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Finding Aid for

**Henry Gerhard Appenzeller Papers, 1883 - 1902**



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**Summary Information**

Creator: Henry Gerhard Appenzeller, 1858 - 1902  
Title: Henry Gerhard Appenzeller Papers  
Inclusive dates: 1883 - 1902  
Bulk dates: 1884 - 1898  
Abstract: A pioneer Methodist missionary to Korea, founder of the Pai Chai School in Seoul, member of the Board of Bible Translators, editor of *The Korean Review* and supporter of Korean independence. Contains journals, correspondence, addresses, essays, sermons and short stories.  
Size: 5 boxes, 2.00 linear feet  
Storage: Onsite storage  
Repository: The Burke Library  
Union Theological Seminary  
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New York, NY 10027  
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### Administrative Information

- Provenance:** The MRL archives were originally part of the independent Missionary Research Library, under the direction of Charles H. Fahs, who was research assistant to John R. Mott and curator of the Missionary Research Library from its foundation in 1914 until 1948. 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 8: H. G. Appenzeller Papers, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

### Biography

A pioneer Methodist missionary to Korea, Henry Gerhard Appenzeller was born in Sonderton, PA on February 6, 1858. In 1882 he graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA and continued his education at Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, NJ. In 1879 he married Ella Dodge.

In 1884 the Methodist Episcopal Board of Missions appointed Appenzeller to Korea, and he arrived a year later. He settled in Seoul and served as assistant superintendent of the Mission from its foundation until 1887, when he became full superintendent.

In 1886 he founded the Pai Chai School in Seoul, working as the principal for many years. He gained fluency with the Korean language and joined the Board of Bible Translators. He also served as pastor of the Union Church in Seoul. With Rev. Ohlinger Appenzeller established the Methodist Printing House and became editor of *The Korean Review*, successor to the *Korean Repository*.

Appenzeller was a great traveler, explorer, teacher, organizer and evangelist. He died in a shipwreck on June 11, 1902.

### Collection Scope and Content Note

Appenzeller's papers, deposited in the Missionary Research Library before 1922, represent the early history of Protestant missionary work in Korea, specifically its Methodist beginnings, and reveal his support for the independence of Korea. The collection retains original item numbering

from the Missionary Research Library and the numbers are retained thus ( ) in the Finding Aid. The papers are organized in five small series:

- **Series 1: Journals, 1883-1901 (1 box, 0.50 lin. ft.)**  
This series consists of ten journals, dating from 1883 – 1901, which contain personal entries, field observations, and Korean language practices. As the journals are extremely fragile, researchers are requested to use the microfilm copies rather than the originals.
- **Series 2: Correspondence, 1884 - 1902 (2 boxes, 0.75 lin. ft.)**  
Series 2 includes four large letter copy books containing letters sent by Appenzeller, including a few by Ella Dodge Appenzeller. Correspondence topics include his appointment to Korea, creation and publication of the Korean Repository, Methodist mission board, diplomatic relations, and the independence of Korea. Letters are sent to prominent leaders in foreign missionary work such as J.M. Reid, C. H. Fowler, G. H. Jones, A. B. Leonard, H. N. Allen, W. B. Scranton and S. A. Moffett. The bulk of the correspondence dates from 1884 – 1898. Correspondence in box 3 was kept for many years in the same box as series 3. In 2014, the boxes were split so that each series is contained in its own box.

Letter Copy books in this series are not accessible because of extreme fragility. Researchers are requested to use the microfilm copies.

