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## Missionary Research Library collection of scrapbooks11631815

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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 of scrapbooks
<b>ID:</b>	11631815
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1892 -- 1956
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6 linear feet 6 linear feet; 6 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection contains newspaper articles compiled in 32 scrapbooks by the Missionary Research Library on a variety of topics, including missionary work in China and India and mission ideology.

### Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL12: Missionary Research Library collection of scrapbooks, 1892-1962, box #, 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 in order to be both a resource for missionaries, and a means to document the missionary movement. With funding from John D. Rockefeller, Mott stated, "We are now ready to...secure the most complete and serviceable missionary library and archives in the world. I desire it to be thoroughly interdenominational, ecumenical and international. It should be made preeminently rich in source material." It was located at the Madison Avenue headquarters of the Foreign Missionary Conference of North America. By the 1920s, funding was becoming scarce; 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 integrated with the Burke Library's collections in 1976. 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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### **Revision Description**

PDF converted to EAD and description updated by Leah Edelman. 2022-01-31

### **Conditions Governing Access**

This collection is open for research.

### **Conditions Governing Access**

The following boxes are located offsite: Box 1-6. Please note that requests for use of boxes held in offsite storage must be made three business days in advance.

### **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**

Some scrapbooks were stored in acid-free boxes. The finding aid was created by Virginia Pastor in 2013, reviewed and updated by Brigitte Kamsler in 2015 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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- Missionary Research Library (New York, N.Y.) -- : Archives

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## **Burke Library record group:**

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Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL12, Ecumenical/World Missions

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## Collection Inventory

### Missionary Research Library collection of scrapbooks, 1892 -- 1962

Physical Description: 6 linear feet 6 linear feet; 6 boxes

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#### Arrangement

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#### Scope and Contents

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Title/Description	Instances
Scrapbooks, 1899 -- 1962	box 1

#### Scope and Contents

Bibliography clipped from The International Review of Missions, 1952-1956 (arranged by topic); "Lecture V, No. 9", Asia: Scrapbook, 1900-1901 (includes Christmas Sermon from American Bible Society, 1962 in front); "Lecture V, No. 8" Newspaper clippings of Missions, 1899-1901(International); China: 1901-1904 (plus OS map that was a supplement to the North-China Daily News); "China, No. 9" 1902-1907; Rev. Frank D. Gamewell Scrapbook: China, ca. 1911 (includes Gamewell bio at front – binding is broken and pages are loose).

Scrapbooks, 1892 -- 1912	box 2
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#### Scope and Contents

Drawings and Illustrations from Africa (with annotations); "Pacific Islands No. 2" Newspaper clippings of Missions, 1894-1898; "South America, Central America, Mexico and West Indies, No. 3", 1896-1900; Newspaper Clippings of Missionary Work in India, 1894-1896; Book 6: Newspaper Clippings "Indirect Results of Mission, No. 1" 1892-1903;

"Missions in General, No. 1" 1892-1893; "Untitled" Scrapbook, focus on China and Missionary Work, 1900-1902; "Lecture V, No. 7" newspaper clippings related to India Missions, 1898-1900

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Scrapbooks, 1892 -- 1912

box 3

**Scope and Contents**

Drawings and Illustrations from Africa (with annotations); "Pacific Islands No. 2" Newspaper clippings of Missions, 1894-1898; "South America, Central America, Mexico and West Indies, No. 3", 1896-1900; Newspaper Clippings of Missionary Work in India, 1894-1896; Book 6: Newspaper Clippings "Indirect Results of Mission, No. 1" 1892-1903; "Missions in General, No. 1" 1892-1893; "Untitled" Scrapbook, focus on China and Missionary Work, 1900-1902; "Lecture V, No. 7" newspaper clippings related to India Missions, 1898-1900

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Scrapbooks, 1892 -- 1912

box 4

**Scope and Contents**

"South America, Central America, West Indies, and Mexico, No. 4" 1900-1904; "Lecture V, No. 12" 1903-1904; "Lecture V, No. 5" 1897-1898; "Mohammedanism, No. 1" 1892-1912 (plus an envelope inside that includes more clippings from ca. 1911); "Missions in General, No. 2" 1893-1894; "Lecture 2, No. 4", related to superstitions, witchcraft, immoral behavior, 1894- 1905; "Missions in General, No. 4", 1895-1896; "Untitled" Japan and Korea, 1895-1896; "Lecture V, No.?" 1896-1904.

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Scrapbooks, 1892 -- 1900

box 5

**Scope and Contents**

"Untitled" 1896-1897 Missions in India; "Special Material on the Progress of the World, No. 3" [?] 1894-1900; "Missionary Problems, No. 1" 1892-1893; "China, No. 5" 1896-1897; "Theological and Religious, No. 1" 1893-1894 [covers completely separated from pages]; "Work of Missions?" 1894-1897; "India, No. 2" 1892-1894.

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Scrapbooks, 1894 -- 1913

box 6

**Scope and Contents**

"Biographical, No. 1" [index is filled out] 1894-1896;  
India, 1906-1913.

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