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Biographical / Historical

"It may well be that the future historian will count the Student Volunteer Movement as one of the most remarkable and significant movements in the history of the Church of God and that in coming generations multitudes of visitors from distant lands may seek Mount Hermon as the place where this historic Movement was born." (The Student Volunteer Movement After Twenty-Five Years, New York: Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, 1911, p. 21.) These words, spoken by the eminent American churchman Arthur Judson Brown at ceremonies commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, give a taste of the ebullient confidence which characterized the Movement during its early years. The first third of the Movement's existence was a period of surging growth, not devoid of controversy, but with clear objectives and incontrovertible results. Enthusiasm peaked in 1920 and then, like many other "remarkable and significant" movements of the pre-War era, the Student Volunteer Movement was caught up short by the cynicism and confusion of a new era. Attempts were made to adjust its policies and mechanics to the altered mood of the Twenties, but things were never again the same. The starring role so boldly filled by the Movement in pre-War American religious life had become only a memory. For a quarter century after the First World War the Student Volunteer Movement walked an uncertain path, constantly forced to justify its existence. It was buffeted by theological controversy and financial woes, drawn into new territory by changing concepts of mission; it groped to find its place in the shifting matrix of student religious organizations and concerns. The years following World War II brought renewed momentum and financial stability for the Movement and it ended its autonomous existence on a positive note in 1959, becoming the Commission on World Mission of the merger-produced National Student Christian Federation of North America.

The student of American religious history will glimpse even in this brief sketch the familiar curves of a graph depicting the fortunes of Protestantism in America from 1890 to 1960. Closer examination of the Student Volunteer Movement's history will provide insight into the general trends of American Protestantism as well as shedding particular light on two less widely discussed aspects of American Christianity, its evolving mission theory and its fortunes on the nation's college and university campuses.

Origins and Consolidation' 1886-1891

The social and religious milieu of the late nineteenth century was favorable in nearly all ways for the birth and growth of a movement such as the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions. It was a time of dominance and prestige for Western civilization. Imperialistic expansion was condoned as an altruistic response to increased knowledge of the non-Western world. The rising nationalism of the era provided important motivation for the foreign missionary enterprise, for the success of American civilization was attributed to its Christian basis. Protestant foreign missionaries were heroes and heroines for the American public; and, as Robert Handy has noted, "Though they strove as Christians to keep the priority on spiritual religion and to be aware of the difference between faith and culture, it was not difficult in the spirit of those times to lose the distinction and to see Christian civilization as a main outcome of faith, if not its chief outcome." (Robert T. Handy, *A Christian America; Protestant Hopes and Historical Realities*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1971, p. 140.) Historian of Christianity Kenneth Scott Latourette's comment that "one of the distinctive tokens of the Christianity and especially of the Protestantism of the United States was the fashion in which it conformed to the ethos of the country," was surely borne out in the early days of the Student Volunteer Movement. (Kenneth Scott Latourette quoted in Sydney E. Ahlstrom, *A Religious History of the American People*, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1972, pp. 858-859.) The spirit of pre-War American culture was one of expansionism and activism with an orientation toward business and enterprise. The extensive financial records and correspondence of the Volunteer Movement illustrate a congruence in style between business enterprise and the missions enterprise. American culture's shift

toward scientific positivism during this era was reflected in the Student Volunteer Movement's emphasis on elaborate statistical evidence of its work.

Practical aspects of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century also contributed to the rapid growth of Protestant missions. Travel to far corners of the earth was possible as never before because of improved transportation and communication. The world scene was largely free from wars. It was a time of increasing Protestant wealth; Christian tycoons under attack for their enormous profits were more than happy to contribute large sums for the support of the foreign missionary enterprise.

