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# PRESBYTERIANS IN MISSION: AN HISTORIC OVERVIEW\*

The establishment in 1837 of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.'s (Old School) Board of Foreign Missions (BFM) signaled the beginning of a worldwide missionary operation destined to embrace approximately fifteen countries located on four different continents.<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian interest in foreign missions however predated the creation of the BFM by almost three-quarters of a century.

The American Presbyterian Church has been committed from its inception to the belief that it is a missionary church and that every member is a missionary. By the end of the eighteenth century, increasing interest in missions was manifested by the creation of several local and independent missionary societies including the New York Missionary Society (1796); the Northern Berkshire and Columbia Missionary Societies (1797); the Missionary Society of Connecticut (1798); the Massachusetts Missionary Society (1799); and the Boston Female Society for Missionary Purposes (1800). These societies helped to prepare the foundation for the later and larger denominational boards. Though membership was interdenominational, Presbyterians were prominent in several, notably the New York and Northern societies.<sup>2</sup>

While many individual Presbyterians were active in these missionary societies, the church's judicatories were not indifferent to the subject of missions. As early as 1763, the Synod of New York ordered that a collection for missions be taken, with a pronouncement in 1767 that this be done annually. At the first General Assembly in 1789, each of the four synods were requested to recommend two missionaries to the General Assembly the following year, whose support was to be provided by the presbyteries. In 1802, the General Assembly created the Standing Committee on Missions, which theoretically worked in conjunction with the presbyteries and European missionary societies. Successive General Assemblies authorized additional funds, and in a single year the Standing Committee on Missions reported the appointment of fifty-one new missionaries. In 1816, the Standing Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it be merged into a more permanent organization known as the "Board of Missions acting under the authorization of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A." The General Assembly authorized and directed the Board to establish church auxiliary missionary societies that would extend its own operation.<sup>3</sup>

In 1817, the General Assembly joined the Dutch Reformed and Associate Reformed Churches in establishing the United Foreign Missionary Society. The Society's constitution declared that "the object of the Society shall be to spread the Gospel among the Indians of North America, the inhabitants of Mexico and South America, and in other portions of the heathen and anti-Christian world."<sup>4</sup> In 1826, the Society's work was transferred to the Congregational Church's American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM) primarily because it was felt that the existence of two missionary organizations appealing to the same constituency was unwise and that a merger would strengthen the expanding operations of the ABCFM. Hence, the ABCFM became the recognized missionary agency for both the Congregationalist and Presbyterian churches.<sup>5</sup>

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Despite the transfer of Presbyterian work to the ABCFM, many Presbyterians believed that a denominational mission board was preferable to an independent association of Christians like the ABCFM. The General Assembly remained nominally committed to the latter. In 1831, when it became evident that the General Assembly was not prepared to establish a denominational board, the Synod of Pittsburgh did so by organizing the Western Foreign Missionary Society. In 1837, those forces that had been advocating a denominational board finally prevailed when the work of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, upon recommendation of the General Assembly (Old School), was transferred to the PCUSA's newly formed Board of Foreign Missions.<sup>6</sup>

The creation of the BFM thus marked the culmination of a controversy over whether missionary operations should be implemented by voluntary societies or by the church in its organized capacity. All Presbyterians were not in agreement over its formation, however. As part of the broader conflict between Old/New School Presbyterians, New School adherents opposed the Board's formation and continued to support the ABCFM until the two factions were reunited in 1870.

The PCUSA's Board of Foreign Missions was organized to convey the gospel "to whatever parts of the heathen and anti-Christian world the Providence of God might enable the Society to extend its evangelical exertions."<sup>7</sup> Throughout much of the nineteenth century, the BFM directed the church's foreign as well as some domestic missionary activities. Before 1870, foreign missions were established in Africa, Brazil, China, Colombia, India, Japan, and Thailand. Following the reunion of the Old/New School denominations in 1870, the BFM absorbed the ABCFM's mission work in Iran, Iraq, and Syria and expanded its own operation by initiating new work in Korea, Central and South America, and the Philippines. Missions to the Native American, Jewish, and Oriental populations throughout the United States, which had begun under the BFM, were subsequently transferred to the Board of Home Missions in 1885, 1894, and 1922, respectively.<sup>8</sup>

While the PCUSA was developing missions throughout much of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, other Presbyterian denominations were also active in this area. The Board of Missions of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church commenced its foreign mission work in 1852, though earlier efforts evidence this church's work with Native Americans. The Associate Presbyterian Church (APC) initiated missionary work in Trinidad in 1842 but was forced after considerable difficulty there to turn its work over to the Free Church of Scotland a decade later. The APC's work in India began in 1852. The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC) began its work in Syria in 1844 and in Egypt in 1853. In 1858, the APC and the ARPC merged to form the United Presbyterian Church of North America (UPCNA). The mission work in India, Syria, and Egypt started by these denominations was subsequently transferred to the UPCNA and placed under the auspices of its newly formed Board of Foreign Missions. UPCNA mission work would later extend to China, the Sudan, and Abyssinia. Following the merger of the PCUSA and the UPCNA in 1958, the mission work in India, the Sudan, and Ethiopia (Abyssinia) were transferred to the UPCUSA. With the establishment of the PCUS at the end of the Civil War in 1865, missionary work was eventually initiated in China, Korea, Japan, Mexico, and throughout Latin America.

The Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.'s foreign missionary enterprise in the nineteenth century was responsible for the establishment of indigenous churches, a variety of educational facilities, hospitals, orphanages, seminaries, and other institutions that reflected the church's educational, medical and evangelical ministry. The church's missionary operation continued to expand throughout the twentieth century, changing in response to forces both within and



outside of the church. Tumultuous events of this century—world war, civil war, and the emergence of Third World nationalism—have altered both the scope and direction of foreign missionary work. These events, for all intents and purposes, resulted in an end to the political, economic, and religious forms of colonialism as practiced by the West, though vestiges of these are still powerful irritants in different areas.

## Notes

1. Constitution of the Presbyterian Historical Society, adopted May 20, 1852.
2. Arthur Judson Brown. *One Hundred Years: A History of the Foreign Missionary Work of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., With Some Accounts of Countries, Peoples and the Policies and Problems of Modern Missions* (New York: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1936), 14.
3. *Ibid.*, 15.
4. Constitution of the Presbyterian Historical Society, adopted May 20, 1852.
5. Brown, *One Hundred Years*, 6.
6. *Ibid.*, 20-21.
7. Constitution of the Presbyterian Historical Society, adopted May 20, 1852.
8. Brown, *One Hundred Years*, 22.

# SCOPE AND CONTENT

Missionary materials in general have great research appeal to a variety of scholars. Denominational scholars have long realized their value in documenting the church's work at home and abroad. Scholars interested in developing Third World countries also have recognized their importance, as have students of diplomatic history. More recently, however, students of American social history have discovered their value in documenting the role of women and ethnic minorities in the United States as well as other diverse subjects.

This microfilm collection contains correspondence of the Board of Foreign Missions (BFM) of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and its predecessor, the Western Foreign Mission Society, from as early as 1835. Dates vary from country to country, but the correspondence generally extends through the first decade and a half of the twentieth century. Letter books containing the originals were microfilmed and then destroyed. Thirty-one volumes of calendars serve as the guide to the correspondence.

Documenting the church's educational, evangelical, and medical work, the records of the BFM provide invaluable information on social conditions in developing Third World nations and on efforts to spread the gospel during the nineteenth century. The vast majority of material is incoming correspondence from the mission field and outgoing correspondence from the Board headquarters. Other primary sources include:

- Receipts of sale;
- Inventories of supplies (food, tobacco, sundries, etc.);
- Diary accounts;
- Sermon manuscripts;
- Minutes of board meetings;
- Annual reports on mission work; and
- Personal and field reports, including information on the number of newly organized churches, ordained ministers, and members, as well as on average attendance.

This microfilm guide is arranged by geographical area or by country. The following subsections are included:

- India, 1835–1910  
Reels 1 to 7, (8/9), 10 to 21, (22/23), (24/25), 26 to 40, (41/42), (43/44), 45 to 58, (59/60/60A), 221, 222, 264 to 271. Calendar reels: 298, 299
- Africa, 1835–1910  
Reels 61 to 87, (217/218), 219, 220, 238, 239. Calendar reel: 296
- Syria-Lebanon, 1869–1910  
Reels 65(1), 65(2), 65(3), 65(4), 88 to 100, 293, (294/295). Calendar reel: 301
- Iran (Persia), 1847–1911  
Reels 101, (102/103), 118 to 132, 220, 222, 223, 271 to 275. Calendar reel: 299

- Japan, 1859–1911  
Reels 104 to 115, (116/117), 230 to 232, 275 to 280. Calendar reel: 299
- Latin America, 1854–1911
  - Argentina, 1854–1859  
Reel 133. Calendar reel: 300
  - Brazil, 1860–1911  
Reels 133 to 150, 225, 226, 239 to 242. Calendar reel: 300
  - Chile, 1872–1911  
Reels 153 to 160, 220, 242 to 244. Calendar reel: 300
  - Colombia, 1861–1911  
Reels 135 to 139, 141 to 144, 150 to 153, 220, 225, 261 to 263.  
Calendar reel: 300
  - Guatemala, 1882–1911  
Reels 160 to 162, 226, 227, 263, 264. Calendar reel: 300
  - Mexico, 1872–1911  
Reels 162 to 173, 227 to 229, 285 to 288. Calendar reel: 300
  - Peru, 1885–1887  
Reel 229. Calendar reel: 300
  - Venezuela, 1897–1901  
Reels 173, 220. Calendar reel: 300
- Korea, 1884–1911  
Reels (174/175), (176/177), 178 to 181, 223, 224, 280 to 285.  
Calendar reels: 299, 300
- Thailand (Siam), 1840–1910  
Reels 181 to 186, (187/188), 229, 230, 290 to 293. Calendar reel: 301
- China, 1837–1911  
Reels 189 to 191, 191A, 192 to 216, (217/218), 232 to 235, (236/237), 244 to 246, (247/247A), 248 to 261. Calendar reels: 296 to 298
- Philippines, 1898–1910  
Reels 287–290. Calendar reel: 300

