

# Guide to the Christian Melchior-Bonnet Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1153

**CREATOR:** Melchior-Bonnet, Christian

**TITLE:** Christian Melchior-Bonnet papers

**DATES:** 1893-1986

**BULK DATES:** 1920-1986

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.76 linear feet (5 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** French

**SUMMARY:** The Christian Melchior-Bonnet Papers contain literary correspondence and writings of authors associated with Melchior-Bonnet. Most correspondence consists of letters to Melchior-Bonnet concerning his editorial work for *Le Petit Journal* and *Flammarion*; some is accompanied by outgoing carbons, or related memoranda and notes by Melchior-Bonnet, photographs, clippings, or other printed material. Correspondents include Paul Morand, represented by more than 200 letters, 1923-1976; other major correspondents are Pierre Champion, Roland Dorgelès, Marie Jeanne Durry, Jean-Jacques Gautier, Jean Giono, Victor Giraud, Emile Henriot, François Porché, and Jules Romains. Autograph manuscript writings include Morand's draft revision of *Le voyage* (Paris: Hachette, 1964); unidentified manuscripts by Henry Montherlant about his play *Pasiphaë* and essay collection *Mors et vita*; and other writings by Morand, Montherlant, Henry Bidou, Francis de Croisset, Victor Duruy, and others.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Pierre Berès on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2002.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Conditions Governing Use

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### Preferred Citation

Christian Melchior-Bonnet Papers. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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### Processing Information

Former call numbers: Uncat MSS 428 and Uncat MS Vault File. In 2014, the collection received a baseline level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization. The collection was reclassified under one call number, and containers were renumbered. Most folder titles were based on information provided by the vendor, while some were assigned by Library staff. Folder titles were not verified against contents.

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## Christian Melchior-Bonnet (1902-1995)

Christian Melchior-Bonnet, French journalist, editor, and author. Melchior-Bonnet was an editor of *Le Petit Journal*, *Historia*, and *Journal de la France*, and for the publisher Flammarion.

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## Scope and Contents

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Writings are autograph manuscript, unless otherwise noted.

## **Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Achard, Juliette	1959-1961
b. 1, f. 2	Achard, Marcel	1955-1966
b. 1, f. 3	Achard, Marcel. Printed material	1959, undated
b. 1, f. 4	Adam, Juliette	1922
b. 1, f. 5	Alazard, Jean	1929-1930
b. 1, f. 6	Ambrière, Francis	1946-1953
b. 1, f. 7	Anet, Claude	1923, 1930
b. 1, f. 8	Anet, Leila Claude	undated
b. 1, f. 9	Arbelet, Paul	1925 April 3
b. 1, f. 10	Ariès, Philippe	1954-1981
b. 1, f. 11	Bauër, Gérard	1947-1967
b. 1, f. 12	Besnard, Albert	1931
b. 1, f. 13	Bidou, Gabriel	1943, 1949
b. 1, f. 14	Bidou, Henry (includes writings)	1940-1943
b. 1, f. 15	Billy, André	1930-1970
b. 1, f. 16	Binet-Valmer	1922-1923
b. 1, f. 17	Bizet, Andrée	1947 November 6
b. 1, f. 18	Bizet, René	1943-1945
b. 1, f. 19	Boulenger, Jacques	1922-1925
b. 1, f. 20	Boulenger, Marcel	1923
b. 1, f. 21	Brayer, Yves	1969-1983
b. 1, f. 22	Brieux, Eugène	1923
b. 1, f. 23	Brunetière, Ferdinand	1893 May 29
b. 1, f. 24-25	Champion, Pierre (includes writings) <i>2 Folders</i>	1932-1940
b. 1, f. 26	Chapelain-Midy, Roger	1972-1976
b. 1, f. 27	Chevaly, Maurice	1942
b. 1, f. 28	Croisset, Francis de	1930-1937
b. 1, f. 29	Croisset, Francis de. Writings	undated

b. 1, f. 30	Curel, François de	1923
b. 1, f. 31	Deharme, Lise	1950-1956
b. 1, f. 32	Donnay, Maurice	1935
b. 1, f. 33	Dorgelès, Roland (includes writings)	1922-1959
b. 1, f. 34	Doumic, René	1921-1927
b. 1, f. 35	Dumur, Louis	1923 March 8
b. 1, f. 36	Durry, Marie Jeanne (includes photographs)	1927-1980
b. 1, f. 37	Duruy, Victor. <i>Histoire des Romains</i> (fragment)	undated
b. 2, f. 38	Franc-Nohain	1922
b. 2, f. 39	Gautier, Jean-Jacques	1948-1986
b. 2, f. 40-41	Giono, Jean <i>2 Folders</i>	1935-1956
b. 2, f. 42	Giraud, Victor	1919-1948
b. 2, f. 43	Gyp	1924 September
b. 2, f. 44-45	Henriot, Emile <i>2 Folders</i>	1924-1958
b. 2, f. 46	Houssaye Guiroye	1932-1939
b. 2, f. 47	Larrouy, Maurice	1930-1935
b. 2, f. 48	Lavedan, Henri	1923 February 23
b. 2, f. 49	Lecomte, Georges	1935-1956
b. 2, f. 50	Le Goffic, Charles	1923-1933
b. 2, f. 51	Lemaître, Jules	1902
b. 2, f. 52	Lenormand, H.-R. (Henri-René)	1927
b. 2, f. 53	Martin du Gard, Maurice	1925-1962
b. 2, f. 54	Maurois, André	1939 December 4
b. 2, f. 55	Mauron, Marie	1944
b. 2, f. 56	Mégret, Christian	1942
b. 2, f. 57	Mille, Pierre	1922-1923
b. 2, f. 58	Mondor, Henri	1952-1960