With a perspective sharpened by knowledge of post-War events, historians of American religion have pointed to underlying conflicts and discrepancies which belied the idealistic confidence of the pre-War era. Economic turmoil, urbanization the rise of historical criticism and evolutionary theory, the issue of liberalism versus revivalism --- all these potentially disruptive elements lay beneath the assured facade of pre-War American Protestantism. Sydney Ahlstrom has attributed the foreign missions boom of the era to the churches' desire to avoid confrontation on these issues: "crusades of diverse sorts were organized, in part, it would seem, to heal or hide the disunity of the churches." (Sydney E. Ahlstrom, *A Religious History of the American People*, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1972, p. 733.) Robert Handy has seen the mission enterprise as an extension of the voluntarism of the 1830s --- a means for cooperative Protestant action in society without confrontation on particular denominational differences. Handy, like Ahlstrom, has pointed to the dangers which were inherent in sublimation of theological and social controversy under activist crusades: "The possibility of a greater sense of self-criticism, which might have come out of a more open confrontation of the parties, was largely suppressed, in considerable measure because of the necessities of the missionary consensus." (Handy, p. 134.)

This, then, was the milieu into which the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions was born in July of 1886. Its emergence at a summer student conference held on the campus of the Mount Hermon School in Northfield, Massachusetts had all the drama of a theatrical play, and its story was told countless times over the decades of the Movement's existence. The drama of the scene will not be destroyed, however, by consideration of the historical antecedents of the Movement.

In his work, *Two Centuries of Student Christian Movements*, Clarence Shedd traced the existence of student Christian societies back to the early years of the eighteenth century. By the beginning of the nineteenth century, he found, a foreign missions emphasis was prevalent in the student societies and fully three-quarters of them were called Societies of Missionary Inquiry. (Clarence P. Shedd, *Two Centuries of Student Christian Movements*, New York: Association Press, 1934, p. xviii.) In 1877, a student department of the Young Men's Christian Association was formed to direct efforts more specifically toward Christian work on college and university campuses. Luther D. Wishard, the first collegiate secretary of the YMCA, had a great personal interest in foreign missions, and his influence did much to orient the student YMCA in that direction. On the theological seminary scene, efforts were underway by 1879 to form "some permanent system of inter-seminary correspondence on the subject of missions." (Ibid, p. 214.) To this end, the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance was established in 1880 and had annual conventions until 1898 when its work was merged with that of the Student Volunteer Movement and intercollegiate YMCA.

The first, unofficial, group of student volunteers for foreign missions was formed in 1888 at Princeton College. Five students, including Robert P. Wilder, drew up and signed a declaration of purpose which read, "We, the undersigned, declare ourselves willing and desirous, God permitting, to go to the unevangelized portions of the world." (Robert P. Wilder, *The Great Commission: The Missionary Response to the Student Volunteer Movements in North America and Europe*, London: Oliphants Ltd., 1936, p. 13. Material related to the Princeton band is also found in the SVM archives, particularly in Series V, Organization and Policy Records.) Calling themselves the Princeton Foreign Missionary Society, these students met regularly on Sunday afternoons at the home of Robert Wilder's father who was a former missionary to India and currently editor of *The Missionary Review*.

In 1885, Luther Wishard discussed with evangelist Dwight L. Moody the possibility of holding a Bible study conference for undergraduate students, sponsored by the intercollegiate YMCA, on the grounds of the Moody-backed Mount Hermon School. Moody agreed to the proposal, and in July of 1886 two hundred and fifty-one students from eighty-nine colleges and universities met together for nearly a month. Although

Robert Wilder had graduated from Princeton in 1885, and was no longer an undergraduate student, Luther Wishard, knowing of Wilder's missionary interests, specifically invited him to the Northfield conference.