The final six reels (296 to 301) consist of a thirty-one volume **Calendar of Correspondence**, arranged by broad geographical area or country (for example, Africa, China). The individual volumes of the calendar cover specific dates and may cover correspondence that is either incoming (from the mission field) or outgoing (from the Board headquarters), or both. The individual calendar volumes may cover one or several mission stations within the geographical area; the title page will indicate the coverage of incoming and outgoing dates. The entire calendar is microfilmed separately, and pertinent portions are reproduced at the beginning of each microfilm reel.

For each item described in the calendar, there is an item number, date, and brief description of the contents. For **incoming** correspondence, the writer of the letter is indicated. For **outgoing** correspondence, the person at the Board originating the letter is indicated at the beginning of the numerical sequence of item numbers, and each number in the sequence identifies the recipient of the letter. The item number is handwritten in the upper margin of the first page

of each item in the microfilm. Items marked "omit" in the microfilm do not appear in the calendar.

To locate an item described in the calendar, first make a note of the item number. Go back to the beginning of that particular numerical sequence of item numbers to find the volume number (from the original letter book). There are gaps in some sequences; the beginning of a sequence will not necessarily be number 1. The letter book volume number will be found in the upper right hand corner of the page at the beginning of the sequence of item numbers (e.g., "Africa, vol. 9, cont'd"). The title page of each volume of the calendar will refer from a volume number to a microfilm reel number(s).

Roll 301 also includes a **personal name index**, which is arranged by geographical area. It is therefore necessary to know where the individual served. Only persons writing and persons receiving the correspondence are indexed. Persons mentioned in the letters are not indexed. There are cross-references to the unmarried names of married women when known. The underlined number of the **personal name index** refers to a volume number of the calendar, the numbers following the underlined volume number refer to page numbers in the calendar. The calendar will then refer the researcher to the appropriate roll of microfilm.

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Farrukhabad	1840-1841	3	4
Allahabad	1838-1846	4	4-5
Farrukhabad	1838-1846	4	5-6
Farrukhabad	1847-1851	5	6-9
Allahabad	1847-1851	6	9-10
Ludhiana	1851-1854	7	10-11
Farrukhabad & Agra	1851-1854	7	11-12
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Farrukhabad	1857	8	13-14
Farrukhabad	1858-1859	9	14
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Farrukhabad	1869-1872	11	18-19
Farrukhabad	1871-1878	12	19-21
Farrukhabad	1879-1884	13	21-23
Farrukhabad	1885-1888	14	23-24
Farrukhabad	1886-1888	15	24
Farrukhabad	1891-1896	16	24-27
Farrukhabad	1896-1900	17	27-29
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North India Reports	1891-1899	19	29-30
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Ludhiana	1847-1851	21	31-33
Ludhiana & Farrukhabad	1855-1856	22	33-34
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Ludhiana	1871-1881	24	36-37
Ludhiana	1873-1878	25	37-39

<b>Mission or Subject</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Letter Book Volume No.</b>	<b>Reel No.</b>
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Ludhiana	1885	27	40-41
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Ludhiana	1887-1888	29	42-44
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Ludhiana-Punjab	1894-1896	31	46-47
Ludhiana-Punjab	1896-1898	32	47-49
Ludhiana-Lahore	1898	33	49
Ludhiana-Lahore	1899-1900	34	49-50
Ludhiana-Punjab	1890-1899	35	50
Ludhiana-Punjab	1891-1899	36	50-52
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Kolhapur	1886-1887	38	54
Kolhapur	1888-1891	39	54-55
Kolhapur	1892-1893	40	55-56
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Western India	1895	42	56
Western India	1896-1897	43	56-57
Western India	1891-1899	44	57-58
Western India Minutes	1888-1899	45	58
Western India Reports	1888-1899	46	58-60
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India Letters	1876-1882	15	221
Ludhiana-Farrukhabad	1862-1866	14	221
India Letters	1888-1889	17	221
India Letters	1882-1884	16	221
Ludhiana	1891-1892	18	221
Kolhapur	1886-1893	19	221-222
Ludhiana	1892-1894	20	222
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West India	1905	176	269
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## Africa, 1835-1910

