

Finding Aid for THE WILLIAM WARDER CADBURY PAPERS, 1877-1951

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Abstract: The papers of William Warder Cadbury who was a Quaker medical missionary in China in the first half of the 20th century.

Information for Users:

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Dates of an individual are given in parentheses; dates of materials within a container are given without parentheses.

Though not all letters are listed individually, those that are highlighted are done so on the basis of content of the letter or historical importance of the letter writer.

Abbreviations used: WWC = William Warder Cadbury; EBJ = Elizabeth Bartram Cadbury Jones; RMJ = Rufus M. Jones

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Biographical Note:

William Warder Cadbury (1877-1959) was the son of Joel and Anna Kaighn Cadbury. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., a birthright Quaker member of Philadelphia Monthly Meeting for the Western District (now Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting). He graduated from W.P.C.S. in 1894, received a B.A. and M.A. from Haverford College in 1898 and 1899 respectively, an M.D. from University of Pennsylvania in 1902 and an honorary Sc.D. from Haverford College in 1936. He married (1) Sarah I. Manatt in 1911 (d. 1912) and (2) Catharine Balderston Jones in 1917 with whom he had 3 daughters.

¹ Includes 45 letters transferred from Jones-Cadbury collection, 43 from William Warder Cadbury, 1 from Catharine Cadbury, 1 from the Meads

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Cadbury served as resident physician at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia in 1903-05, went abroad for graduate study in Vienna in 1905, returned to teach pathology and pharmacology at University of Pennsylvania from 1906-07 and to work as a pathologist at St. Mary's Hospital, 1906-09.

The decision to take up a medical missionary post in China was made in late 1908. In 1909, he took up a professorship at Canton Christian College (later Lingnan University) in Canton, China, and from 1909-41 was a medical missionary there supported by some members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and the Cadbury Fund that was created to assist his work. (The Canton Medical Missionary Society which had oversight of Canton Hospital transferred the care of the hospital to the Board of Directors of Lingnan University in 1930.) He became Superintendent of Canton Hospital in 1930, but was also vice-president of the Chinese Medical Association, 1935-37, Canton chairman of the International Red Cross, 1938-41.

About 1924, General Lei Fuk Lam gave his small son, James Cadbury Lei to William Warder Cadbury in order that he would learn American culture. General Lei contributed funds to construct a small hospital and clinic on the Lingnan campus, operated under Dr. Cadbury's direction and later moved to Canton Hospital.

During World War II, William Warder Cadbury and his wife were interned by the Japanese from 1941-43, although they had considerable freedom until February 1943 when they were removed to a camp in Canton. Upon their release, they returned to the United States for two years, where he worked at Friends Hospital. Cadbury resumed his position in Canton from 1945-49 when he and his wife were forced out of China by the Communist government.

The Cadburys then returned to N.J. for the next 10 years. William Warder Cadbury sat on the Board of Lingnan University for a part of this time, as well as serving as an honorary curator of ferns at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

During his life, Cadbury was the author of 150 medical articles, 230 articles on religion and other topics and a book on the history of Canton Hospital, *At the Point of a Lancet*, written in 1935 with his niece Mary Hoxie Jones. He had an avid interest in orchids and created an orchid garden at his residence in China. "Dr. Cadbury represented two old but enduring traditions: the physician-botanist and the Quaker naturalist...Perhaps, with renewed friendship between China and the United States, an American orchidist will visit Canton some day and find Dr. Cadbury's manuscript in the care of Chinese botanists. It would please him to know that his study of orchids, like his medical teaching, has bridged the gap between peoples."³

(Information from *Dictionary of Quaker Biography*, a compilation of Quaker biographies in typescript form located at Haverford College and Friends House, London, from article by Howard P. Wood and from internal evidence)

³ "William W. Cadbury, M.D., Quaker Missionary and Orchidologist in China / by Howard P. Wood, M.D. In: *Frontiers: Annual of The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia*. Vol. II, 1980.

Subject Headings:

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Jones, Rufus Matthew, 1863-1948
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Canton Hospital (Canton, China)
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Collection Description:

The papers of William Warder Cadbury consist of correspondence in the period 1908-1950, documents relating to Cadbury's organizational affiliations, photographs and material written by and about Cadbury.

Cadbury's principal correspondent was Elizabeth B. Jones. Other correspondents include: Rufus Jones, Thomas Wistar, Jr., S.C. Chen and

James Henry. Cadbury writes about his desire to become a China medical missionary in 1908 and his interest in founding a Christian medical school in China, his impact teaching Christianity to Chinese students, as well as his life and work in China and Japan's war on China; the work of his wife, Catharine Cadbury, supervising many local schools; reference to his internment by the Japanese army, and the liberation of Canton in 1949; the orphans of Canton.

