

Korean Mission Records:

*Papers of the Korean Mission, 1889-1987, from
Birmingham University Library*

Part 1: Minute Books, Ledgers &
Correspondence with
Mission Staff, 1908-1986

Part 2: Periodicals, Pamphlets,
Press-cuttings &
Photographs, 1889-1987



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Former Head of Special Collections, University of Birmingham

Part 1: Minute Books, Ledgers and Correspondence with Mission Staff, 1908-1986

The Korean Mission was founded in 1889 and its records provide a unique opportunity to look at the tumultuous history of Korea from 1889 to 1987 through the eyes of western missionaries who worked closely with local communities. The records describe:

- The personal experiences of individual missionaries coming to terms with the language and culture in a new mission field.
- Life under the Japanese occupation of Korea from 1910 to 1945.
- The impact of the Second World War on local Christianity.
- Life under Communist occupation during the Korean War.
- The rebuilding of the Korean Church in the aftermath of the war.

Part 1 covers the major administrative records of the mission as well as the correspondence with mission staff, 1908-1986. The latter is an incredibly rich resource for church historians, cultural historians, missiologists, and all those interested in the political and social history of modern Korea.



Part 2: Periodicals, Pamphlets, Press-cuttings and Photographs, 1889-1987

This second part contains a wide range of rare printed and visual resources illustrating the history of the Korean Mission from Bishop Corfe's first landing in In'chon [Chemulpo] in 1890, through the Japanese Occupation in 1910, the Second World War and the Korean War, to the late twentieth century.



In addition to *Morning Calm*, the chief periodical publication of the Korean Mission, there is a history of the Church in Korea and a full range of pamphlets produced by the Mission Office.

The press-cuttings and photographs cover all periods, including the aftermath of the Korean War, when the Diocese of Korea was divided at the 38th parallel. Places photographed include Anjung, Chinchun, Chungju, Incheon, Onsuri, Pusan, Seoul, Taegu, Taejon and Yoju.

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