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Liberia	1847-1854	3	62-64
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Liberia	1854-1860	5	65-66
Liberia	1858-1864	6	66-67
Corisco	1858-1864	7	67-68
Corisco	1861-1868	8	69-70
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Liberia	1874-1875	10	71-72
Gabon & Corisco	1875-1878	11	73
Liberia	1876-1878	11	73-74
Liberia	1878-1880	12	74
Gabon & Corisco	1878-1880	12	74-75
Liberia	1881-1883	13	75-76
Gabon & Corisco	1881-1883	13	76
Liberia	1884-1885	14	76-77
Gabon & Corisco	1886	15	77
Liberia	1886	15	77
Liberia	1886-1890	16	77-78
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Gabon & Corisco	1895-1897	6	219
Gabon & Corisco	1897-1898	7	219
Gabon & Corisco	1898-1900	8	219-220
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West Africa	1904	2	238
West Africa	1905	3	238
West Africa	1906	4	238
West Africa	1907	5	238
West Africa	1909	6	238
West Africa	1910	7	238
<i>Outgoing</i>			
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Mission or Subject	Dates	Letter Book Volume No.	Reel No.
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Mission Records	Index	1-3	65(1)
Mission Records	1836-1888	1-3	65(1)
Mission Records	1889-1904	4	65(1)-(2)
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Mission Records	1923-1930		65(2)
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Syria Letters	1870-1874	2	88-89
Syria Letters	1875-1876	3	89-90
Syria Letters	1877-1879	4	90-91
Syria Letters	1880-1883	5	91-92
Syria Letters	1877-1884	6	92-93
Syria Letters	1884-1886	7	93-94
Syria Letters	1887-1889	8	94-95
Syria Letters	1890-1892	9	95-96
Syria Letters	1893-1895	10	96-97
Syria Letters	1896-1898	11	97-98
Syria Letters	1899-1900	12	98
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Syria Letters	1903	297	"
Syria Letters	1904	298	"
Syria Letters	1905	299	"
Syria Letters	1906	300	294
Syria Letters	1907	301	"
Syria Letters	1908	302	"
Syria Letters	1909	303	"
Syria Letters	1910	304	"
Syria Minutes	1901-1910	305	"
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Mission or Subject	Dates	Letter Book Volume No.	Reel No.
<i>Incoming</i>			
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<i>Incoming</i>			
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Iran Letters	1878-1895	27	220
Persia Mission	1879-1899	28	220
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<b>Mission or Subject</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Letter Book Volume No.</b>	<b>Reel No.</b>
<i>Incoming</i>			
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Iran Letters	1878-1895	27	223
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East Persia	1902	185	271
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East Persia	1906	189	271
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East Persia	1908	191	272
East Persia	1909	192	272
East Persia	1910	193	272
East Persia Minutes	1900-1910	194	272
East Persia Reports	1900-1905	195 (Part 1)	272
East Persia Reports	1906-1910	195 (Part 2)	272-273
<i>Incoming</i>			
West Persia	1901	196	273
West Persia	1902	197	273
West Persia	1903	198	273
West Persia	1904	199	273
West Persia	1905	200	273-274
West Persia	1907	202	274
West Persia	1906	201	274
West Persia	1908	203	274
West Persia	1909	204	274
West Persia	1910	205	274
West Persia Minutes	1900-1910	206	274
Persia Reports	1900-1905	207 (Part 1)	274
Persia Reports	1906-1910	207 (Part 2)	274-275

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Mission or Subject	Dates	Letter Book Volume No.	Reel No.
<i>Incoming</i>			
Japan Letters	1859-1868	1	104
Japan Letters	1869-1873	2	104-105
Japan Letters	1873-1876	3	105
Japan Letters	1877-1883	4	105-107
Japan Letters	1883-1886	5	107-108
Japan Letters	1887-1888	6	108
Japan Letters	1887-1890	7	108-109
Japan Letters	1888-1892	8	109-110
West Japan Mission	1891-1892	9	110-111
East Japan Mission	1893-1895	10	111-112
West Japan Mission	1893-1895	11	112-113
West Japan Mission	1896-1897	12	113
Japan Letters	1896-1898	13	113-114
West Japan Mission	1898-1900	14	114
East Japan Mission	1898-1900	15	114-115
East Japan Minutes	1896-1898	16	115
West Japan Minutes	1887-1899	16	115
East Japan Reports	1889-1899	17	115-116
West Japan Reports	1885-1899	17	116-117
<i>Outgoing</i>			
Osaka	1866-1890	55	230
Japan Letters	1872-1885	56	231
Japan Letters	1886-1890	57	231
West Japan	1890-1893	58	231
West Japan	1899-1901	59	231-232
East Japan	1899-1903	60	232
<i>Incoming and Outgoing</i>			
East Japan	1901	208	275
East Japan	1903	209 (Part 1)	275
East Japan	1904	209 (Part 2)	275
East Japan	1905	210 (Part 1)	275
East Japan	1906	210 (Part 2)	275
East Japan	1907	211	275
East Japan	1908	212	275
East Japan	1909	213 (Part 1)	275
East Japan	1910	213 (Part 2)	275-276

