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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Title:	Christian evangelistic and religious education posters and Christian scrolls and Bible verses
ID:	4492575
Date [inclusive]:	1930-1949
Physical Description:	8 boxes 8 boxes
Language of the Material:	Chinese .
Abstract:	Posters and scrolls produced as visual aids to education and proselytization by Protestant missionaries working in China. Most scrolls include Chinese text and use images specifically designed for the Chinese mission field.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL 6 : Christian Evangelistic and Educational Posters; Christian
Scrolls and Bible Verses, series #, box #, folder #, The Burke Library Archives,
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History

Printing and publishing were important aspects of the Christian mission to China from its earliest days. With the advent of modern printing technologies, however, missions gained the ability to produce large - format posters and scrolls in large numbers and at low cost. These printed images were an important tool in the missionaries' programs of proselytization and education. Several institutions, groups and organizations contributed to the production of large - format printed images in China in the early twentieth - century, many of them also publishing pamphlets, tracts and books.

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History

Founded in 1877 as the Society for the Diffusion of Christian and General Knowledge among the Chinese, in 1906 the society changed its name to the Christian Literature Society for China 廣學會. Based in Shanghai, it was instrumental in publishing works on Western science and religion in Chinese, and cooperated with other organizations such as the American Presbyterian Mission Press 美華書館. The society was responsible for publishing most of the posters in Series 1 in cooperation with Jinling Seminary 金陵神學院. Also known as Nanjing Theological Seminary, this school was founded in 1907 by the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the PCUSA. It later gained the support of the Disciples of Christ, the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the MEC, South. In 1952 it was reformed into the Jinling Union Theological Seminary, and continues to be active today.

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The Religious Tract Society for China 基督聖教書會 was established in 1921 through the merger of the Religious Tract Society for North and Central China, and the Chinese Tract Society. It was supported by British, Canadian and American Tract societies, and in its first year of combined operation had a reported circulation of more than two and a half million. The society published many of the posters in Series 1, and all of the items in Series 2. One year after the society's founding in 1922, the National Christian Council of China 中華全國基督教協進會 was established as a non-denominational consultative body for Protestant mission organizations in China. It is cited as having been involved in producing some of the posters in Series 1.

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History

Two American artists are represented in the collection through their work for the United China Relief organization. James Montgomery Flagg 裴雷葛, 1877-1960, was an artist and illustrator, perhaps best-known for his depiction of Uncle Sam in an American recruitment poster from the First World War Martha Sawyers, 1902-1988, was famous for her illustrations of foreign peoples and places, and produced a number of illustrations for posters and advertisements featuring Chinese figures.

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Scope and Content

Originally comprised of two separate collections, in June 2010 they were processed together as they contain very similar types of material. To preserve their archival integrity, however, their distinct identities have been maintained , and they appear as Series 1 and 2 of this Finding Aid.

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Scope and Content

Nearly all the items in this collection attempt to convey a specific message to the viewer, whether it is connected to the war effort, religious teachings, proper morality and behavior, or the lyrics and music of a song. Some images were copied directly from European models, but most feature Chinese figures, scenes and text, the messages having been tailored to a Chinese audience. The posters in Series 1, boxes 4-6 appear to have been intended for use as part of Sunday school education, while those in Series 2 were specifically directed toward children. Overall the items in this collection offer a window into the visual depiction of Christian teachings and Western culture in China, something that reflects the input of both Western missionary and Chinese converts regarding how this intercultural communication ought to take place.

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Arrangement

The collection is not arranged in any particular manner. The entire collection has been digitally photographed and the images recorded on to CDRs with metadata. As the original posters are fragile, patrons are requested to consult the digital images of the posters, using the metadata sheet as a guide. The collection is unrestricted to readers. All posters, however, are in a fragile condition, and this necessitates restriction in handling. Please consult the CDs of digital copies in Series 2 Box 1. Series 1: Christian Evangelistic and Religious Educational Posters, [1930?-1949?]; Series 2: Christian Scrolls and Bible Verses , [1930?-1949?]

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Controlled Access Headings

- Christians -- China
- Evangelistic work -- China
- Christian education -- China
- China -- Religious life and customs
- Posters

General Note

Part of Missionary Research Library Collection : East Asia/China

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General Note

In Archives.

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Collection Inventory

Series 1: Christian Evangelistic and Religious Education Posters, [1930 ?-1949 ?]

Scope and Contents

Please see the items at the end of Series 2 for digital copies first.