There is a book of course notes prepared by William Warder Cadbury for a course on comparative religion and published letters and other material by and about Cadbury as well as photographs, especially those depicting Cadbury from infancy to old age.

Finally, there are documents produced by and about organizations with which Cadbury was involved in the period 1923-51, including Canton Hospital, Canton International Red Cross, Direct China Relief Incorporated, Kwangtung International Relief Committee, Canton Committee for Justice to China and the China Medical Missionary Association.

Series I. Correspondence

Box 1: Correspondence (primarily letters by William Warder Cadbury, 1908-1950 & n.d.)

Letters of William Warder Cadbury, 1908-1911. 1 folder (ca. 20 items).

Note: Primarily addressed to his sister, Elizabeth Bartram Cadbury Jones and brother-in-law, Rufus M. Jones and almost always include family information.

to Elizabeth. Moorestown, N.J., 1908 August 2. [tells of his interest in the project of the University of Pennsylvania Christian Association to found a medical school in Canton China in connection with the Canton Christian College, and that he has been invited to join in the work of the medical school; if he decides to go, would like to take RMJ's course on Christian thought (at Haverford College)]

to Elizabeth. Philadelphia, 1908 September 15. [has often thought the mission to China was a "call"; there are those who think much of foreign missions, others who see them as a farce]

to Sister (Elizabeth). Philadelphia, 1908 December 16. [reports on living arrangements at Canton Christian College with other teachers, though the medical school has not yet been started, but he will study Chinese and work in the dispensary and with college students; encloses booklet on Pennsylvania Medical Work in China]

to Rufus and Elizabeth. University Medical School, Canton [China], 1909 January 10. [his students pay attention to his teaching and preaching, which surprises him; there is no sense of the attraction of the sexes; religious attitude broadly Christian]

to ?. [Minato, Japan], 1909 April 17. [describes travel and customs in Japan; attended a prayer meeting and gave a talk; mentions many people, including Gilbert Bowles and the Binfords]

to Elizabeth. Canton, China, 1909 June 6. [“there is much less religious observance here than in Japan, I think, for the ancestral worship is not in a real sense a religion...”]

to Elizabeth. Canton, China, 1910 July 10. [a patient, a Buddhist monk, has shown much interest in reading the New Testament and others in the gospel]

to Rufus. Canton, China, 1910 November 27. [refers to RMJ’s editorial in the *American Friend* and hopes it will positively affect some Western Friends; might there be a union of Friends in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; suggests it is difficult for Chinese to understand the variety of baptizing practices in various Christian churches]

to Thomas Wistar, Jr. Canton, China, 1911 January 6. [responds to Wistar’s interest in working in China and describes the Christian College with which his medical school is associated and the demand for Western-trained doctors; currently, they only have a shed of dried palm leaves in which to keep patients; interest in Christianity with talks by YMCA secretary and some missionaries; mentions Chinese student, Kwan, who attended Haverford College; refers to Edith Sharpless’ decision to work in Japan; encloses photo of himself on a preaching trip being carried to shore on a local person’s back]

to Mother. Canton, China, 1911 May 30. [sister Emma has been proposed as minister; will travel to Honolulu; all who had plague in Mukden (China) died; conversions to Christianity]

to Warfield T. Longcope. 1911 June 15. [reports on student’s medical exam, procedures and medical issues]

to Elizabeth. Canton, China, 1911 June 17. [will be married in September, though Sara is not a Quaker]

to Rufus and Elizabeth. S.S. Persia, 1911 August 7. [en route to furlough and marriage in U.S.]

Letters of William Warder Cadbury, 1912-1935. 1 folder (ca. 20 items).

Note: Letters continue to describe Cadbury’s life and work in China and one-year furlough home to Moorestown, N.J. in 1916.

to Elizabeth. Canton, China, 1914 January 4. [war will result in a new world, new ideals and weaknesses, new coalitions because of Japan and India's roles; continued importance of Christianity amongst religions] +

to Elizabeth. Canton, China, 1914 January 25. [New Year's Eve celebration: "much of the old ceremony is being revived. Even the President is performing the ancient rites connected with the worship of Heaven..."] +

to Elizabeth. Moorestown, N.J., 1916 July 23. [expects his Meeting will confirm him as a minister]

to "dear home ones." Canton, China, 1930 January 12. [refers to Henry Murphy who has been official advisor to the Nanking government in reconstruction of Nanking, on intimate terms with Chiang Kai Shek; over 1000 wounded soldiers moved to hospital ; Gen'l Lei has sided with the rebels] +

Cadbury, Catharine to Elizabeth. Canton, China, 1935 May 27. [Mary (Hoxie Jones) has been visiting and working on the writing of the history of Canton Hospital with her uncle]

Letters of William Warder Cadbury, 1937-1940. 1 folder (ca. 20 items).