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<i>Outgoing</i>			
East Japan	1903–1909	214 (Part 1)	276
East Japan	1909–1911	214 (Part 2)	276
East Japan Minutes	1904–1910	215	276
East Japan Reports	1900–1910	216	276
<i>Incoming and Outgoing</i>			
West Japan	1900	217	276–277
Japan	1901	218	277
West Japan	1902	219	277
West Japan	1903	220	277
West Japan	1904	221	277
West Japan	1905	222	277
West Japan	1906	223	277
West Japan	1907	224	277
West Japan	1908	225	277–278
West Japan	1909	226	278
West Japan	1910	227	278
<i>Outgoing</i>			
West Japan	1901–1904	228 (Part 1)	278
West Japan	1904–1908	228 (Part 2)	278
West Japan	1907–1909	228 (Part 3)	278
West Japan	1909–1911	228 (Part 4)	278
West Japan Minutes	1900–1910	229	279
West Japan Reports	1900–1910	230	279–280

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Mission or Subject	Dates	Letter Book Volume No.	Reel No.
<i>Incoming and Outgoing</i>			
Argentina	1854-1859	1	133
Brazil	1860-1864	2	133-134
Letters from Brazil	1865-1868	3 (Part 1)	135
Letters from Colombia	1865-1868	3 (Part 2)	135-136
Brazil & Colombia	1869-1873	4	136-138
Letters	1874-1876	5	138-139
Colombia & Brazil	1879-1881	6 (Part 1)	139
Brazil	1879-1884	6 (Part 2)	139-141
Brazil & Colombia	1880-1886	7	141-142
Brazil & Colombia	1885-1886	8	143-144
Brazil (Gen Corr)	1887	9	144
Brazil (Gen Corr)	1887-1889	10	144
Brazil Letters	1887-1889	11	144-145
Brazil Letters	1890-1891	12	145
Brazil Letters	1887-1891	13	145-146
Brazil (Gen Corr)	1891-1892	14	146
Brazil (Gen Corr)	1892-1893	15	146-147
Brazil (Gen Corr)	1893-1895	16	147-148
Brazil (Gen Corr)	1895-1897	17	148
Brazil Minutes	1886-1899	18	148-149
Brazil Reports	1887-1899	19	149-150
<i>Incoming and Outgoing</i>			
Colombia Letters	1887-1888	20	150
Colombia Letters	1889-1890	21	150
Colombia Letters	1891-1892	22	151
Colombia Letters	1893	23	151
Colombia Letters	1894	24	151-152
Colombia Letters	1895	25	152
Colombia Letters	1896	26	152
Colombia Letters	1897	27	152-153
Colombia Letters	1898	28	153
Colombia Letters	1899	29	153
Colombia Reports	1887-1898	30	153
<i>Incoming and Outgoing</i>			
Chile Letters	1872-1878	31	153-154

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Chile Letters	1879–1882	32	154–155
Chile Letters	1883–1885	33	155–156
Chile Letters	1886–1888	34	156–157
Chile Letters	1888–1889	35	157
Chile Letters	1890–1891	36	157
Chile Letters	1892–1893	37	157–158
Chile Letters	1894	38	158
Chile Letters	1895	39	158
Chile Letters	1896–1897	40	158–159
Chile Letters	1898	41	159
Chile Letters	1899	42	159
Chile Letters	1900	43	159
Chile Minutes	1891–1899	44	159
Chile Reports	1888–1899	45	159–160

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Guatemala Letters	1882–1887	46	160–161
Guatemala Letters	1888	47	161
Guatemala Letters	1888–1892	48	161–162
Guatemala Letters	1894–1900	49	162
Guatemala Reports	1892–1899	50	162

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Mexico Letters	1872–1874	51	162–163
Mexico Letters	1875–1877	52	163–164
Mexico Letters	1878–1881	53	164–165
Mexico Letters	1880–1882	54	165–166
Mexico Letters	1883–1884	55	166–167
Mexico Letters	1885	56	167–168
Mexico Letters	1886–1887	57	168
Mexico Letters	1889	58	168–169
Mexico Letters	1890	59	169
Mexico Letters	1891	60	169
Mexico Letters	1892	61	169–170
Mexico Letters	1893	62	170
Mexico Letters	1894	63	170
Mexico Letters	1895	64	170
Mexico Letters	1896	65	170–171
Mexico Letters	1897	66	171
Mexico Letters	1898	67	171–172
Mexico Letters	1899	68	172



