Missionary Conference; Gujarat and Kathiawar Mission Conference, 1897 -- 1958	box 1
National Christian Council; Central Board of Christian Higher Education; Missionary Society Conferences, 1931 -- 1950	box 2
Indian Church Growth; Young Men's Christian Association in India, 1913 -- 1930	box 3
Missions; American Madura Mission; National Missionary Society of India; Mission Fields; Missionary Reflections on Thailand; American Baptist Foreign Mission Society reports; National Missionary Council of India; Missionary Union, 1917 -- 1945	box 4 box 5
Diary of Journey in 1905; Photo Albums from Burma, circa 1905	box 6
Poster: The Supreme Goal of the Suddhadvaita Saiva – Siddhanta School , circa 1900 -- 1950	roll 7
Indian Wisdom and Western Thought, annotated drafts, by Hans Jacobs, 1961	box 8

box 9

Biographies; Studies from India; Reports and Newspaper
Clippings; Communism; Nepal; Feltus, Books on Siam;
White Fields of India; Christian Literature, 1908 -- 1970

box 10

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