Title/Description	Instances
Untitled [Popular deity on horseback with attendant]	box 1OS*1
Untitled [Popular deity on tiger]	box 1OS*2
Untitled [Popular deity on dragon].	box 1OS*3
Untitled [Dongchu Siming 東廚司命 (Eastern Stove God, Lord of Fate)]	box 1OS*4
Untitled [Buddhas and Ten Kings of the Underworld]	box 1OS*5
"China... Looks to Us!" [United China Relief Poster]	box 2OS*1
"China First to Fight!" [United China Relief Poster]	box 2OS*2
Untitled [Chart]	box 2OS*3
基督教家庭運動週 ["Christianize the Household" Movement Week]	box 2OS*4
Untitled	box 2OS*5
基督教家庭不可少的精神 [The Essential Spirit for Christianizing the	box 2OS*6

Household]	box 2OS*6
Untitled	box 2OS*7
耶穌之友 [The Friends of Jesus]	box 2OS*8
改造新人 [Reform into a New Person]	box 2OS*9
女界祈禱圖 [Diagram of Prayer for Women]	box 2OS*10
耶穌基督 [Jesus Christ]	box 2OS*11
求主使我們的家庭生活真能基督化 [Please Lord make our household life truly able to be Christianized]	box 2OS*12
罪人死 [Sin and Death]	box 2OS*13
久暫悲樂圖 ["The Temporal and the Eternal"]	box 2OS*14
條屏頁尺 [Consecration Hymn: "A Vessel Filled with Living Water"]	box 2OS*15
謹慎自守免去一切貪心 ["Rich Fool"]	box 2OS*16
接交心友 ["Meeting New Friends"]	box 2OS*17
來受新福 [Come Receive New Blessings]	box 2OS*18
懷新目的 [Thinking of a new goal]	box 2OS*19
Untitled [Selections from Psalm 182]	box 2OS*20
出死入生 ["Unto Life"]	box 2OS*21
抬頭是福 [Raising one's head is a blessing]	box 2OS*22
"Help China! China is Helping Us" [United China Relief Poster]	box 2OS*23
"Enemy Sowing Tares"	box 2OS*24
"The Sower"	box 2OS*25
"The Wedding Feast (2)"	box 2OS*26
"The Light Under a Bushel etc."	box 2OS*27
"The House on the Rock"	box 2OS*28
"Dives and Lazarus"	box 2OS*29
"The Wedding Feast (1)"	box 2OS*30
Teacher's Certificate, Lanao Folk Schools, Province of Lanao, Philippine Islands	box 2OS*31
Untitled	box 2OS*32
Untitled [Group of Popular and Daoist Deities]	box 3OS*1
感謝 [Thankfulness]	box 4OS*1
忠實問題 [A Question of Loyalty]	box 4OS*2

好撒瑪利亞人 [The Good Samaritan]	box 4OS*3
那一種是正當的遊戲 [Which one is a Proper Game?]	box 4OS*4
做工讀書 [Working and Studying]	box 4OS*5
招待客人 [Entertaining Guests]	box 4OS*6
父母的恩惠 [The Kindness of Parents]	box 4OS*7
錢的用法 [The Way of Using Money]	box 4OS*8
耶穌一生 [The Life of Jesus]	box 4OS*9
慶祝聖誕 [Celebrating Christmas]	box 4OS*10
願意幫助人 [Willing to Help People]	box 4OS*11
窮的問題 [The Problem of Poverty]	box 4OS*12
約瑟故事 (一) [The Story of Joseph (1)]	box 4OS*13
約瑟故事 (二) [The Story of Joseph (2)]	box 4OS*14
我們的大朋友 [Our Great Friends]	box 4OS*15
看戲與做戲 [Seeing a Play and Putting on a Play]	box 4OS*16
兒童的愛好 [Children's Hobbies]	box 4OS*17
兒童衛生 [Children's Hygiene]	box 4OS*18
中國名人 [Famous People of China]	box 4OS*19
合作的好處 [The Benefits of Cooperation]	box 4OS*20
新式和舊式的喪禮 [New and Old Style Funerals]	box 4OS*21
草花護愛 [Protecting Plants]	box 4OS*22
耶穌保護小孩 [Jesus Protects Children]	box 4OS*23
承認錯處 [Admitting Mistakes]	box 4OS*24
遊戲健康 [Playing is Healthy]	box 4OS*25
摩西故事 [The Story of Moses]	box 4OS*26
中國人的四種病 [Four Types of Sickness for Chinese People]	box 4OS*27
怎樣除滅蒼蠅 [How to Eradicate Flies]	box 4OS*28
兒童禱告 [Children Praying]	box 4OS*29
Title Missing [Map of Western Hemisphere]	box 4OS*30
Title Missing [Map of Eastern Hemisphere]	box 4OS*31
Untitled [Quotes from Numbers 6:24-26; Genesis 31:49]	box 5OS*1
Untitled [1 Samuel 3:9; Psalm 51:10 Psalm 119:105]	box 5OS*2
Untitled [1 Samuel 16:7; Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 5:8]	box 5OS*3