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Mexico Reports	1888-1899	70	172-173

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Venezuela Letters	1897-1899	71	173
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Chile Letters	1873-1882	10 (Part 1)	220
Chile Letters	1882-1888	10 (Part 2)	220
Colombia Letters	1885-1893	11 (Part 1)	220
Colombia Letters	1893-1897	11 (Part 2)	220
Colombia & Venezuela	1897-1901	12	220
Brazil & Colombia	1861-1877	34	225
Brazil & Colombia	1877-1884	35	225
Brazil	1885-1889	36	225
Brazil	1889-1893	37	225-226
Brazil	1893-1896	38	226
Brazil	1896-1899	39 (Part 1)	226
Brazil	1899-1901	39 (Part 1)	226
Guatemala Letters	1882-1890	40	226-227
Guatemala Letters	1890-1903	41	227
Mexico Letters	1878-1883	42	227
Mexico Letters	1883-1885	43	227
Mexico Letters	1885-1887	44	227-228
Mexico Letters	1887-1892	45	228
Mexico Letters	1897-1899	46 (Part 1)	228
Mexico Letters	1899-1902	46 (Part 2)	228-229
Peru Letters	1885-1887	47	229

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Brazil	1897	11	239
Brazil	1898	12	239
Brazil	1899	13	240
Brazil	1900	14	240
Brazil	1901	15	240
Brazil	1902	16	240
Brazil	1903	17	240
Brazil	1904	18	240
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Brazil	1906	20	240-241
Brazil	1907	21	241
Brazil	1908	22	241

<b>Mission or Subject</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Letter Book Volume No.</b>	<b>Reel No.</b>
Brazil	1909	23	241
Brazil	1910	24	241
<i>Outgoing</i>			
Brazil	1901-1903	25 (Part 1)	241
Brazil	1904-1907	25 (Part 2)	241
Brazil	1907-1911	25 (Part 3)	241-242
Brazil	1911	25 (Part 4)	242
Brazil Minutes	1900-1910	26	242
Brazil Reports	1897-1910	27	242
<i>Outgoing</i>			
Chile	1901	28	242
Chile	1902	29	242
Chile	1903	30	242
Chile	1904	31	242
Chile	1905	32	242
Chile	1906	33	242
Chile	1907	34	242
Chile	1908	35	242
Chile	1909	36	242-243
Chile	1910	37	243
Chile	1899-1904	38 (Part 1)	243
Chile	1904-1909	38 (Part 2)	243
Chile	1909-1911	38 (Part 3)	243
Chile Minutes	1900-1910	39	243
Chile Reports	1900-1910	40	243-244
<i>Incoming and Outgoing</i>			
Colombia	1900	132	261
Colombia	1901	133	261
Colombia	1902	134	261
Colombia	1903	135	261
Colombia	1904	136	261-262
Colombia	1905	137	262
Colombia	1906	138	262
Colombia	1907	139	262
Colombia	1908	140	262
Colombia	1909	141	262
Colombia	1910	142	262

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<i>Outgoing</i>			
Colombia	1901-1905	143 (Part 1)	262
Colombia	1905-1910	143 (Part 2)	263
Colombia	1910-1911	143 (Part 3)	263
Colombia Minutes	1910	144 (Part 1)	263
Columbia Reports	1901-1910	144 (Part 2)	263
<i>Incoming</i>			
Guatemala	1901	145 (Part 1)	263
Guatemala	1902	145 (Part 2)	263-264
Guatemala	1903	145 (Part 3)	264
Guatemala	1904	145 (Part 4)	264
Guatemala	1905	145 (Part 5)	264
Guatemala	1906	146 (Part 1)	264
Guatemala	1907	146 (Part 2)	264
Guatemala	1908	146 (Part 3)	264
Guatemala	1909	146 (Part 4)	264
Guatemala	1910	146 (Part 5)	264
Guatemala Reports	1900-1907	147	264
Guatemala Letters	1903-1911	148	264
<i>Incoming and Outgoing</i>			
Mexico	1900	245	285
Mexico	1901	246	285
Mexico	1902	247	285
Mexico	1903	248	285-286
Mexico	1904	249	286
Mexico	1905	250	286
Mexico	1906	251	286
Mexico	1907	252	286
Mexico	1908	253	286
Mexico	1909	254	286
Mexico	1910	255	286
<i>Outgoing</i>			
Mexico	1902-1905	256 (Part 1)	286
Mexico	1908-1910	256 (Part 2)	286-287
Mexico	1910-1911	256 (Part 3)	287

