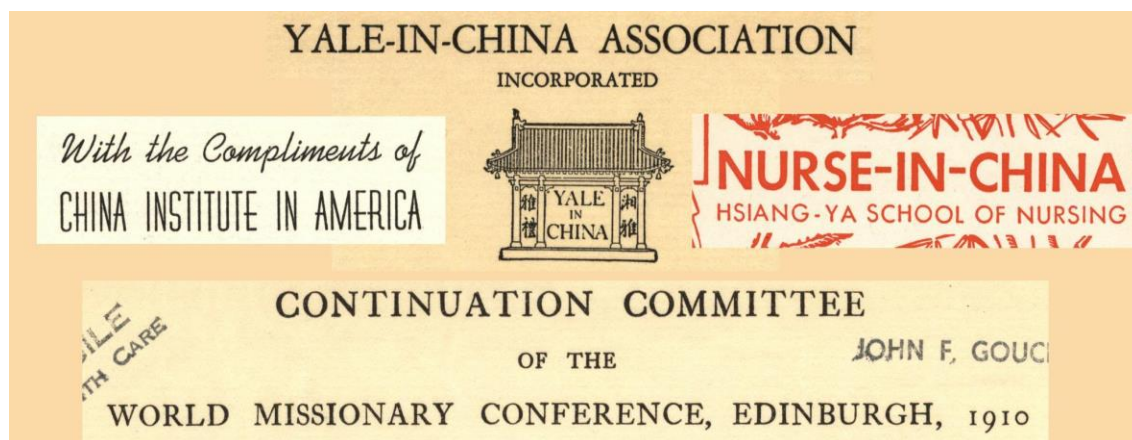


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Missionary Research Library Archives: Section 6

Finding Aid for

**Higher Education Institutions in China Records, 1905 - 1957**



Yale-in-China Logo. Credit to: MRL 6: Higher Education Institutions in China,  
Box 1 folder 25, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York

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**Summary Information**

Creator: Missionary Research Library  
Title: Higher Education Institutions in China Records  
Inclusive dates: 1905 – 1957  
Bulk dates: 1925 – 1940  
Abstract: Collection constructed by the Missionary Research Library containing materials on a variety of missionary higher education projects and individuals in China; Christian Missionary Education, Universities, and Schools in China, 1905 - 1957  
Size: 1 box, 0.50 linear feet  
Storage: Onsite storage  
Repository: The Burke Library  
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New York, NY 10027  
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### Administrative Information

- Provenance:** The provenance of the collection is not documented, and appears to be a construct of the Mission Research Library from other related institutional and personal collections from the Missionary Library Archives. The MRL moved to the Brown Memorial Tower of Union Theological Seminary in 1929. In 1976 with the closure of MRL the archival records were accessioned to the Burke Library archives.
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- 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 6: Higher Education Institutions in China Records, box # and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

### History

This collection appears to have been assembled by the Missionary Research Library, and contains material from over thirteen different institutions and individuals. The collection is bound together by the common theme of Christian higher education in China. Here is a brief description of some of the institutions and individuals:

T.C. Chao, 1888 - 1979

Chao studied at Vanderbilt University and promoted an indigenous Chinese Christianity.

United Board for Christian Colleges in China

Formed in 1945, by 1950 it had incorporated nearly every Christian higher education institution in China. After 1950, while prevented from operating within the People's Republic of China, it remained active in other Asian countries.

Yale-in-China / Nurse-in-China

The Yale-in-China association was incorporated in 1934, and they established a college first in Changsha 長沙, Hunan province 湖南 and later in Wuhan 武漢, Hubei province 湖北. The Nurse-in-China program was centered on Xiangya Hospital 湘亞 in Changsha.

China Christian Educational Association

Organized in 1890, this association met once every three years to discuss education in China, and in 1912 organized an advisory council consisting of delegates from associated groups.

Y.C. Yang (Yang Yongqing), 1892 - 1956

Yang studied at Soochow University (東吳大學) in China and George Washington

University in the U.S.

#### National Christian Conference of China

Held in Shanghai in May of 1922, with Myfanwy Wood, 1882-1967, Y.C. Cheng (Cheng Yingyi) and Edwin C. Lobenstine as chairpersons. The conference created the National Christian Council of China to continue the work of the China Continuation Committee (see below).

#### Bailey Willis, 1857 - 1949

A geological engineer and university lecturer, he led an expedition to China in 1904-1905, the findings of which were published in 1907 as *Research in China*, and he conducted a field study in East Asia in 1937.

#### John Mott, 1865 - 1955

Mott was the chair of the 1910 World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland. He was a leader of the World Student Christian Federation and received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1948.

#### China Continuation Committee

This committee was formed in 1913 in Shanghai to connect the Edinburgh Committee (a legacy of the 1910 World Missionary Conference), mission boards in the West and missionaries in China. In 1922 the committee dissolved as the National Christian Council was formed and took over its mission.

### **Collection Scope and Content Note**

The collection contains materials on a wide variety of missionary higher education projects in China. The papers in folder 10 were donated by the China Institute in America, founded in 1923 in New York City.

### **Processing**

The contents of this collection have been retained as a specialist subject area source as established by MRL. Some papers will be seen to be marked as originating from other MRL collections.

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 and finding aid were updated as part of the Henry Luce Foundation grant. The folders were organized alphabetically, and additional materials were added from an unprocessed collection.

**Further Sources**

Three letters between John F. Goucher and John Mott in box 1 folder 23 bear the MRL stamp of "John F. Goucher Papers," a separate collection in MRL Archives, donated in 1922. MRL Section 6 contains a collection related to the National Christian Conference of China. MLA 12 also contains papers from John Mott. For more information, see the Burke Library Archives website at: <http://library.columbia.edu/locations/burke/archives.html>.

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