The Northfield conference was designed to provide for Bible study, evangelistic addresses, and discussion of methods for YMCA college work. Although several of the 251 delegates had come to Northfield already committed to a missionary vocation, missions were scarcely mentioned from the platform during the first two weeks of the conference. Those interested in missions met daily for prayer, led by Robert Wilder, and spread their concern for missions by word of mouth among the delegates. Two missionary addresses were given outside of the conference's formal program, the first by Arthur T. Pierson and the second by William Ashmore, an American Baptist missionary to China. Twenty-five years later John R. Mott waxed eloquent in reminiscing about the impact of Dr. Ashmore's address on the students at Northfield:

He knew how to get hold of college men. I will tell you the way to do it, and that is to place something before them which is tremendously difficult. He presented missions as a war of conquest and not as a mere wrecking expedition. It appealed to the strong college athletes and other fine spirits of the colleges because of its very difficulty. They wanted to hear more about it. The number of interviews greatly multiplied. (John R. Mott, "The Beginnings of the Student Volunteer Movement" in *The Student Volunteer Movement After Twenty-Five Years*, pp. 12-13. Information about the Northfield meeting is also available in the Springfield Republican, August 2, 1886.)

The underground swell of missionary enthusiasm grew daily, and at last the subject of missions was introduced on the formal platform of the conference in the form of a "meeting of ten nations." Ten men, some foreign students and others missionary sons, were found to speak of the mission needs of the lands of their birth. Those who listened were deeply impressed, and by the last day of the Northfield conference ninety-nine students had signed a paper which read: "We are willing and desirous, God permitting, to become foreign missionaries." The morning after the closing of the conference the ninety-nine volunteers met for a farewell service, and while they prayed one more came in to join their ranks.

In the succeeding days it was decided to form a deputation of volunteers to visit colleges across North America in an attempt to extend the influences of the Northfield missionary uprising. The model for this deputation was the "Cambridge Seven," a group of prominent British university students who had decided to become missionaries to China following the evangelistic crusade of Dwight Moody at Cambridge University in 1884. Members of the "Cambridge Seven" traveling throughout Britain and the United States had had considerable impact on various campuses.

The four volunteers chosen to form the Northfield deputation were Robert Wilder, John R. Mott, William P. Taylor, and L. Riley of Princeton, Cornell, DePauw, and Yale. The original scheme was that these four would not only speak about missions but would also form a Quartet and sing mission songs. The deputation fell apart before it got started, however, as, within the next two months, Mott, Riley and Taylor decided that it was not God's will for them to travel during the next academic year. Worried letters were exchanged between Robert Wilder and the two YMCA intercollegiate secretaries - - Luther Wishard and Charles K. Ober. It was feared that the momentum of Northfield would be lost due to the recalcitrance of the three who had pulled out. Wishard wrote to Ober on August 19, 1886 regarding Mott's withdrawal: "The tone of his letter did not suit me. He seemed disposed to see the Lord's hand in his detention without indicating a single reason aside from his parents' opposition for not going. I told him the fact of God's interest in the enterprise did not absolutely insure success as his letter would imply." (Letter of Luther Wishard to C.K. Ober in John R. Mott Papers, Yale Divinity School Library Record Group No. 45. Sources of information for the early months of the Volunteer Movement are the correspondence of Wishard, Mott, Wilder and Ober, as well as printed historical pamphlets produced by the SVM.)

At last the problem was solved as John Forman, who had not been at Northfield but was one of the original five volunteers at Princeton, to accompany Wilder on his tour of North American college and university campuses during the academic year 1886-1887. One hundred and sixty-seven institutions were visited, and by the end of the year 2200 young men and women had declared their purpose to become foreign missionaries. In later years the work of Wilder and Forman was severely criticized for its highly-pressured emotionalism. The Catholic periodical *America* published a description of early volunteer recruitment which undoubtedly had some basis in fact:

The manner in which these young People were won over is remarkably American. According to Warneck, even moral violence was used. Three, four, five meetings were held in succession, the one more emotional than the other. At some of them even the lights were extinguished, while all lay prostrate upon the floor in prayer. More and more urgent appeals were addressed to the young men, then already in a state of great excitement, until finally, one, two, then three and more, of the artfully intoxicated students volunteered. ("Mission Movement Among Protestant Students," *America*, December 5, 1914, p. 192. Other comments regarding SVM methods are available in newspaper and magazine clippings which were saved in the Movement archives.)