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Mexico Minutes	1900-1910	257	287
Mexico Reports	1908-1910	258	287
Mexico Reports	1900-1903	258	287
Mexico Reports	1900-1907	258	288

## Korea, 1884-1911

Mission or Subject	Dates	Letter Book Volume No.	Reel No.
<i>Incoming</i>			
Korea Letters	1884-1887	1	174
Korea Letters	1887	2	174
Korea Letters	1888-1891	3	175-176
Korea Letters	1892-1893	4	176-177
Korea Letters	1894-1895	5	178
Korea Letters	1896-1897	6	178
Korea Letters	1898-1899	7	178-179
Korea Letters	1890-1899	8	179
Korea Letters	1900	9	179
Korea Minutes	1890-1900	10	179
Korea Reports	1891-1900	11	180-181
<i>Outgoing</i>			
Korea Letters	1885-1889	31 (Part 1)	223
Korea Letters	1889-1893	31 (Part 2)	223-224
Korea Letters	1894-1896	32 (Part 1)	224
Korea Letters	1896-1899	32 (Part 2)	224
Korea Letters	1900-1902	33	224
<i>Incoming and Outgoing</i>			
Korea	1900	231 (Part 1)	280
Korea	1901	231 (Part 2)	280
Korea	1902	232	280
Korea	1903	233	280
Korea	1904	234	280-281
Korea	1905	235	281
Korea	1906	236	281
Korea	1907	237	281
Korea	1908	238	281-282
Korea	1909	239	282
Korea	1910	240	282
Australian Missions	1897-1910	241	282
Korea Minutes	1901-1910	243	282-283

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<b>Mission or Subject</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Letter Book Volume No.</b>	<b>Reel No.</b>
<i>Outgoing</i>			
Korea	1902-1903	242 (Part 1)	283
Korea	1903-1904	242 (Part 2)	283
Korea	1906-1907	242 (Part 3)	283
Korea	1908-1909	242 (Part 4)	283
Korea	1909-1911	242 (Part 5)	283
Korea	1911	242 (Part 6)	284
Korea Reports	1904-1910	244	284-285
Korea Reports	1901-1903	244	285

## Thailand (Siam), 1840-1910

Mission or Subject	Dates	Letter Book Volume No.	Reel No.
<i>Incoming</i>			
Siam Letters	1840-1844	1	181
Siam Letters	1847-1864	2	181
Siam Letters	1865-1876	3	181-182
Siam Letters	1872-1884	4	182-183
Siam Letters	1885-1886	5	183-184
Siam Letters	1887-1888	6	184
Siam Letters	1889-1890	7	184
Siam Letters	1891-1892	8	184-185
Siam Letters	1891-1893	9	185
Siam Letters	1893-1895	10	185
Siam Letters	1894-1895	11	186
Siam Letters	1896-1897	12	186
Siam (North Laos)	1896-1897	13	186
Siam Letters	1898-1899	14	186
Siam (North Laos)	1898-1899	15	186-187
Siam (North Laos)	1900	16	187
South Siam	1900	17	187
Bangkok, South	1891-1900	18	187
Siam Minutes	1890-1898	19	187
Siam Reports	1885-1899	20	187
Siam (N. Laos) Minutes	1889-1898	21	187
Siam (N. Laos) Minutes	1886-1899	22	188
<i>Outgoing</i>			
India-Siam	1866-1872	48	229
Siam-India	1872-1876	49	229
Thailand Mission	1876-1884	50	229
Siam Letters	1885-1890	51	229
Siam Letters	1890	52	230
Siam Letters	1893-1898	53	230
Siam Letters	1898-1901	54	230
<i>Incoming and Outgoing</i>			
Siam (Laos Mission)	1902	271	290
Siam (Laos Mission)	1903	272	290
Siam (Laos Mission)	1904	273	290
Siam (Laos Mission)	1905	274	290
Siam (Laos Mission)	1906	275	290

<b>Mission or Subject</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Letter Book Volume No.</b>	<b>Reel No.</b>
Siam (Laos Mission)	1907	276	290
Siam (Laos Mission)	1908	277	290-291
Siam (Laos Mission)	1909	278	291
Siam (Laos Mission)	1910	279	291
North Siam Minutes	1900-1910	280	291
North Siam Reports	1900-1910	281	291

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South Siam	1901	282	291
South Siam	1902	283	291
South Siam	1903	284	292
South Siam	1904	285	292
South Siam	1905	286	292
South Siam	1906	287	292
South Siam	1907	288	292
South Siam	1908	289	292
South Siam	1909	290	292
South Siam	1910	291	292

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South Siam	1904-1907	292 (Part 1)	292
South Siam	1907-1910	292 (Part 2)	292
Siam Minutes	1900-1910	293	293
Siam Reports	1900-1910	294	293



