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Finding Aid for

**China Continuation Committee Records, 1912 – 1922**



Attendees of the CCC National Conference in Shanghai, 1913.

Photo: World Missionary Conference, Continuation Committee, *The Continuation Committee Conferences in Asia, 1912 - 1913* (New York: The Chairman of the Continuation Committee, 1913), 320.

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**Summary Information**

Creator: Missionary Research Library  
Title: China Continuation Committee Records  
Inclusive dates: 1912 – 1922  
Bulk dates: 1913 – 1917  
Abstract: Committees and conferences established in China in 1913 to continue the ecumenical work started by the World Missionary Conference held in Edinburgh, 1910. Conference records, minutes and papers, pamphlets, maps, publications  
Size: 2 manuscript boxes, 3 OS boxes, 1 OS tube, 9.00 linear feet  
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### Administrative Information

- Provenance:** The records were accessioned to the Missionary Research Library some time before 1976, when they 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@libraries.cul.columbia.edu](mailto:burkearchives@libraries.cul.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 6: China Continuation Committee Records, 1912 - 1922, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

### History

The World Missionary Conference held in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1910 established a plan for greater cooperation among Protestant mission groups, and soon regional committees were established in mission fields to continue its work. Its chairman, John R. Mott, visited China in 1913 to initiate a series of local meetings discussing the aims of the conference. These culminated in a national conference held in Shanghai in March, where delegates from the local conferences met to discuss the past, present and future of Protestant mission work in China.

**Continuation Committee Conferences in China, 1913**

Name	Dates	Location	Represented Areas
Canton Conference	Jan. 30 - Feb. 4	Guangzhou 廣州	Guangdong, Guangxi, Fujian
Shanghai Conference	Feb. 11 - 15	Shanghai 上海	Zhejiang, Jiangsu, Anhui
Tsinanfu Conference	Feb. 19 - 21	Jinan 濟南	Shandong
Peiking Conference	Feb. 25 - 28	Beijing 北京	Zhili, Henan, Shansi, Shaanxi, Gansu, Manchuria, Mongolia, Chinese Turkestan
Hankow Conference	March 5 - 8	Hankou 漢口	Hubei, Hunan, Jiangxi, Sichuan
China National Conference	March 11 - 14	Shanghai 上海	Republic of China
Moukden Conference	March 22 - 24	Shenyang 瀋陽	Manchuria

The China Continuation Committee was formed as a result of the national conference in Shanghai. It differed from past efforts at cooperation between Protestant mission groups in that it emphasized Chinese participation and leadership, and sought to play an advisory rather than

a legislative role. In 1922 it fulfilled its aim by establishing the National Christian Council of China, and the committee was dissolved.

The committee was headed by Edwin Carlyle Lobenstine, of the American Presbyterian Mission and Ch'eng Ching-yi, [Cheng Jingyi 誠靜怡] of Beijing. In 1914 Abbe Livingston Warnshuis was appointed as National Evangelistic Secretary.

### Collection Scope and Content Note

This collection was reconstructed in late 2009 from previously unprocessed records, and consists mainly of minutes from committee meetings and papers presented at the local and national conferences held in 1913. Two sub-committees are represented: the Social and Moral Welfare Committee, and the Phonetic Promotion Committee.

### Further Resources

Several related organizations and individuals are represented in other collections:

Collection Name	Location
Edwin Carlyle Lobenstine Album	Burke Library Archives, MRL 6
Edwin Carlyle Lobenstine Papers	Yale Divinity School Library, Special Collections
Abbe Livingston Warnshuis Papers	Burke Library Archives, MRL 6
National Phonetic Promotion Committee Records	Burke Library Archives, MRL 6
Reminiscences of Abbe Livingston Warnshuis	Yale University Library
	Columbia University Libraries, Oral History Collection
Charles Luther Boynton Papers	Burke Library Archives, MRL 6
National Christian Council of China	Burke Library Archives, MRL 6
	Yale Divinity School Library, Special Collections
John Raleigh Mott Papers	Burke Library Archives, MRL 12
World Missionary Conference, Edinburgh, 1910	Burke Library Archives, MRL 12
	Yale Divinity School Library, Special Collections

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

## Contents list

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1-3	Annual Meeting Minutes, 1913-1920
1	4	Canton Conference: Findings, 1913; Map of "Occupation Chapels" in Guangdong, [19??]; Proposed Constitution for Leung-Kwong [Guangdong and Guangxi, 兩廣] Christian Council, [English and Chinese, [1912?]
1	5	Canton Conference: List of Participants; Papers, 1913
1	6	Canton Conference: Papers, 1913
1	7	China National Conference: Findings, Papers, 1913
1	8	Committee on Phonetic Writing: Correspondence, 1921-1922
1	9	Committee on Phonetic Writing: Minutes, 1919-1922
1	10	"Continuation Committee," Pamphlet by John Mott, 1912
1	11	Correspondence, 1917-1919
1	12	Executive Meeting Minutes, 1913-1921
1	13	Executive Meeting Minutes: Duplicates, 1913-1917
1	14	Findings of the North China Continuation Committee Conference, 1913
2	1	Hankow Conference: Findings, List of Participants, Papers, 1913
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2	5	Moukden Conference: Findings, List of Participants, Papers, 1913
2	6	Moukden Conference: Papers, 1913
2	7	Pamphlet: "Chinese Church," [English and Chinese, 19??]; List of CCC Staff for Remembrance in Prayer, [19??]
2	8	Peking Conference: Findings, List of Participants, Papers, 1913
2	9	Peking Conference: Papers, 1913
2	10	Shanghai Conference: Findings, Papers, 1913; Missionary Map of Zhejiang Province, 1912
2	11	Social and Moral Welfare Committee: Papers, Correspondence, 1914
2	12	Special Committees: Reports, 1914-1918
2	13	Tsinanfu Conference: Findings, Papers, 1913
1	3 OS tube	Maps of Japanese Prefectures, 1918; Maps of China, [1913?]
1	4 OS	Statistics Chart, 1915; Maps, 1912-1913
1	5 OS	<i>Christian Occupation of China</i> , 1922: Volume 1 and Leather Cover
1	6 OS	<i>Christian Occupation of China</i> , 1922: Volume 2