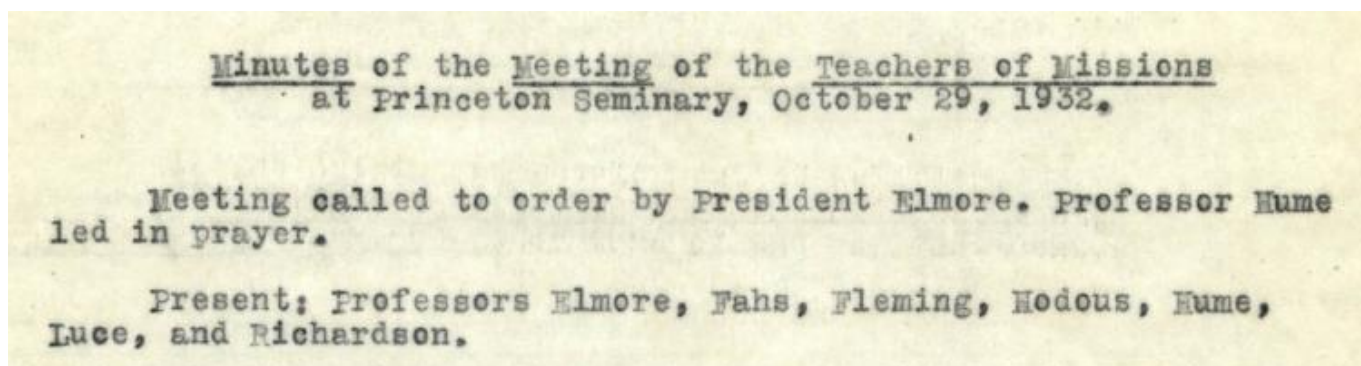


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Missionary Research Library Archives: Section 12

Finding Aid for

**Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Missions Records,
1932 – 1965**



Credit to MRL 12: Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Missions Records, box 1, folder 8,
The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Summary Information

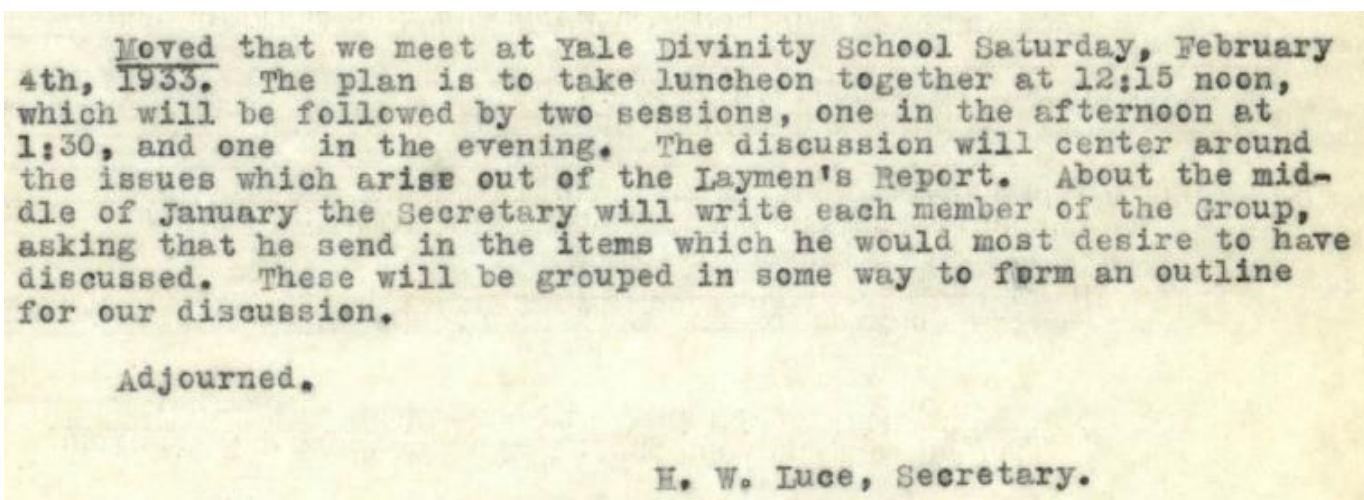
Creator: Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Missions
Title: Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Missions Records
Inclusive dates: 1932 – 1965
Abstract: Records from Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Missions established to promote fellowship, spiritual life and professional usefulness of members. Contains correspondence, financial records, constitution, minutes, reports and other resource material.
Size: 1 box, 0.50 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
3041 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
Email: 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, 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, MRL12: Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Missions Records, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

History

The Teachers of Missions Group was established to promote the fellowship, spiritual life and professional usefulness of its members through papers, discussion, prayer and social intercourse. Membership consisted of people in New England and the Mid-Atlantic area. The earliest records in this collection, recorded by secretary Henry Winters Luce, date from 1932; however the group began to meet informally in 1917. Early discussions included those on Laymen's Foreign Missions Inquiry; interacting with International Missionary Council; and the discussion of training missionaries.



Minutes of the Meeting of the Teachers of Missions at Princeton Seminary, October 29, 1932.

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The constitution was officially adopted April 1940 and stated their name as "The Fellowship of Professors of Missions." Regular meetings were held twice per year with annual dues set at fifty

cents. By 1954, the updated constitution changed the name to “The Association of Professors of Missions.” Membership was opened to professors of missions in the member institutions of the American Association of Theological Schools and by invitation. The meetings were also changed to once every two years.

In 1964, the name again changed to “The Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Missions” to show its region, as the group was a faction of the national Association of Professors of Missions. The national group became closely allied with the American Association of Missiology beginning in 1972. Both the Association of Professors of Missions and the American Association of Missiology are still in existence today.

Sources: Information from records themselves and from the official Association of Professors of Missions webpage: <http://www.asweb.org/content/apm> [Accessed January 9, 2012].

Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection contains correspondence, organizational records including financial records and foundation documents; it also contains minutes, reports and resource materials made available to members. The records are detailed and make reference to missionaries who have connections and other collections in the Missionary Research Library, including Professor Hume (MRL4), Charles Fahs, and Daniel Fleming (MRL3).

Processing

Metal clips and staples were removed from some deteriorated materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes.

No discernable original order could be identified; therefore order was imposed.

Further Sources

Yale University Library in the Divinity Special Collections offers two small collections related to the Fellowship of Professors of Missions. Using catalog numbers HR1073 and HR1195, more information can be found on their website: <http://www.library.yale.edu/>.

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