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Abstract

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions (WBFM) of the RCA was organized in 1875 in Marble Collegiate Church in Manhattan. Thirteen women, in response to a recommendation of the 1874 General Synod, met to commit themselves to the proposition that women in all parts of the world had a right to a Christian life. Through prayer and monetary gifts, the WBFM supported the schools established by the RCA for women and children at the various mission stations. The organization continued until 1946 when it was absorbed into the Board of Foreign Missions of the RCA. The collection includes annual reports, newsletters, publications, program of the month, reports on missions in China, India, Japan, and directories for the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and Women's Board of Domestic Missions (WBDM).

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History

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions (WBFM) of the Reformed Church in America (RCA) was organized on January 7, 1875, in Marble Collegiate Church in New York City. Thirteen women, in response to a recommendation of the 1874 General Synod, met to commit themselves to the proposition that women in all parts of the world had a right to a Christian life. Through prayer and monetary gifts, the WBFM supported the schools established by the RCA for women and children at the various mission stations. The organization continued until 1946 when it was absorbed into the Board of Foreign Missions of the RCA.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of materials from 1875 to 1946 that document the work of the WBFM. Included are annual reports (yearbooks), anniversary material, mission reports, and various Board publications. The strength of the collection lies in the annual reports which describe individuals involved in the organization, the work accomplished at each mission station, and financial dealings.

Container List

Box 1

Annual Reports (Yearbooks), 1876-1915 (12 folders) (also digital)

Box 2

Annual Reports (cont.) 1924-1939 (13 folders) (also digital)
Catalogue of the Circulating Library, n.d.
Directories, Woman's Board of Foreign and Women's Board of Domestic Missions,
1937-1938, 1948-1951
Guide Book for Leaders, 1935
Mission Reports
 Amoy Mission (China), 1909
 Arcot Mission (India), 1909, 1914
 Japan Mission, 1909, 1914
Newsletters, 1937-1941
"Program of the Month" Series, 1935-1946
Programs, 1923
Publications
 Along the King's Highway: the Story of the Seventh Decade, 1945
 An Arab Consults a Missionary Doctor, 1937
 Calverley, Eleanor, *What Noora Found in the Hospital*, n.d.
 Fifty Years of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, 1925
 Harrison, Anna Monteith, *Desert Diary*, 1943
 Jackson, Ruth, *Happy Moments*, n.d.
 *The Jubilee Day: Addresses delivered in the Marble Collegiate Church, New York
 City, January 21, 1925*
 Our Missionaries Birthday Prayer Calendar, n.d.
 Onze Zending In Azie (Our Mission in Asia), 1908
 A Serene Heart: A Sketch of Mrs. James Cantine, n.d.
 Te Winkel, Sarella. *The Sixth Decade*, 1935
 Women of Old New York, n.d.
Young Woman's Committee pamphlet, ca. 1913

Oversized, Non-Photographic Media

World Map, 1933
Golden Jubilee 1875-1925 poster, 1925