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Missionary Research Library Archives: Section 12

Finding Aid for

**Missionary Biographical Records, 1800s – 1900s**

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**Summary Information**

Creator: Missionary Research Library  
Title: Missionary Biographical Records  
Inclusive dates: 1800s – 1900s  
Abstract: Missionary Research Library created collection including detailed information on missionaries in the field. Includes diaries; correspondence; pamphlets; and photographs.  
Size: 6 boxes, 3.00 linear feet  
Storage: Onsite storage  
Repository: The Burke Library  
Union Theological Seminary  
3041 Broadway  
New York, NY 10027  
Email: [burkearchives@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burkearchives@library.columbia.edu)

### 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 12: Missionary Biographical Records, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

### History

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 not only a resource for missionaries, but a means to document the missionary movement. With funding from John D. Rockefeller, Mott stated,

“We are now ready to go ahead full steam on the plan 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 scarcer; 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 finally integrated as one with the Burke Library's collections in 1967. In 2004, the Burke Library was fully integrated with the Columbia University Library System.

### Sources:

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- Frame, Cynthia. "Missionary Research Library Collection: From Idea to Special Collection," *Union News*, Summer 1998.
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### **Collection Scope and Content Note**

The collection is organized alphabetically by last name of the person. Included in each folder are materials such as correspondence; diaries; historic graphics; and pamphlets. The collection has been kept in its original order as created by the MRL. MRL moved the folder on R. H. Nassau to MRL1: R.H. Nassau Papers.

The amount of material in each folder can vary from one single item to many items. Please contact the archives staff at the Burke Library by phone, fax or email [burkearchives@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burkearchives@library.columbia.edu) for more detailed information on what is contained in specific folders.

### **Processing**

Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Photographs were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed.

Further additions are possible as the unprocessed collections are completed.

### **Further Sources**

There are many individuals in this collection which could have connections and records available at the Burke Library. For more information, please visit the Burke Library Archives website at <http://library.columbia.edu/indiv/burke/archives.html> or by contacting archives staff at [burkearchives@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burkearchives@library.columbia.edu).

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1	1	4	“Heroism on the Mission Field” – Various Missionaries
1	1	5	Missionaries of the New Haven Branch, Woman’s Board of Missions, compiled 1922
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1	1	7	Allen, Young J., D.D., 1836 – [1907?] (China)
1	1	8	Ambrose, Reverend T. L. (Persia) Nestorians
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1	1	12	Ashmore, William, D.D., 1824 – 1909 (China)
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1	1	14	Bashford, James Whitford, D.D., Bp., 1849 – 1919 (China)
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1	1	17	Bettelheim, Dr. Bernard Jean, 1811 – 1870 (Japan)
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1	1	19	Bixby, Josephine M., 1860 – 1907 (China)
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1	1	32	Brownlee, John, 1791 – 1871 (South Africa)
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1	1	36	Campbell, Alexander, 1788 – 1866 (Disciples of Christ)
1	1	37	Carey, William, 1761 – 1834 (India)
1	1	38	Ching-Yi, Dr. Cheng, D.D., 1880 – 1939 (China)
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1	2	5	Davis, Reverend John A., [18??] – 1897 (China)
1	2	6	Dearing, John Lincoln, D.D., 1858 – 1916 (Japan)
1	2	7	DeForest, John Kinney Hyde, 1844 – 1911 (Japan)
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1	2	14	Duff, Alexander, D.D., 1806 – 1878 (India)
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1	2	22	Fiske, Fidelia, 1816 – 1864 (Persia)
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1	2	31	Gordon, Adoniram Judson, D.D., 1836 – 1895
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