

# Council for World Mission Archives, 1941-1950

## Supplement to the Council for World Mission Archives, 1795-1940



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The records of the Council for World Mission (formerly the London Missionary Society), dated 1941-50 are now available on microfiche from IDC Publishers. (Files for the period 1795 to 1940 have been available from IDC for some time). There are approximately 1,900 files comprising Board and Committee Minutes, together with correspondence and reports relating to LMS missions in Southern and Central Africa, China, India, Madagascar and the Pacific. Regional files are divided into individual, subject and miscellaneous categories. Also included are files of the Commonwealth Missionary Society which merged with the LMS in 1966.

### World War II

The events and effects of World War II overshadow the period to 1946. There were approximately one hundred LMS missionaries in China and Hong Kong at the start of this period, and none was "... left untouched by the war against Japan. Many had been working in areas of China previously occupied by the Japanese forces, and the attack on Pearl Harbour, followed by the allied declaration of war and the fall of Hong Kong, brought internment in North China, Shanghai or Hong Kong". Other mission fields directly affected were those in the Pacific and in Papua. Files include accounts of internment experiences, wartime losses and compensation, post-war reconstruction and the rehabilitation of Christian work.

### China and India

The resumption of the civil war between the Guomindang and the Chinese Communist forces, followed by the establishment of the Communist Government in 1949 presented the LMS, in common with other mission boards, with an "entirely unprecedented situation". Documentation on LMS policy appraisal and on events leading to the withdrawal from China is to be found in the Board Minutes, China, 1947 to 1951, in the correspondence of the Asia Secretary (R.K. Orchard) and in other correspondence and subject files. LMS work in India was concentrated mainly in the southern part of the country India, which was less affected by the disturbances surrounding Independence and the 1947 partition of India than the north. While there are files on the "situation in India", the bulk of the documentation concerns mission schools, colleges and hospitals, and traces the steps leading to the establishment (in September 1947) of the Church of South India.

### Africa

In Southern Africa, LMS stations were still based mainly in the rural areas pioneered by the early missionaries, although the LMS had participated in united mission work in the Copperbelt region of Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia), since 1934. The colonial system was still in place and at times LMS missionaries found themselves politically involved, notably in the affairs of the Bamangwato tribe of the Bechuanaland Protectorate, whose designated chieftain, Seretse Khama, married an English girl in London in 1948. Slow progress towards the development of local church government was made. For example, a South Africa Mission Council with African participation was founded in 1943. The degree of missionary involvement in medical and educational work remained high throughout this period and there are files on a number of individual medical and educational establishments.

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