- **Series 3: Sermons, 1883-1902 (1 box, 0.50 lin. ft)**  
This series contains over forty sermons by Appenzeller, arranged mainly chronologically. The majority of the sermons were preached at Union Church in Seoul. Other sermons were delivered in the United States, such as at Grace Reformed Church in PA, Leidy's Reformed Church, Drew Seminary Chapel, Franklin and Marshall Chapel, and several in Green Village, NJ. Funeral addresses for Ms. Jacobson, Clarence R. Greathouse, and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Clifford, including one given by H. G. Underwood are included. In 2014, this series was placed in its own box.
- **Series 4: Korea Missions, 1886-1901 (11 folders, 0.15 lin. ft)**  
Box 5 of the collection contains both series 4 and 5.  
Series 4 contains addresses given by Appenzeller in Korea, essays on the beginnings of Methodist missionary work in Seoul, sermon notes, notes on missionary life, and short stories.
- **Series 5: Korea General, 1885-1897 (6 folders, 0.10 lin. ft)**  
Box 5 of the collection contains both series 4 and 5.  
This series contains general items, ranging from 1885 – 1897 and including an editorial piece for the Korean Repository, notes on the history of Korean dynasties, Korean names, international relations with China and Japan, and a report on the health of Seoul by Dr. H.N.Allen. Other items include correspondences from R.H.Shufeldt, conversation notes with Mr. E.Hioke, an address delivered on Founder's Day, and loose papers from various dates.

Pre-2014 Organization	2014 Organization
Series 3: Sermons, Box 3, Folders 14-35	Series 3: Sermons, Box 4, Folders 1-22
Series 3: Sermons, Box 4, Folder 1	Series 3: Sermons, Box 4, Folder 23
Series 4: Korea Missions, Box 4, Folders 2-12	Series 4: Korea Missions, Box 5, Folders 1-11
Series 5: Korea General, Box 4, Folders 13-18	Series 5: Korea General, Box 5, Folders 12-17

### 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.

In 2014, the collection was updated as part of the Henry Luce Foundation grant.

### Further Sources

The Burke Library offers other collections related to missions in Korea. For more information, please see the [Burke Library website](#) or consult [CLIO](#), Columbia University Library's Online Catalog.

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Series	Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	1	May 24, 1883-Sep 1897 (6)
1	1	2	1885-1895 (7-9)
1	1	3	Apr 25, 1886-Mar 15, 1888 (1), Jun 15, 1892-Jan 24, 1893; Jun 14, 1898 (2)
1	1	4	Dec 17, 1894-Apr 1896, Re: <i>Korean Repository</i> (10)
1	1	5	Apr 2, 1894-Dec 26, 1900 (3)
1	1	6	Sept 23, 1898-Nov 2, 1901 (4-5),

**Series 2: Correspondence, 1884 – 1902**

2	2	1	Letter book (fragile), Apr 25, 1885-Nov 28, 1899 (11)
2	2	2	Letter book (fragile), Feb 25, 1887-Oct 17, 1893; including letters from Ella Dodge Appenzeller (12)
2	2	3	Letter book (fragile), Aug 7, [1887?], May 12, 1894-Dec 31, 1898 (13)
2	2	4	Letter book (fragile), Nov 29, 1899-Jan 9, 1902 (14)
2	3	1	Undated Correspondence: W.B. Scranton to H.G.A. (15), [Ch.W.L?] to H.G.A. (16)
			<b>Appointment to Korea</b>
2	3	2	J. M. Reid to H.G.A., New York City, Sep 5, 1884 (17), Oct 17, 1884 (18), Nov 20, 1884 (19), Dec 1, 1884 (20), Dec 17, 1884 (21), Dec 20, 1884 (22) C. H. Fowler to H.G. A., Chicago, Jan 2, 1885 (23) J. M. Reid to H.G. A., Jan 12, 15, 20, 1885 (24-26)
2	3	3	J. Hayakawa to H.G.A., San Francisco, CA, Jan 11, 1888 (27) J. Ross to H.G.A., [New?], Mar 26, 1888 (28) C. H. Fowler to Hugh A. Dinsmore, Seoul, Sep 27, 1888 (29)
2	3	4	H. N. Allen to H.G.A., Apr 1891 (30) H.G.A. to Dr. McGill, Nov 23, 1891 (31) H.G.A. to Dr Niles, [Nov 1891?] (32) J. T. Gracey to H.G.A., Rochester, NY, Dec 12, 1892 (33) Hulbert to H.G.A., Jamesville, Jun 25, 1893 (34) George H. Jones to H.G.A., Chemulpo, Sep 28, 1893 (35)
2	3	5	G. H. Jones to H.G.A., Chemulpo, Jun 29, 1894 (37), Jul 19, 1894 (38), Jul 21, 1894 (39), Jul 25, 1894 (40), Jul 27, 1894 (41), Jul 28, 1894 (42), Aug 2, 1894 (43), Aug 4, 1894 (44) H. Loomis to H.G.A., Kobe, Japan, Oct 31, 1894 (45)
2	3	6	W. B. Scranton to H.G.A., Seoul, Feb 19, 1895 (46) H.G.A. to W. B. Scranton, Seoul, Feb 19, 1895 (47) [O. N. Denny?] to H.G.A., Portland, OR, Mar 30, 1895 (48) E. C. Pauling to H.G.A., Seoul, Jul 15, 1895 (49) [Suchida?] to H.G.A., Seoul, Aug 2, 1896 (50) Korean Independence Club to H.G.A., Seoul, Nov 14, 1896 (51)

