Connecting Collections and International Communities

In Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, and the Middle East

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Connecting, Contributing, Commemorating, Collaborating

Archival Adventures with the Records of the Chinese YMCA Movement

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As America's leading nonprofit committed to helping people and communities learn, grow and thrive, the Y's contributions are both far-reaching and intimate -- from influencing the nation's culture during times of profound social change to support to adults learning to read. Here's a glance at the Y's rich history.

The Kautz Family YMCA Archives collects the historical records of the Y's national resource office, YMCA of the USA, and also holds records of the Greater Twin Cities and Greater New York YMCAs, as well as those of Y's Men International, a service club in partnership with the Y. The collections document the evolution of the Y from its Protestant evangelical origins, including its contributions to public education, health, recreation, race relations, and social reform.
Shanghai YMCA business desk

Shanghai YMCA chemistry class
First public basketball game, Hangzhou, ca. 1920

YMCA public health campaign, ca. 1916
Annual report on YMCA work in Changsha, Hunan, 1925
The Young Men's Christian Association was established in Tientsin in December 1895. The institution is therefore nearly fourteen years old in Tientsin, and have been connected with the International Committee for twelve years and all but four months of which have been given to the Association work in China, and practically all that time has been spent in Tientsin. The first Association effort in Tientsin was among students of the Government schools established under the patronage of the late Li Hung Chang. With the reconstruction period following the Boxer War in 1900 the establishment of a Young Men's Christian Association in a city in China was first experimented in Tientsin.

By the time this report goes into the hands of the members of the International Committee who have responsibility for the Association work in foreign lands, your representative will have completed his work in Tientsin and his active regular connection with that field will have terminated. It is, therefore, with a peculiar sense of gratitude to God who through all these years has more than fulfilled all his precious promises toward us and with an ever increasing appreciation of the great privileges that have been mine to have a part in launching the Association movement in China's most progressive city that I attempt to write down in order some of the more salient events of the year under review and a few words of explanation regarding those events.

I should offer apology for being late in rendering this report but I will take advantage of the delay in preparing it by including some of the more recent and important items which really fall without the period of this report, but by doing this will enable me to give account of my work up to the last few days of my regular responsibility in Tientsin.

I. Facts of Encouragement.

The outstanding event in the educational work of the year was the visit of the late Viceroy Yang Shih Hsiang and staff to our Association on the occasion of the first graduation of our Puntung School. The Viceroy distributed the certificates to the fourteen graduates and then addressed the classes and the other students and friends present. The following is a condensed statement of the Viceroy's address:

"I am pleased to learn that the students of this school have done so well in their English studies. It is to be remembered, however, that it is very important to excel in our Chinese subjects as well. In the old examination system Chinese scholars often worked for and received the honor degrees but had in fact little real practical learning. I am inclined to fear that there are many students in our new schools who are thinking principally of how much longer they will need to be in
Xi’an 100th anniversary celebration, 2014

At the Hangzhou YMCA, in front of a 1940 photo of American YMCA General Secretary Eugene Barnett with Zhou Enlai
Voices of Change: Archives in Diaspora

Incorporating & Sustaining Global Haitian Communities Into the Radio Haiti Archives Project

Patrick Stawski | Rubenstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Duke University
Radio Haiti

In the newsroom at Radio Haiti, 1995.

Jean Dominique and Marie Michele Montas, 1995.
Radio Haiti

Radio Haiti Project Archivist Laura Wagner with bins of audio tapes as they arrived from the donor.

Selection of reel to reel tapes of various stock found in the Radio Haiti collection
Radio Haiti

The Haitian Diaspora

Haiti has a population of 9 million. The number of Haitians living abroad is 2 million.

340,000+
Haitian-Americans born in America to Haitian Parents

830,000
estimated people of Haitian ancestry live in the United States.

- Florida: 376,000+
- New York: 191,000+
- New Jersey: 50,000+
- Massachusetts: 50,000+
- Other States: 150,000+

2 billion in remittances
is sent from Haitians living abroad to family and friends in Haiti. The sum represents more than twice Haiti's national budget and 30 percent of its Gross Domestic Product.

80,000
in France
French makes France a destination of choice, just as Quebec, Canada

31%
of adults in Haiti regularly receive money from family abroad.

81%
of Haitians living abroad send food and money to Haiti on a regular basis.

Sources:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/8257650.stm
http://www2.census.gov/census-recs2000/acs-sa/07-562/p0-eng.cfm
http://www.reuters.com/article/2007/03/06/diaspora041701
Radio Haiti

Cyber Cafe, Port-au-Prince

Reading room at FOKAL (La Fondation Connaissance et Liberté/Fondasyon Konesans Ak Libète).
My Brother’s [Record] Keeper:
International Access to Religious Repositories

Colleen McFarland Rademaker | Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth
Lois Gunden Clemens
Mennonite Central Committee
Worker, France, 1941-1943

Matron at Canet-Plage Children’s Center, who sheltered Jewish children from internment.
Nellie Miller Mann
Near East Relief Worker
Syria / Lebanon, 1921-1923

Secretary and Treasurer of Beirut NER Office, who frequently traveled to orphanages.
Annie Funk
American Mennonite Mission
Missionary, India, 1906-1912

Teacher and school foundress in Janjgir, Chhattisgahr.
Wealth shares 2010 by region (%)

Source: Credit Suisse Global Wealth Databook, Shorrocks/Davies/Lluberas

- 32% Europe
- 22% Asia-Pacific
- 31% North America
- 8% China
- 4% Latin America
- 2% India
- 1% Africa
World Distribution of Christian Population

This 'weighted' map of the world shows each country’s relative size based on its Christian population. Figures are rounded to the nearest million.

1910

World Population 1.8 billion
World Christian Population 612 million

2010

World Population 6.9 billion
World Christian Population 2.38 billion

What questions are never asked?

What requests for access to materials are never made?
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