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Finding Aid for

Samuel Guy Inman Papers, 1914 – 1929



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Summary Information

Creator: Inman, Samuel Guy, 1877 – 1965

Title: Samuel Guy Inman Papers

Dates: 1914 -1929

Abstract: Member of the Disciples of Christ, executive secretary of Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, and member of the Christian Women's Board of Missions. Collection contains surveys of Panama; South American travel notes; essay on Hispanic American Congress of Evangelical Churches in Havana, Cuba; and other reports and correspondence.

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. The collection was updated in 2014 as part of the Henry Luce Foundation grant.
- 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, MRL9: Samuel Guy Inman Papers, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

Biography

Dr. Samuel Guy Inman was an accomplished educator and authority on Latin American affairs. He was instrumental in the crafting of Franklin D. Roosevelt's Good Neighbor Policy, the policy of the U.S. in relation to Latin America and Europe from 1933-1945. Holding academic appointments both in the U.S. and abroad, he was named a League of Nations commissioner to the Latin American Republics in 1935 and in 1945 participated in the Conference for the Organization of the United Nations held in San Francisco.¹

Dr. Inman was an active member of the Disciples of Christ and organized conferences on Christian Work in Latin America and the Caribbean. Having attended Pan American Conferences on Christian missionary efforts since 1923, Inman later became executive secretary of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America in 1925. This committee aimed to gather all the Protestant denominations in Latin America to focus on a variety of issues including education, evangelism, health ministry, religious education, and the Indians of South America.² He was also a founder of *La Hermosa*, a Disciples of Christ Church for Puerto Ricans in New York City.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The Samuel Guy Inman Papers are housed in a single box and consist of various documents related to missions, aid and assistance to Latin America. The focus of the papers is on Panama, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Chile.

¹ "Samuel G. Inman, Educator, 77, Dies," Special to the New York Times [New York] 21 Feb. 1965.

² "To Confer on Religion," The New York Times [New York] 1 Mar. 1925.

Processing

When the Burke Library acquired the S.G. Inman papers, an attempt was made to maintain the original order. Folded materials were flattened. Staples, rubber bands, and metal clips were removed and replaced with plastic clips. All materials were placed in acid-free folders and boxes.

The collection and finding aid were updated in 2014 as part of the Henry Luce Foundation project. Folders 6 and 7 were integrated into the existing collection at this time.

Further Sources

The main collection related to Samuel Guy Inman is deposited at the Library of Congress. The finding aid to this collection can be [viewed online](#).

The Burke Library offers other collections related to the topics, such as the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, and geographic locations covered in this collection. For more information, please see the [Burke Library Archives website](#).

Contents list

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	A Survey of moral and religious conditions in the Canal Zone, Panama City, and Colon, made under the direction of S.G. Inman, Apr. 1917, 1v.
1	2	Census of Panama City, 1916
1	3	General Information on Panama [1917]
1	4	Travel notes of tour of South America (from Panama to Chile), 1914
1	5	"New Churches in Old Lands: Thoughts concerning the Evangelical Movement in Hispanic America" [1929?], re: Hispanic-American Congress of Evangelical Churches, Havana, Cuba, 1929
1	6	Correspondence, Reports and Financial Information regarding programs in Mexico, 1923-1926
1	7	Five Year Program, 1920-1924: Budget Approved by the Central Committee of the Evangelical Union, in Annual Session in Bayamon, 1919 [Puerto Rico] Names of Women Leaders in Cuba, [19??]