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Missionary Research Library Archives: Section 3

Finding Aid for

**“Views in Lucknow” Records, 1890 – 1919**



Reid Christian College. Credit to MRL 3: Views in Lucknow Records, Box 1, Folder 2,  
The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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**Summary Information**

Creator: John Franklin Goucher, 1845–1922

Title: Views in Lucknow Records

Inclusive dates: 1890–1919

Abstract: Material presented by Reid Christian Intermediate College of Lucknow, India to John Franklin Goucher, Methodist pastor and benefactor of many educational institutions in India, China, Japan, and Southeast Asia. Contains correspondence and photograph book.

Size: 1 box, 0.25 linear feet

Storage: Onsite storage

Repository: The Burke Library  
Union Theological Seminary

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### Administrative Information

- Provenance:** Originally part of the independent Missionary Research Library, these records were moved with the MRL to the Brown Memorial Tower of Union Theological Seminary in 1929. In 1976 the records were accessioned to the Burke Library archives with the closure of the MRL.
- Access:** Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to [burkearchives@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burkearchives@library.columbia.edu), or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. Burke Library staff is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
- Access Restrictions:** The collection is unrestricted to readers. Certain materials, however, are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying.
- Preferred Citation:** Item description, MRL 3: Views in Lucknow Records, box # and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

### History

John Franklin Goucher (1845-1922) was a Methodist Episcopal minister with a deep personal interest in international missions and education. He provided significant financial support to many of his colleagues in their efforts to establish schools in India, China, Japan, and Southeast Asia. The album was presented to Goucher by Reid Christian College of Lucknow, India in appreciation for the financial and ministerial assistance Goucher offered to colleagues in the effort to establish educational institutions in South and Southeast Asia.

Lucknow, India was the location of the British Residency that served as a refuge for approximately 3,000 British inhabitants during the Indian Revolt of 1857. Reid Christian Intermediate College was established in Lucknow in 1888 by the Methodist Episcopal Church as an American college serving Indian students under the protection of the British flag. In 1889 the college began offering bachelor's degree classes in Arts and Science, and in 1891 the cornerstone was finally laid for an actual building to house the college, on the same site that had been occupied by the Indian rebels in the adjoining Residency thirty-four years prior.

Lucknow suffered under a famine that struck the northern India plain in 1897, and attendance at Reid Christian College that year dropped to only twenty-two, with most of the students coming from the poorer classes. The college slowly recovered, and eventually became Lucknow Christian Degree College, an associate post-graduate college of Lucknow University.

### Sources:

Badley, Brenton Thoburn, *The Making of a Christian College in India*, Calcutta: Methodist Publishing House, 1906.

### Collection Scope and Content Note

Collection contains a hardcover book entitled "Views in Lucknow," presented to Reverend John F. Goucher by the students of Reid Christian College, Lucknow. The book contains twenty-five black and white 8x10 photos of Lucknow, India, including views of: the Residency, Chatter Manzil, "Hoosainabad" [Hussainabad], the Great "Emambara" [Imambara], the throne room of the King of Oudli, the Sadab Ali Shah Mausoleum, Reid Christian College and its students and faculty from 1897, Christian College High School, the Women's College, the Hindustani Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church along with its parsonage and publishing house.

Correspondence pertains to the financial and ministerial assistance which Goucher offered to colleagues in their efforts to establish educational institutions in South and Southeast Asia. The collection includes a 1918 booklet containing a historical sketch and the constitution of the Anglo-Chinese College in Singapore along with correspondence relating to the school's early development by J. S. Nagle.

### Processing

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.

### Further Sources

The Anne S. K. Brown Military Collection at Brown University Library contains a collection of original photographs taken forty years earlier in 1857 that depict many of the same sites. The collection can be found at <http://library.brown.edu/collections/askb/beato.php>.

The Burke Library offers a large collection by John Franklin Goucher, located in MRL12. The finding aid and more information on the collection can be researched online: [http://library.columbia.edu/content/dam/libraryweb/libraries/burke/fa/mrl/ldpd\\_4492659.pdf](http://library.columbia.edu/content/dam/libraryweb/libraries/burke/fa/mrl/ldpd_4492659.pdf).

The Burke Library offers other collections related to India and surrounding geographic area. More information on available collections can be found online: <http://library.columbia.edu/indiv/burke/archives/mrl.html#series3>.

### Contents list

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Correspondence, 1890-1919
1	2	Photograph book, 1897