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			<b>Appointment to Korea (cont'd)</b>
2	3	7	[Ch.W.A?] to H.G.A., [Chawal?], Nov 30, 1894 (52) S. A. Moffett to H.G.A., [1895?] (53) Jas S. Gore to H.G.A., Gensan, Jun 22, 1895 (54) S. F. Moore to H.G.A., [Jul 8, 1895?] (55), Jul 9, [1895?] (56) G. H. Jones to H.G.A., Chemulpo, Jul 31, 1895 (57)
2	3	8	<i>Korean Repository:</i> G. H. Jones to H.G. Appenzeller (58, 59) B. H. Chamberlain to H.G.A., Tokyo, Nov 14, 1894 (60) Mrs. John R. Kieffer to H.G.A., Lancaster, PA, Jan 4, 1895 (61) D. B. Schneder to H.G.A., Sendai, Jan 28, 1895 (62) D. S. Spencer to H.G.A., Nagoya, Apr 15, 1895 (63) E. Hioki to H.G.A., [Seoul?], Jul 19, 1895 (64) F. [Kriens?] to H.G.A., Seoul, Aug 7, 1895 (65) E. Hioki to H.G.A., Sep 9, 1895 (66) [Y. Martel?] to H.G.A. in French, Seoul, Dec 13, 1898 (67) D. L. Gifford to H.G.A., Seoul, Dec 23, 1898 (68)
2	3	9	Correspondence with Mission Board, 1896-1901 H.G.A. to A. B. Leonard (69) H.G.A. to A. B. Leonard, Seoul, Jun 3, 1895 (70) H.G.A. to A. B. Leonard, Chefoo, China, Jul 22, 1896 (71)
2	3	10	Correspondence with W.B. Scranton: W. B. Scranton to H.G.A., Seoul, Sep 28, 1898 (75), Oct 12, 1898 (76-78) H.G.A. to W. B. Scranton, Seoul, Oct 13, 1898 (79) W. B. Scranton to H.G.A., Seoul, Oct 13, 1898 (80) Mrs. Fannie Allen to H.G. A. (81)
2	3	11	Diplomatic Correspondence John M. B. Sill to US citizens resident in Korea, Seoul, May 11, 1897 (82) H. N. Allen to H.G.A., Seoul, Oct 19, 1898 (83) H.G.A. to Minister of Education, Seoul, Nov 5, 1898 (84) H. N. Allen to H.G.A., Seoul, Nov 5, 1898 (85) H.G.A. to H. N. Allen, Seoul, Nov 5, 1898 (86) H.N Allen to H.G.A., Seoul, Nov 20, 1898 (87) H.G.A. to H. N. Allen, Seoul, Nov 20, 1898 (88) H. N. Allen to H.G.A., Seoul, Dec 6, 1898 (89), Dec 9, 1898 (90), Feb 3, 1899 (91), Nov 30, 1899 (92)
2	3	12	<i>The Independent :</i> K. [Golo?] to H.G.A., Port Arthur, Nov [15 & 27?], 1898 (93) W. F. Sands to H.G.A., Seoul, Nov 6, 1899 (94) H.G.A. to W. F. Sands, [Seoul?], Nov 6, 1899 (95) G. H. Jones to H.G.A., Chemulpo, Jun 3, 1899 (96) W. H. Emberley to H.G.A., Seoul, Aug 10, 1899 (97-98)

