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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 Korea
ID:	6351359
Date [inclusive]:	1904 -- 1964
Physical Description:	0.75 linear feet 0.75 linear feet; 3 boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains materials compiled by the Missionary Research Library that document foreign mission work in Korea during the early 20th century, including reports, correspondence, publications, conference records, and maps.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL8: Missionary Research Library collection on mission work in Korea, 1904-1964, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Christianity in Korea can be traced back for centuries, with Protestantism and Catholicism emerging as the two main sects of Christianity in Korea. A variety of missionary organizations had interests in Korea, such as the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States and the Methodist Episcopal Church. The first Presbyterian missionary arrived in Korea in the mid-1800s; more missionaries arrived up until World War II. The major concerns for missions in Korea, as outlined by the Continuation Committee of the World Missionary Conference, were: evangelization, the Christian Church, Christian leadership, training and efficiency of missionaries, education, literature, occupation of the field, cooperation and medical work. Missionaries in Korea have left a lasting impact on the nation, starting hundreds of hospitals and universities. During the Japanese occupation of Korea, Christianity became

intertwined with Korean Nationalism. After the Korean War, the majority of Christians moved to South Korea. The religion is still popular and widely followed.

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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

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. A group of unprocessed and unorganized material was added to the collection in 2014 as part of the Henry Luce Foundation project; this material begins in Box 2. The finding aid was created by Aram Bae in 2007, reviewed and updated by Brigette 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

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL8, Korea

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Title/Description	Instances	
Report on Country Day Schools and Pyeng Yang's Boy School, by John Z. Moore, circa 1920 -- 1929	box 1	folder 1
Historical Sketch of Mission of Southern Methodist Episcopal Church, by J. Robert Moose, 1912	box 1	folder 2
Letter from Arthur J. Brown to Komatsu, director of Bureau of Foreign Affairs, Seoul, 1915-06-15	box 1	folder 3
Pamphlets, 1904 -- 1913	box 2	folder 1
Industry and Reform in Korea, 1907 -- 1909	box 2	folder 2
Education in Korea typescripts, 1909	box 2	folder 3
Pyeng Yeng Union College, 1909 -- 1910	box 2	folder 4
Seoul Conference: Opening, Business, Financial, circa 1913	box 2	folder 5
Seoul Conference: Occupation in the Field, Medical Missions, circa 1913	box 2	folder 6
Seoul Conference: Church, Evangelization, Leadership, circa 1913	box 2	folder 7
Seoul Conference: Education, Literature, circa 1913	box 2	folder 8
Seoul Conference: Discussion of Findings, circa 1913	box 2	folder 9
Christian Colleges and Churches, circa 1938	box 2	folder 10

Personal Correspondence from Missionaries, 1939 -- 1940	box 2	folder 11
Correspondence, 1943 -- 1947	box 2	folder 12
Post-War Korea, FMCNA and Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, 1944	box 2	folder 13
Korean Language Characters, circa 1940 -- 1949	box 2	folder 14
Map of Korea showing Stations of Federated Missions, Missionaries of United Church of Canada reside in Underlined Stations, published by Young People's Missionary Education, circa 1940 -- 1949	box 2	folder 15
Correspondence, 1943 -- 1964	box 3	folder 1
Publications and Reports, circa 1943 -- 1964	box 3	folder 2
Korea Church Workers Academy, 1964	box 3	folder 3

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