Untitled [Micah 6:8; Luke 10:29]	box 5OS*4
Untitled [Matthew 19:13-15]	box 5OS*5
Untitled [Joshua 1:9; Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 121:7-8]	box 5OS*6
Untitled [Psalm 19:1; Matthew 6:26, 28, 29]	box 5OS*7
Untitled [Psalm 34:13; Proverbs 16:32; James 4:11]	box 5OS*8
Untitled [John 3:16, 13:24-25, 15:13]	box 5OS*9
Untitled [Psalm 67:1-2; Psalm 103:1-2]	box 5OS*10
Untitled [Matthew 5:5,7,9]	box 5OS*11
Untitled [Matthew 6:9-13]	box 5OS*12
Untitled [Matthew 7:12; Acts 20:35; Matthew 5:16]	box 5OS*13
Untitled [Matthew 20:26-28; Galatians 6:2]	box 5OS*14
Untitled [Luke 2:40,52; 1 Timothy 4:12]	box 5OS*15
Untitled [Luke 16:10; Ephesians 4:25]	box 5OS*16
Untitled [Acts 17:24,25,28; John 4:24; 1 John 4:16]	box 5OS*17
Untitled [Romans 12:9,17,21; Philippians 4:13]	box 5OS*18
Untitled [Luke 2:51; Ephesians 6:1-2]	box 5OS*19
Untitled [Luke 2:8-14]	box 5OS*20
步行歌 [Walking Song]	box 6OS*1
放學歌 [School is Out Song]	box 6OS*2
我願意幫助別人 [I am Willing to Help Others]	box 6OS*3
小農人撒種歌 [Little Farmers Spread the Seeds Song]	box 6OS*4
遊戲歌 [Playing Song]	box 6OS*5
請看農夫 [Please Look at the Farmers]	box 6OS*6
感恩詩 [Poem of Thanksgiving]	box 6OS*7
好少年 [Good Children]	box 6OS*8
兩個小眼 [Two Small Eyes]	box 6OS*9
孩童晨禱 [Child's Morning Prayer]	box 6OS*10
謝飯歌 [Thanks for Food Song]	box 6OS*11
孩童晚禱 [Child's Evening Prayer]	box 6OS*12
快樂好家庭 [Happy and Good Household]	box 6OS*13
主保護 [Lord Protect]	box 6OS*14
孩童獻捐禱 [Children Collect Donations Prayer]	box 6OS*15

主耶穌的話 [The Word of Lord Jesus]	box 6OS*16
我為耶穌朋友 [I am a Friend of Jesus]	box 6OS*17
打魚歌 [Fishing Song]	box 6OS*18
聖誕歌 [Christmas Song]	box 6OS*19
天下兒童歌 [All the Children of the World Song]	box 6OS*20
出坑之法 ["The Horrible Pit"]	box 7OS*1

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Series 2: Christian Scrolls and Bible Verse, [1930 ?-1949 ?]

Title/Description	Instances
Pictures for Children's Services; Fourteen Pictures by Pastor Jen Chao Hai [Items 01-18 are bound together]	box 1*1
Untitled [Quotes from John 10:14; Psalm 55:22; Psalm 23]	box 1*2
Untitled [Psalm 19:8, 33:18]	box 1*3
Untitled [Psalm 94:9; Isaiah 59:1]	box 1*4
Untitled [James 1:26; Psalm 34:13]	box 1*5
Untitled [Psalm 24:4; 1 Timothy 2:8]	box 1*6
Untitled [Psalm 19:1; Genesis 1:6]	box 1*7
Untitled [Psalm 40:2; Proverbs 4:26,27]	box 1*8
Untitled [Matthew 8:20; Proverbs 6:5; Job 12:7]	box 1*9
Untitled [Psalm 32:8, 121:4]	box 1*10
Untitled [Matthew 7:16; Ephesians 5:9]	box 1*11
Untitled [Genesis 1:16,28; Psalm 8:7, 104:10,11]	box 1*12
Untitled [Proverbs 19:26; John 9:2]	box 1*13
Untitled [Proverbs 21:25, 31:27]	box 1*14
Untitled [Proverbs 24:10; Psalm 46:1]	box 1*15
Untitled [Isaiah 1:18; Psalm 51:7]	box 1*16
Untitled [Hebrews 9:22; Ephesians 1:7]	box 1*17
Untitled [Jeremiah 17:9]	box 1*18
人生禍福 (一) "Peace and Trouble 1" [Psalm 71:1,3,7]	box 1*19
人生禍福 (二) "Peace and Trouble 2" [Israel 12:2,3]	box 1*20
人生禍福 (三) "Peace and Trouble 3" [Israel 57:30,31]	box 1*21

2 CDRs with Digital Images of Posters, Metadata	box 1*1
Minutes from Religious Tract Society Meetings, 1931	box 1*2

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