Note: Several letters report on Japan's war on China.

to Elizabeth. Lingnan University, 1937 November 3. [business at standstill and people fleeing to countryside though fear and distress are everywhere; results of typhoon; attached is published "Canton Committee for Justice to China"] +

to Elizabeth. Canton, China, 1937 December 28. [bombs bringing destruction, but were made of American iron and propelled by American oil]

to Elizabeth. Canton, China, 1938 June 22. [most brutal murders in world's history and devastation of property] Included are two letters from Emma (Cadbury) written from Vienna in April & May of 1938 summing up the situation in Austria +

to Elizabeth. Canton, China, 1938 September 27. Typed description written by WWC "Lingnan University opens its Academic Year in the midst of Falling Bombs" accompanies the letter.

to "dear Friends." Canton, China, 1939 February 7. [Japanese insist that people return from Refugee Camps to their homes; Chinese cannot safely carry money; account of a typical day] +

to Elizabeth. Canton, China, 1939 August 31. [Chinese dollar worth ¼ of previous rate; expecting attack on Hong Kong given the situation in Europe] +

to Elizabeth. Hong Kong, 1939 October 4. [Japanese expect America to send more supplies and lend her money to overthrow China's civilization and the exclusion of the white man while England and France are engaged in Europe] encloses photo of nurses at ceremony of WWC's 30th anniversary in China

to Japanese Consul General. Canton, China, 1939 November 14. [Japanese, occupying part of Canton Hospital, throw excrement from second floor; WWC asks for inspector]

to Mr. Wannamaker. 1940 January 7. [returning to US for ca. 5 months; his (WWC) wife supervises schools with 800 pupils; WWC is chair of the Religious work committee; funds of Red Cross, which had assisted with the work of Canton Hospital and with which he has been affiliated for 2 ½ years, almost depleted; thousands of "coolies" have been forced into labor gangs; changes in Russia under Stalin] +

to Elizabeth. Fatshan, China, 1940 January 13. [Japanese overtook this area at the same time as Canton, and WWC needed pass to come; feeding of refugees and others] +

to Dr. Thomson. Canton, China, 1940 February 2. [the case of Dr. Khan]

Letters of William Warder Cadbury, 1941-1950. 1 folder (ca. 70 items).

Note: Several of the letters relate to business of Canton Hospital, including statistics.

to Lt. Manabe, Canton. Canton, China, 1941 December 27. [informs Japanese army member that he was taken into custody by Japanese Imperial Army and requests return of items, both personal and hospital use, taken from his house by soldiers] WWC repeats request in January.

Correspondence with Drs. Grundmann and Kellersberger et al, 1941-47. 16 items. Concerning Tungkun lepers, primarily problems with arrival of funds, accepting lepers from other asylums and proposal to establish leprosarium; also invoice and memo of a conference.

Correspondence and other papers. 1941-51. ca. 30 items. Re orphans in Canton, including information and photos of individual orphans and a "diary" of Lingnan Orphanage.

To whom it may Concern. 1946 April 9. [states transfer in 1938 of Canton Hospital and Medical College to original owner, "The Canton Medical Missionary

Society” composed of British and American citizens, and WWC’s appointment as Superintendent; appointment of Dr. Leung as agent of the hospital does not indicate he was a Japanese agent] +

Correspondence with members of FWCC, New Zealand and Australia Meetings. 1948-50. ca. 20 items. Plans for Cadburys to visit New Zealand and Australian Meetings, notes for talks and letters of appreciation after visit.

Box 2 : **Correspondence (primarily letters to William Warder Cadbury, A-Z);**
 Materials by and about William Warder Cadbury;
 Photographs

Correspondence (primarily letters to William Warder Cadbury, A-Z). 1 folder (ca. 120 items)

Correspondence with S.C. Chen. 1948. 3 items. [upon WWC’s resignation from Canton Hospital, he is given title of Prof. Emeritus of Medicine]

Christian Children’s Relief Fund. [1950s]. ca. 10 items. Letters & translations, pictures and photos from Myung-Gyoo Cho, the orphan whom the Cadburys supported in Korea.