**Series 2: Correspondence (Cont'd)**

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2	3	13	Sale of <i>Every Day Life in Korea</i> : D. L. Gifford to Mrs. Appenzeller, Seoul, Sep 26 & 29, 1898 (99) H.G.A. "Circular List," Seoul, Sep 29, 1898 (100) H.G.A. "Circular List," Seoul, (101) H.G.A. to [?], Seoul, Oct 18, 1898 (102) D. L. Gifford to H.G.A., Seoul, Oct 27, 1898 (103) A. M. Brooks to H.G.A., Seoul, Jun 16, 1899 (104) Philip Jaisahn to H.G.A., Philadelphia, PA, Sep 11, 1899 (105)

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3	4	2	Isa 33:17, Funeral address for Miss Jacobson, Seoul (108) Joh 13:23, "Power of the Cross," Grace Ref. Church, Philadelphia, PA, Oct 1, 1883 (109)
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3	4	4	Rom 8:29-30, "Predestination," Green Village, NJ, Jun 15, 1884 (112) Mat 25:1-13, "Ten Virgins," Green Village, NJ, Aug 2, 1884 (113)
3	4	5	Mic 6:8, "God's Requirement of His People," Green Village, NJ, Aug 24, 1884 (114) Jer 8:20, "Neglected Opportunities," Green Village, NJ, Sep 7, 1884 (115) Joh 7:1, "Jesus Walked in Galilee," Green Village, NJ, Sep 9, 1884 (116)
3	4	6	2 Tim 2:3, "Christian Soldier," Green Village, NJ, Sep 21, 1884 (117) 1 Tim 1:15, missing: p 6-8, Drew Sem. Chapel, Madison NJ, Oct 1, 1884 (118)
3	4	7	1 Cor 15:35, "Resurrected Body," Union Church, Seoul, Apr 10, 1887 (119) Heb 6:18-19, "Anchor of the Soul," Union Church, Seoul, Jun 19, 1887 (120)
3	4	8	Act 2:22, "Miracles," Union Church, Seoul, Nov 6, 1887 (121)
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3	4	16	Lev 25:10, "Proclaiming liberty throughout the land," Oct 14, 1891 (133) Mat [24?], "What Mean These Stones," Union Church, Seoul, Nov 26, 1891 (134)
3	4	17	Isa 44:3, "Revivals," Union Church, Seoul, Jan 3, 1892 (135) 2 Sam 14:14, Union Church, Seoul, Feb 7, 1892 (136)
3	4	18	Mat 6:19, "Our Father," Union Church, Seoul, May 29, 1892 (137) Mar 4, "Parable of the Sower," Leidy's Ref. Church, Jul 31, 1892 (138)
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3	4	21	Joh 12:32, Funeral address for Clarence R. Greathouse, Union Church, Seoul, Oct 23, 1899 (143) Joh 3, "Regeneration," Union Church, Seoul, 1900 (144)
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4	5	2	Native Inquirers, address read before the Society for Christian Endeavor, Seoul, Jan 18, 1889 (152) Mission in Korea, address to the Mission of the Presbyterian Church (North) in Korea, Aug 30, 1897 (153) Bible in the Twentieth Century, Union Church, Seoul, May 6, 1900 (154)
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5	5	16	Notes on the Climate of Korea, by C.W., Seoul, 1891 (181) Report of Conversation between Mr. E. Hioke and H.G.A. at the Japanese Legation, Seoul, Oct 12, 1895 (182) Programs, Fourth of July Celebration, Seoul, 1896 (183)
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