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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Jones, George Heber, 1867-1919
Title:	George Heber Jones papers
ID:	6257798
Date [inclusive]:	1898 -- 1918
Physical Description:	1 linear feet 1 linear foot; 2 boxes
Language of the Material:	English

Abstract: George Heber Jones was a pioneer Methodist missionary in Korea. The collection contains correspondence; lectures and notes; a sermon; outlines; seminar notes and syllabi; news clippings; and annotated chapters from Heber's books, including a substantial collection of resources and reference materials for his published work, Christianity and World Democracy.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL8: George Heber Jones papers, 1898-1918, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Rev. Dr. George Heber Jones, a Methodist pioneer missionary to Korea, was born in Mohawk, NY on Aug 14, 1867. In 1887 the Methodist Episcopal Mission Board appointed him to Korea, where he was connected with Pai Chai High School and College. In 1892 he graduated from the American University in Harriman, TN and then moved to Chemulpo, where he was stationed for the next ten years. In May 1893 he married Margaret Josephine Bengel. Jones served as superintendent of the M. E. Mission Board for two terms (1897-1899; 1907-1909). Proficient in Korean and member of the Board of Translators of the Bible, he held a number of positions including editor of Korean Repository, founder and editor of Sin-hak Wol-po, a theological review, and vice-president of the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society. He

played a major role in efforts to encourage the first wave of Korean immigration to Hawaii in 1903. Returning to the U.S. in 1903, he worked as one of the secretaries of the Mission Board, and in 1905 lectured on missions at Morningside College in Iowa. In 1907 Jones returned to Korea and became president of the Bible Institute of Korea and Theological Seminary of the Methodist Church. He returned permanently to the U.S. in 1911 and worked as the editorial secretary for the M.E. mission board and secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. After his retirement from the mission field, Jones taught missions at De Pauw University (1911) and Boston School of Theology (1915-1918). He published in Korean a volume of Old Testament studies, a short history of the Christian Church, a hymnbook and a Korean-English dictionary. His works in English include: Korea, the Land, People and Customs (1907), The Korea Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1910), Christian medical work in Korea (1910?) and Christianity and World Democracy (1918). Jones died after a long illness on May 11, 1919 in Miami, Florida.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence; lectures and notes on topics including "The Rise of the Church in Korea," Christianity and World Democracy, fundamental factors in missions, and the missionary and his relationships; a sermon; outlines; seminar notes and syllabi; news clippings; and annotated chapters from Heber's books, including a substantial collection of resources and reference materials for his published work, Christianity and World Democracy.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in original order from the Missionary Research Library.

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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

Donated to the independent Missionary Research Library (MRL) on December 22, 1920, these records were accessioned by the Burke Library at the time of the MRL's closure in 1976.

Custodial History

Box two has been noted as missing since May 2004. As part of the update and review of the collection in 2014, box 2 has been removed from the finding aid. What was box 3 has been relabeled.

Processing Information

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Acidic items were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed. Any items in an advanced state of deterioration were placed in Mylar envelopes. Copies of news clippings were made and are preserved with the originals. In 2014, the collection was updated and reprocessed as part of the Henry Luce Foundation Grant. At this time, box 3 became box 2. The folder numbers otherwise remain the same. The finding aid was created by Aram Bae in 2007, reviewed and updated by Brigette C. 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

- Missions -- Korea
- Korea -- Religious life and customs
- Sermons
- Missionaries
- Jones, George Heber, 1867-1919 -- : Archives
- Methodist Episcopal Church -- : Missions

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL8, Korea

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Title/Description	Instances	
The Rise of the Church in Korea (8 chapters), circa 1914	box 1	folder 1
The Rise of the Church in Korea: Outline of lectures, circa 1914	box 1	folder 2
Christianity and World Democracy: Studies in the Social and Political Trend of World Life (13 lectures), circa 1918	box 1	folder 3-4
Fundamental Factors in Missions (8 chapters), circa 1918	box 1	folder 5
13 Lectures on The Missionary and His Relationships, circa 1915	box 1	folder 6-7
Lectures 6-10 on missions, circa 1915	box 1	folder 8
Sermon: "Christianity Will Win," Isa 11:10, circa 1900 -- 1918	box 2	folder 1
Correspondence, 1913 -- 1918	box 2	folder 2-3

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J. Hooksey to G. H.J., Bab Saadoun, Tunis, Jul 22, 1913 (54) G.H.J. to Brother Foote (unfinished), Algiers, Jul 25, 1913 (55) G.H.J. to Ezra S. Tipple, Lectures

on The Rise of the Church in Korea, New York City, Sep 29, 1914 (56) Rev. W. Arthur Noble to G.H.J., Seoul, Nov 4, 1914 (57) G.H.J. to Bishop M.C. Harris & W.A. Noble, New York City, Dec 30, 1914 (58) H.F. Laflamme to G.H.J., Rochester, N.Y, Feb 20, 1915 (59) G.H.J. to Robert E. Speer, New York City, Jun 6, 1917 (60) George Davis to G.H.J., Peking, Dec 16, 1918 (61) 2 3 Fred B. Fisher to G.H.J., New York City, Jan 5, 1917 (62) Marie Corner to G.H.J., Hingham, MA, Apr 16, 1917 (63) Marie Corner to G.H.J., May 3, 1917 (64) G.H.J. to Marie Corner, New York City, May 9, 1917 (65) G.H.J. to The Clerk (Senate of the U.S), New York City, Jun 28, 1917 (66) J.M. Baker to G.H.J., Washington, D.C., Jun 29, 1917 (67) Springfield Republican to M. Corner, Springfield, MA, Jun 28, 1917 (68) Benjamin Chappell to G.H.J., Hartford, CT., Jan 25, 1918 (69) G.H.J. to B. Chappell, New York City, Jan 26, 1918 (70) B. Chappell to G.H.J., Hartford, CT, Jan 28, 1918 (71) G.H.J. to B. Chappell, New York City, Jan 29, 1918 (72) B. Chappell to G.H.J., Hartford, CT, Feb 15, 1918 (73) William H. Teeter to G.H.J., May 16, 1918

Seoul, 1915 -- 1916	box 2	folder 4

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E.M. Cable to "Friends," Seoul, Feb 3, 1915 (75) Frank H. Smith to "Home Folks," Seoul, Dec 13, 1916 (76)

Papers documenting Trans-Siberian route, "Seoul to London via Siberia" from Seoul Press, Overland via the Trans-Siberian Railway pamphlet, Lecture notes on Russia, 1908 -- 1916	box 2	folder 5
General news clippings re: trade reports, imperial journeys, and Korean progress from Seoul Press, 1908 -- 1911	box 2	folder 6
World Democracy papers, circa 1916 -- 1918	box 2	folder 7

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Notes on Conference re: proposed book on World Democracy, Richards Villa, Jun 24, 1916, 1p (79); Syllabus for World Democracy, [1917?], 21p (80); Outline of Christianity and World Democracy, [1918?], 6p (81); Outline of Lectures, Missions and the Rise of World Democracy, [1918?], 5p (82) Chapter themes of World Democracy, [1918?], 18p (83)

Research materials for World Democracy, journal and book reviews, 1898 -- 1917	box 2	folder 8-18