## China, 1837-1911

Mission or Subject	Dates	Letter Book Volume No.	Reel No.
<i>Incoming</i>			
Canton-Macao	1837-1844	1	189
Macao-Amoy-Ningpo	1845-1846	2	189-190
Ningpo	1845-1853	3	190-191
Shanghai	1850-1864	5	191-191A
Ningpo	1854-1864	4	191A-192
Canton-Amoy	1845-1864	6	192-194
China Letters	1871-1872	10	194-195
China Letters	1869-1870	9	195-196
China Letters	1862-1867	7	196-197
China Letters	1873	11	197-198
China Letters	1873-1876	12	198-199
China Letters	1848-1868	8	199-200
China Letters	1877-1880	14	200-201
China Letters	1872-1878	13	201-202
China Letters	1877-1880	14	202-203
China Letters	1879-1881	15	203
China Letters	1881-1883	16	204
China Letters	1883	17	204-205
China Letters	1884	18	205
China Letters	1885	19	205-206
China Letters	1886	20	206
Canton	1887	21	206
China Letters	1887-1888	22	206-207
North China	1888-1889	23	207
China	1897-1898	37	211
South China	1897-1898	38	212
Central China	1899	39	212
North China	1897	40 (Part 1)	212
North China	1898	40 (Part 2)	212
North China	1899	40 (Part 3)	212
North China	1900	40 (Part 4)	212
East Shantung	1897-1899	41 (Parts 1-3)	213
Boxer Insurrection	1900	41 (Part 4)	213
East Shantung	1897-1900	41 (Part 5)	213
China Letters	1899-1900	41 (Part 6)	213
Canton	1899	42 (Part 1)	213
Canton	1900	42 (Part 2)	213
Hainan	1899-1900	43	214
Central China	1900	44	214

<b>Mission or Subject</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Letter Book Volume No.</b>	<b>Reel No.</b>
West Shantung	1897	45 (Part 1)	214
West Shantung	1898	45 (Part 2)	214
West Shantung	1899	45 (Part 3)	214
West Shantung	1900	45 (Part 4)	214
Central China Minutes	1887-1900	46	214
Central China Reports	1888-1900	47	214-215
Hainan Minutes	1896-1900	48	215
Hainan Reports	1893-1900	49	215
South China Minutes	1895-1900	50	215
South China Reports	1891-1900	51	215-216
China Reports	1884-1886	52	216
Shantung Min.-Reports	1876-1896	53	216
East Shantung Minutes	1895-1900	54	216
East Shantung Reports	1895-1900	55	216
West Shantung Minutes	1895-1900	56	216
West Shantung Reports	1895-1900	57	217
N. China Min.-Reports	1888-1900	58	217

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China Letters	1850-1856	61	232
China-Siam	1856-1860	62	232
China Letters	1860-1864	63	232
China Letters	1864-1868	64	232
China Letters	1874-1877	65	232
China Letters	1880-1882	66	232-233
China Letters	1883-1884	67	233
China Letters	1884-1887	68	233
China Letters	1886-1888	69	233
China Letters	1887-1890	70	233
China Letters	1888-1892	71	233-234
China Letters	1891-1892	72	234
China Letters	1893-1894	73	234
Canton, Ningpo, Shantung	1872-1874	74	234
Canton	1897-1899	75	234
Canton	1899-1902	76	234-235
Central China	1899-1900	77	235
Hainan	1899-1903	78	235
Ningpo	1847-1867	79	235
China Letters	1868-1872	80	235
North China	1891-1897	81	235-236
Peking	1897-1901	82	236
Shantung	1894-1896	83	236
East Shantung	1895-1899	84	236
East Shantung	1899-1902	85	236

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West Shantung	1895-1898	86	236
West Shantung	1898-1900	87	236-237

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South China	1900	41	244
Canton	1901	42	244
Canton	1902	43	244
Canton	1903	44	244
Canton	1904	45	244
Canton	1905	46	244
Canton	1906	47	244-245
Canton	1907	48	245

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South China	1908	49	245
South China	1909	50	245
South China	1910	51	245
South China	1902-1904	52 (Part 1)	245
Canton	1904-1906	52 (Part 2)	245
Canton	1911	52 (Part 3)	246
Canton Minutes	1901-1910	53	246
Canton Reports	1901-1910	54	246

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Central China	1900	55	246
Central China	1901	56	246
Central China	1902	57	247
Central China	1903	58	247
Central China	1904	59	247
Central China	1905	60	247
Central China	1906	61	247
Central China	1907	62	247
Central China	1908	63	247-247A
Central China	1909	64	247A
Central China	1910	65	247A

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Central China	1900-1902	66 (Part 1)	248
Central China	1904-1905	66 (Part 2)	248
Central China	1905-1908	66 (Part 3)	248