Council on Medical Missions. 1946-47. 3 items. Letters from Council in Shanghai re aid from Hong Kong to Lingnan U. & Medical College.

Fong, Yeung Tai. 1953. ca. 10 items. Letters to the Cadburys and others from a student from Hong Kong wanting to study at university in Philippines; also one photo.

Correspondence with James Henry and other items. 1945-56. ca. 40 items. (James Henry is American Director of Trustees of Lingnan University). Note: Several letters re day-to-day business of Lingnan Univ. trustees; also personal letters from Henry after retirement.

Including:

Henry, James M. to WWC. NY, 1949 August 19. [American Consulate being withdrawn from Canton; questions whether presence of Americans could be embarrassing to Chinese] +

Notes on a conference for mission board secretaries & educators with Ambassador to China and Consul General in Shanghai. State Department, August 23, 1949. Copy. Discusses political situation in China, Chinese Communist Party, feelings toward Soviets.

Lee, L.C. to Mrs. -. Canton, China, 1949 November 30. Copy, signed. [Canton has been liberated and the Liberation Army well-behaved; daily life under new regime] +

Hing, Ho Foo. Canton, China. 1950 April 20. [conditions at Canton Hospital and photo of Hing attached]

Huang, Yen-Yu. NY., 1952 February 14. [discusses U.S. immigration issues in attending Friends World Conference in England]

Huey, Lillian M. 1933-34. 3 items. [Huey's appointment as Director of Training School for Nurses at Canton Hospital]

Lau, Paak Tong. 1911-16. 3 items. [letters and agreement re Lau to study at U. Pa. Medical School]

Lee, Y.L. 1939, 1952-54. 8 items. Primarily on funds from Trustees of Lingnan toward Chung Chi College. Including:

Lee, Y.L. to Dr. Wong Man. 1939 March 31. [Lingnan should be in free China instead of staying in Hong Kong to which students and others were evacuated when Canton was occupied; some students' fathers now with Chungking government; difficulties of moving to the interior of China] +

Leonard, Harriet. Cambridge, Mass., 1923 February 26. [on new Chinese recruits and Christianity]

Lo, Tsz-Kwai. Hong Kong, 1949 November 13. [city has been peacefully taken over; business stagnates; robbery is common] +

Mead, Lawrence and Eleanor. Peking, China, 1938 September. Christmas letter accompanied by advertisement for Yenching Craftwork. Also 20 small photos, labeled variously "Milk Center", "Red Swastika Camp," "Model Village, Pootung" with Rufus Jones and others depicted in many of them, but also Chinese life and soldiers in some. These photos appear to accompany the Christmas letter, but may have been part of Jones-Cadbury collection separately.

Milch family. 1938-1950. 10 items.
Note: Primarily letters from Dr. Eugen Milch on work in China.
Including:

Milch, Eugen. Shaowu, China, 1945 December 3. [corruption in missionary work; plague epidemic in Shaowu]

Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society of China, Lingnan University Chapter. 1932, 1946-48. ca. 10 items.

Note: WWC was apparently a member.
Materials include constitution of the Society (copy) and form letters to members.

Ting, Au Lau. Hong Kong, China, 1950 April 21. [Chinese University-trained doctors cannot practice in Hong Kong]

Wong, In Yuk.

Wong, W.

Series II. Materials by and about WWC, 1909-50.

Materials by and about WWC, 1909-50. 1 folder (ca. 20 items)

Ms/Ts material by WWC. n.d. 5 items.
Including:

Book of notes for course on Comparative Religion for Lingnan students taught by WWC, n.d.

Notes for talks or article

Extracts from letters of others copied by WWC. n.d. 3 items.

Published material by WWC. 1928-1948. 4 items.

Note: These are published letters containing information on the hospital, Red Cross, historical events of the year, etc.

Published material about WWC. 1909, 1949. 2 items.

Note: journal articles containing biographical information.

Miscellaneous. 1912-1950. 3 items.

Including:

Letter of solicitation for donations to build a house for WWC from University Medical School, 1912; with enclosures

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine: Synopsis of Lectures. 1927. Heavily annotated by WWC and inscribed by WWC at 9 Tavistock Square, London

Certificate of receipt of gift of ferns by Academy of Natural Sciences, 1950.

Series III. Photographs.

