

Guide to the Chinese Students' Christian Association in North America Records

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CREATOR: Chinese Student Christian Association in North America

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SUMMARY: The papers, though quite fragmentary, represent the most complete documentation available for the history of the Chinese Students' Christian Association, and provide a skeletal outline of its activities, policies and personnel. This collection is a noteworthy supplement to other record groups at the Divinity Library that document religious work among college and university students. The Chinese Students' Christian Association was organized in 1909 by four students from the universities of Yale, Columbia, Harvard and Michigan. The purpose of the Association was to foster Christian morals and friendships, and to unite Chinese Christian students living in American society. The Association provided practical services to Chinese students who were arriving from China, going to China or Europe, looking for homes or employment, needing to make purchases, or in need of other assistance.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

Chinese Students' Christian Association in North America Records (RG 13), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

Biographical / Historical

The Chinese Students' Christian Association was organized in 1909 under the leadership of Dr. C. T. Wang, Dr. P. W. Kuo, Dr. David Z. T. Yui, and Dr. W. C. Chen, then students at Yale, Columbia, Harvard, and Michigan respectively. The national Association had its central office in New York City. Its affairs were directed by a Central Executive Board composed of officers of its regional departments. Local units were formed where there were five or more students in harmony with the purpose of the Association. In 1949 the Association had 1,200 members in twenty-five local chapters. The Association was affiliated with the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A.s of North America, the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. in China, the Chinese Students' Christian Union of Great Britain and the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in France. The purpose of the Association was defined as follows in a 1931 publication:

- To cultivate among the members and friends the Christ-like spirit and to apply His teachings in their daily lives and activities.
- To build strong moral character and to foster the spirit of self-sacrifice and self-development by rendering service to members.
- To unite those students in cooperative efforts for promoting programs and activities of the Association on various campuses.
- To study and understand American life and society; and to interpret Chinese culture and civilization to America through writing, speaking, dramatics and friendly contacts.

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Scope and Contents

Though these records are quite fragmentary they probably represent the most complete documentation available for the history of the Chinese Students' Christian Association. Minutes and reports, correspondence of the Association's General Secretary, conference handbooks and publicity, periodical publications, and miscellaneous pamphlets provide a skeletal outline of the Association's activities, policies and personnel. Additional periodical publications of the Association are in the Library's cataloged collection. Additional records of the Chinese Students' Christian Association can be found in Record Group No. 46, Archives of the World Student Christian Federation.

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Arrangement

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- IV. Publications, 1910-1950
- V. Photographs, 1944, n.d.

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Series I: Administrative, 1909-1950,n.d.

b. 1, f. 1	Constitution, by-laws; Financial records	1909-1922,n.d.
b. 1, f. 2	Student aid material	n.d.
b. 1, f. 3	Tax information and forms	1949, 1950
b. 1, f. 4	Treasurer's reports, budgets	1927-1951
b. 1, f. 5-9	Minutes, agenda	1914-1950
b. 1, f. 10	Officers and staff Reports	1916-1934,n.d.
b. 1, f. 11	Annual reports	1911/12, 1912/13, 1931/32, 1949/50
b. 1, f. 12	Monthly reports - typed	1910 Nov, 1944 Jan
b. 1, f. 12	Monthly reports - printed (incomplete)	1911 Feb-1913 Apr
b. 1, f. 13	Other official reports	1911-1926
b. 1, f. 14	Other official reports	1943-1949,n.d.
b. 1, f. 15	Misc. reports and mss.	1910-1918,1945- 1950,n.d.
b. 1, f. 16	Fragmentary reports and mss.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 17	Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students Other administrative material	1911-1952,n.d.
b. 2, f. 18	Notes on C.S.C.A history and documents	n.d.
b. 2, f. 19	Miscellaneous	1926/27, 1944,1948,n.d.

Series II: Correspondence, 1918-1950

b. 2, f. 20	Bachelder, Ruth	1947
b. 2, f. 20	C.S.C.A. in No. America form letters	1931-1948. n.d.
b. 2, f. 20	C.S.C.A. Midwestern Office	1946, 1947
b. 2, f. 21	C.S.C.A. Western Office	1946-1949
b. 2, f. 22	C.S.C.A. of San Francisco	1918
b. 2, f. 22	Chu, H. T.	1946
b. 2, f. 22	Committee on Friendly Relations	1947, 1948
b. 2, f. 22	Eng, Homer	1947
b. 2, f. 22	Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America	1948
b. 2, f. 22	Fisher, Welthy H.	1949
b. 2, f. 22	Fletcher, Joseph	1948
b. 2, f. 22	Fong, S. H.	1949
b. 2, f. 22	Foreign Missions Conference of North America	1949
b. 2, f. 22	Hein, Charles T.	1950, n.d.
b. 2, f. 22	Hoover, Lyman	1948
b. 2, f. 23	Hsia, David	1946, 1947
b. 2, f. 24	Johnson, Mrs. G. Neil	1950
b. 2, f. 24	re. Judd Bill	1949
b. 2, f. 24	Kiang Wen-han	1947
b. 2, f. 24	Klinger, Robert B.	1948
b. 2, f. 24	re. Alfred Kohlberg letter to N.Y. Herald Tribune	1949
b. 2, f. 24	Kuo Hong-heu	1948
b. 2, f. 24	Kwoh, Edwin	1947, 1948
b. 2, f. 24	Lautenschlager, Stanton	1950
b. 2, f. 24	Lerrigo, Edith	1949, 1950
b. 2, f. 24	Li, C.W.	1948
b. 2, f. 25	Lin, Paul T.K.	1946-1948
b. 2, f. 26	Linton, Clarence	1949
b. 2, f. 26	Lions International	1948