Montherlant, H. de (Henry). Writings

Some writings are on versos of unidentified correspondence

b. 2, f. 59	"La guerre..douce à ceux qui ne savent pas"	undated
b. 2, f. 60	"Pourquoi j'ai écrit 'Mors et vita'"	undated
b. 2, f. 61	Unidentified. "Avant-propos"	1938
b. 2, f. 62	Unidentified. About performance of his play <i>Pasiphaë</i> (typescript and autograph manuscript)	[1938]
b. 2, f. 63	Unidentified. About <i>Pour une vierge noire</i>	undated
b. 2, f. 64	Morand, Hélène	1949-1966, undated
b. 2, f. 65-67	Morand, Paul 3 Folders	1923-1976
b. 3, f. 68-78	Morand, Paul 11 Folders	
b. 3, f. 79-80	Morand, Paul. Documents and correspondence about Morand 2 Folders  Includes documents about Morand's literary and administrative activities between 1940 and 1944, typescript and typescript mimeograph, compiled at the time of his unsuccessful attempt to join the Académie française in 1958	1942-1982, undated
	Morand, Paul. Writings	
b. 3, f. 81	<i>Les Grands tournants de l'histoire</i> . Preface	[1969]
b. 3, f. 82	"La jeune fille aux pivoines (a Chinese ghost story)...d'après la 'Folk-lore chinois' de R. P. Léon Wieger" (screenplay)	undated
b. 5 (Oversize), f. 106	<i>Le voyage</i> . Draft of revision (Paris: Hachette, 1964), autograph manuscript, with revised printed pages from 1927 edition	1963-1964
b. 4, f. 83	Pailleron, Marie-Louise	1938-1949
b. 4, f. 84	Pérochon, Ernest	1923
b. 4, f. 85	Plisnier, Charles	1941-1947
b. 4, f. 86	Porché, François	1926-1943
b. 4, f. 87	Poupet, Georges	1937-1957
b. 4, f. 88	Prévost, Marcel	[1923 September 24]
b. 4, f. 89	Romains, Jules	1948-1969
b. 4, f. 90	Romains, Jules. Printed material	1946-1985
b. 4, f. 91	Roussin, André	1950-1976
b. 4, f. 92	Schlumberger, Jean	1942-1943
b. 4, f. 93	Soupault, Philippe (includes photograph)	1923 March 3

b. 4, f. 94	Steinlen, Théophile Alexandre	1894
b. 4, f. 95	Supervielle, Jules	1948 August 22
b. 4, f. 96	Thérive, André	1949-1963
b. 4, f. 97	Thiébaud, Marcel	1935-1952
b. 4, f. 98	T'Serstevens, A. (Albert)	1929, 1949
b. 4, f. 99	Vaudoyer, Jean-Louis	1962, undated
b. 4, f. 100	Vautel, Clément	1923, 1937
b. 4, f. 101	Vildrac, Charles	1945 August 8
b. 4, f. 102	Yamata, Kikou	no year January 15
b. 4, f. 103	Zavie, Emile (includes photograph)	1926
b. 4, f. 104	Zéraffa, Michel	1952
b. 4, f. 105	Zimmermann, Jacques	1951

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Preferred Titles

*Petit journal (Paris, France)*

### Subjects

Editors -- France -- Archives  
French literature -- 20th Century

### Genres / Formats

Photographs -- France -- 20th Century

### Occupations

Editors -- France -- 20th Century

### Names

Bidou, Henry, 1873-1943  
Champion, Pierre, 1880-1942  
Croisset, Francis de, 1877-1937  
Dorgelès, Roland, 1886-1973  
Durry, Marie Jeanne, 1901-1980  
Duruy, Victor, 1811-1894  
Gautier, Jean-Jacques, 1908-1986  
Giono, Jean, 1895-1970  
Giraud, Victor, 1868-1953  
Henriot, Emile, 1889-1961  
Melchior-Bonnet, Christian  
Montherlant, Henry de, 1896-1972  
Morand, Paul, 1888-1976  
Porché, François, 1877-1944  
Romains, Jules, 1885-1972

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