Photographs. 1 folder (58 items)

- 12 photographs of WWC from infancy to age 75
- 1 photograph of first wife Sarah Manatt Cadbury
- 1 photograph of Catharine J. Cadbury, 1950
- 1 photograph of Catharine, WWC and EBJ
- 32 photographs of WWC, Catharine and children or photos of children; also one photograph of General Lei Fuk Lam, WWC and James Cadbury Lei, ca. 1924.
- 4 photographs of Cadbury residences
- 6 photographs of grandchildren of WWC and Catharine J. Cadbury; also one photograph of children and grandchildren with Catharine J. Cadbury.
- 1 photograph of Mr. Tong

Series IV. Organization Documents

**Box 3: Canton Hospital/Lingnan University
Relief Organizations
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Canton Hospital/Lingnan University

Canton Hospital/Lingnan University & miscellaneous documents, 1929-51. 1 folder (ca. 75 items)

Canton Hospital reports, agreements, history; lists of diseases seen in hospital, 1929-42; minutes of the Board of Trustees of Canton Medical Missionary Society, 1941-42; 4 photos.

Information re staff and operations at Canton Hospital.

Information re patients at Canton Hospital.

Reports about/from Lingnan University; history of Lingnan University, confidential report discussing situation after liberation, 1951, including eight small photos, 1943-1951.

WWC's "Teacher's Daily Record," 1948-51 & n.d.; Lingnan University grade report, 194-.

Miscellaneous documents: Yenching University, 1945; United Board of Christian Colleges, 1950; Mme Soong Ching-Ling, 1950. copy of statement by

Vice-chair of the Central People's Government & Chair of Peoples Relief Administration that government capable of controlling famine.

Miscellaneous documents in Chinese. About Canton Hospital?

Relief Organizations

Note: WWC was involved in obtaining and distributing relief supplies.

Direct China Relief Incorporated, 1946-47. 1 folder (ca. 10 items).

Article about WWC's involvement; lists of medicines; annual report; report of distribution of supplies around Canton

Kwangtung International Relief Committee, 1946-48. 1 folder (ca. 50 items).

Note: K.I.R.C. handled supplies for Direct China Relief

K.I.R.C. mission statement; summary of relief supplies handled for Direct China Relief, 1946-48; copy of article "Some Comments on the UNRRA-CNRRA Welfare Program" sent to the Committee; minutes of the committee; extensive lists of medical supplies distributed by WWC; letter of gratitude from K.I.R.C. to WWC

Canton International Red Cross, 1939-42. 1 folder (ca. 60 items).

Note: WWC was chairman of the Executive Committee of C.I.R.C. and presided at some of the meetings

Information about C.I.R.C. and its work, with distribution map; minutes of C.I.R.C., 1939-42.

Canton Committee for Justice to China, 1938-39. 1 folder (ca. 15 items).

Note: WWC served on the Executive Committee of C.C.J.C. and wrote articles for its newsletter and booklet.

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of C.C.J.C., n.d.; newsletter of the C.C.J.C., 1938-39 & n.d.; pictorial booklet: "The Bombing of Canton," n.d.

Medical Missionary Associations

China Medical Missionary Association, n.d. 1 folder (ca. 10 items).

Published documents of C.M.M.A., and of its Canton branch, including code of ethics, constitution

Chinese Medical Association/Medical Missionary Association of China, 1923-37. 1 folder (8 items).

Note: WWC was a member

Published lists of members, 1923, 1926-7; "Occasional Leaflet," 1935-7; booklet in Chinese.

On shelf with boxes:

Scroll: 40th anniversary at Lingnan University, n.d.

Note: The scroll has been signed by attendees of the event

Three bound volumes:

I. "Articles and Addresses / by William Warder Cadbury, A.M., M.D., F.A.C.P. and Sc.D. Part I: General and Religious Papers. Section A" 1889-1940. 434 pages.

Table of contents indicates range of items from W.P.C.S. and Haverford College papers to articles for *The Friend*, e.g. on becoming a missionary, and for *American Friend* and *Friends Intelligencer*, e.g. on bombings in China, and many other articles on China.

II. "Articles and Addresses / by William Warder Cadbury. Part II: Medical and Scientific Papers. Section B" 1896-1937. 317 p.

Table of contents indicates range of items from Haverford College papers to unpublished papers and medical journal publications.

III. "Report of the [Canton Christian] College Physician. " Sept. 1913-June 1932." Includes reports on diseases, religious and social services and statistics on numbers of patients.

Removed from collection 1160 to 990-B

In portfolio with crest and "Ne cede malis sed contra"

Diplomas, certificates, honorary degrees and testimonials of WWC. 8 items, 1894-1938

Photographs of groups (WPCS class, med. school graduates and med. soc., London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and staff of Henry Phipps Institute, including WWC. 5 items, 1894-1928 & n.d.