b. 2, f. 26	Lobenstine, Edwin C.	1949
b. 2, f. 26	Loucks, Harold H.	1949
b. 2, f. 26	Mead, Mabel C.	1947
b. 2, f. 26	re. Meng, Francis F.T.	1950
b. 2, f. 26	National Committee of Y.M.C.A., Shanghai	1946-1948
b. 2, f. 26	National Student Federation of China	1948
b. 2, f. 26	National Student Relief Committee, Chongqing (Chungking)	1945
b. 2, f. 27	Quan, Mary	1946, 1947
b. 2, f. 28	Stuart, J. Leighton	1949
b. 2, f. 28	Student Christian Movement of Canada	1949
b. 2, f. 28	Ting, K.H. and Siu May	1948, 1950
b. 2, f. 28	United Board for Christian Colleges in China	1949, 1950
b. 2, f. 28	United Chinese Christian Youth Movement in America	1946
b. 2, f. 28	United States Department of State	1945, 1947
b. 2, f. 28	United States Immigration and Naturalization Service	1948
b. 2, f. 29	Wang, T.H.	1948, n.d.
b. 2, f. 29	West China Union University, Chengdu (Chengtu)	1945
b. 2, f. 29	Wolferz, Louis and Katherine	1948
b. 2, f. 29	Y.W.C.A. of the U.S.A.	1949
b. 2, f. 30	Yu Pei-wen	1947, 1948

Series III: Conferences and activities, 1915-1950

b. 2, f. 31	Conference material	1915
b. 2, f. 32	Conference material	1942-1950,n.d.
Conferences of related organizations:		
b. 2, f. 33	Chinese Students Alliance in the U.S.A.	1928, 1929
b. 2, f. 33	Chinese Students' Association of the South	1942
b. 2, f. 34	New Haven Students-in-Industry Project	1948
b. 2, f. 35	TVA Travel Seminar	1947, 1948

Series IV: Publications, 1910-1950

b. 2, f. 36	Directory of Chinese Students in America	1910, 1915,1934/35– 1939/40
Pamphlets		
b. 2, f. 37	Leaders for a New China	1921 Oct
b. 2, f. 37	Friendship	1922 Aug
b. 2, f. 37	Manchuria Before November 16	1931 Nov
b. 2, f. 37	State Department Aid to Cultural Exchange	n.d.
b. 2, f. 37	With China	1944
b. 2, f. 37	An Open Letter to Fellow-Christians in North America	1948
b. 2, f. 37	This is What They Say	n.d.
Periodicals		
b. 3, f. 38	<i>The Builder</i> (1 issue)	n.d.
b. 3, f. 39	<i>Chinese Christian Student</i> (incomplete)	1931 May-1941 Dec
b. 3, f. 40	<i>Chinese Student Opinion</i>	1948 Jun
b. 3, f. 40	C.S.C.A. Eastern Department Bulletin	1948 Dec
b. 3, f. 41	<i>C.S.C.A. Fellowship Notes</i> (incomplete)	1922 Feb-1925 May
b. 3, f. 42	<i>C.S.C.A. Midwest Bulletin</i>	1948 May
b. 3, f. 43	<i>C.S.C.A. Yearbook</i>	1925-1928
b. 3, f. 44	<i>Christian China</i>	1922 May
b. 3, f. 44	<i>Liu Mei Tsing Nien</i>	1917 Jan
b. 3, f. 44	<i>Monthly Bulletin</i>	1914 Jan
Publicity material		
b. 3, f. 45	Brochures, etc.	1922-1931, 1950

Series V: Photographs, 1944, n.d.

b. 3, f. 46	Portraits, unidentified or identified in Chinese	n.d.
b. 3, f. 47	Misc., mostly unidentified	1944, n.d

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.

Subjects

Students, Foreign
Universities and colleges -- Religion

Names

Chen, W. C.
Kuo, Ping Wen, 1880-1969
Wang, Quncong
Yui, David Z. T.

Corporate Body

Chinese Student Christian Association in North
America