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CALL NUMBER: RG 147

CREATOR: Hale, Lyman

TITLE: Lyman and Sadie Hale Papers

DATES: 1926-1971

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.5 linear feet (7 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Writings, collected material, and glass slides document the Hales' life and work in China. Lyman and Sadie Hale were American Methodist missionaries to China from 1915 to 1941 and 1945 to 1949. They were stationed in Wuhu (1916-1925), Nanjing (Nanking) (1925-1927, 1945-1949), Shanghai (1927-1929), and Zhenjiang (Chinkiang) (1929-1941).

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Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.147>.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Lyman and Sadie Hale.

Conditions Governing Access

Open to qualified researchers.

Preferred Citation

Lyman and Sadie Hale Papers (RG 147), Special Collections, Yale Divinity Library.

Processing Information

Place names were modernized in the description, with the name originally used in the collection material or in an older version of the finding aid in parenthesis: e.g. "Beijing (Peking)" or "Benin (Dahomey)".

Biographical / Historical

Lyman Hale supervised mission schools and churches in Wuhu from 1916 to 1925, and in Nanjing (Nanking) from 1925 until evacuated to Shanghai in March 1927. The Hale family resided in Shanghai from 1927 to 1929, with Lyman serving as mission treasurer and secretary. From 1929 September to 1941 (except furlough in 1933-1934) the family resided in Zhenjiang (Chinkiang), with Lyman serving as mission supervisor and treasurer and editor of *The China Christian Advocate*; served in Nanjing (Nanking) after World War II (1945-1949). The Hales twice had their home completely destroyed due to political disturbances (1927 and 1937).

Scope and Contents

This collection consists primarily of collected material, including valuable typescript and mimeographed accounts of events in China. It contains documentation of 1927 Nanking incident and Japanese occupation 1937-1939, National Christian Council of China Broadcast Bulletins, circular letters from colleagues and friends, correspondence with Methodist mission board, and Chinese language material as well as more than 100 glass slides.

Arrangement

- I. Collected Material, 1925-1971, n.d.
- II. Correspondence, 1927-1975, n.d.
- III. Writings, 1932-1941
- IV. Glass slides, n.d.

Collection Contents

Series I: Collected material, 1925-1971, n.d.

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| b. 1, f. 2-3 | Accounts of events in Nanjing (Nanking) and Zhenjiang (Chinkiang), by Lyman Hale and others | 1926-1927 |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Newspaper clippings re. events in Nanking | 1927 |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Documents re. Christian education and government regulations | 1926-1927 |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Bulletins from Shanghai Community Church | 1927-1929 |
| b. 1, f. 7 | Article by Bp. James Bashford, Bible study notes | 1932 |
| b. 1, f. 8 | Minutes, reports, memos re. Methodist missions in China incl. biographical sketches of Bishops W.Y. Chen and Z.T. Kuang | 1933-1944 |
| b. 1, f. 9 | NCCC bulletin re. events in Nanking | 1938 |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Report of Zhenjiang (Chinkiang) branch of the Nanking International Relief Association | 1939-1940 |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Broadcast Bulletins of the National Christian Council of China | 1940-1941 |
| b. 1, f. 10a | Memos from Methodist Board of Missions in NY | 1941-1956 |
| b. 1, f. 11 | Conference on American Far Eastern Policy, Syracuse Univ. | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 12 | Re. Christian literature in China; re. Protestant missions in Nanking | 1943, 1947 |
| b. 1, f. 13 | Directory of Westerners in Nanking, pub. by Nanking Association | 1949 |
| b. 1, f. 14 | Misc., incl. "Address of Chiang Kai-shek", re. Nestorian monument, re. Pearl Buck | 1928-1971, n.d. |
| b. 1, f. 15 | Issues of <i>China Christian Advocate</i> | 1929-1941 |
| b. 2, f. 1 | Scripture selections and tracts - in Chinese | n.d. |
| b. 2, f. 2 | Additional Chinese language material | n.d. |
| b. 2, f. 3 | Chinese hymnal "Hymns of Universal Praise" | 1936 |

Series II: Correspondence, 1927-1975, n.d.

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| b. 2, f. 4-5 | Primarily from missionaries in China | 1927-1945 |
| b. 2, f. 6-8 | Primarily from former China missionaries | 1950s-1970s |

Series III: Writings by Lyman Hale, 1932-1941

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| b. 2, f. 9 | "Chinkiang Provinces for New Cultural Needs" <i>The Shanghai Times</i> | 1932 |
| b. 2, f. 9 | "Interference or Privilege" <i>China Christian Conference Bulletin</i> | 1939 |
| b. 2, f. 9 | "The Parable of Plain Marking" (typescript) | n.d. |
| b. 2, f. 9 | Various articles from <i>China Christian Advocate</i> | 1936 |

Series IV: Glass slides, n.d.

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| b. 2, f. 10 | Script for glass slides - slide include images of Chinese scenery, ways of life, children, medical work, famine, etc.: |
| b. 3a | Produced by Methodist Church of China - Slides #50-1336 |
| b. 3b | Produced by Methodist Church of China - Slides #1352-1730 |
| b. 3c | Produced by Methodist Church of China - Slides #2139-2943 |
| b. 3d | Produced by Methodist Church of China - Slides #3013-3587 |
| b. 3d | Produced by Board of Foreign Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, 3 slides |
| b. 3d | Unnumbered, miscellaneous slides, 7 slides |
| b. 3e | Easter set, Slides #1-27 ; Christmas set, 1 slide |

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

Methodist Church -- Missions -- China
Missions -- China

Names

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Hale, Sadie

Contributors

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