During the academic year 1887/1888 there were no deputations to campuses, as Wilder and Forman chose to commence their theological training. The earlier visits had continuing impact, however, as local bands of volunteers were formed and six hundred further declarations of purpose were received. The offices of the volunteer movement during these earliest years were the dormitory room of William Hannum, a student at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. As Wilder and others visited campuses and churches and obtained names and addresses of students who wished to volunteer, Hannum made lists of volunteers and attempted to correspond with them. The records of volunteers were kept in envelopes in boxes under Hannum's bed. As they proliferated, Hannum called upon his fellow students for help. He later wrote "I almost felt that my demands for help were a hazard to my popularity. One classmate asserted that when I got to Heaven I should be making lists of the angels." (This quote and other details about the early years are in Wilder, p. 39 ff.)

By July of 1888, at the YMCA student conference at Northfield, it seemed clear to interested parties that the student missionary thrust needed some organization. Much of the original zeal had subsided, and "where it still survived it displayed itself in new organizations, tending to separate from the existing religious societies of the colleges and sometimes at discordance with them. (Robert E. Speer, "The Students' Volunteer Missionary Movement," *The Sunday School Times*, February 27, 1892.) The travels of Wilder and Forman had been completely financed by D.W. McWilliams, secretary and treasurer of the Manhattan Elevated Railways Co., but it was clear that the movement needed a broader financial base in order to continue.

In the summer of 1888 the volunteer movement adopted as its official name the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions and took as its slogan or watchword "the evangelization of the world in this generation." Questions regarding the relation of the student volunteers to existing student Christian groups, particularly the YMCA and YWCA, had been in the air since the fall of 1886. On September 7, 1886 Luther Wishard had written to C.K. Ober regarding the nascent volunteer movement: "It will not do to have a distinct organization for this purpose. Colleges are becoming overrun with organizations now." (Letter of Luther Wishard to C.K. Ober in John R. Mott Papers.) It was clear that the general aims of the Volunteer Movement were in agreement with those of the YMCA but the SVM had a wider constituency, including women and graduate students, as well as a more specialized focus. In August 1888, when plans were made for Robert Wilder to again tour the North American campuses for the SVM, Luther Wishard expressed reservations to a fellow YMCA secretary:

"Unless Wilder is perfectly willing to cooperate with our views concerning the connection of the missionary with the regular association work, I am seriously disposed to deflect his course into another channel. You know that we had little or no influence over him year before last. He talked Mission Band all year and never to my knowledge did he try to retain the work in the Association and never did he try to aid any other department of the Association work. As a result of his method the College Associations are conducting fewer missionary meetings." (Ibid., August 6, 1886.)

Wishard, Wilder, Mott, and other leaders of the volunteer movement sought a solution to this conflict of interests in early 1889 proposing that the Student Volunteer Movement be designated as the official missionary arm of the YMCA and YWCA. They formed an Executive Committee of the Movement with one representative each from the YMCA, the YWCA and the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance. A traveling secretary, a recording secretary and a corresponding secretary were appointed to carry on the daily work of the Movement. They concentrated their efforts on spreading missionary enthusiasm and bringing local and state volunteer organizations under the influence of the national Movement.

The work of the early years culminated in the First International (i.e., including Canada) Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement, meeting in Cleveland in 1891. This convention, with its keynote "The evangelization of the world in this generation", was the largest student conference assembled to its time. The Executive Committee reported to the convention that 6,200 volunteers in 350 institutions had been enrolled and 320 had actually sailed to foreign fields under appointment of various mission boards. At Cleveland, the relationship of the SVM to the Protestant foreign missions boards was clarified to the effect that the Movement was in no way a sending agency but rather viewed itself as a recruiting agency for the boards.

Thus, by 1891, the Student Volunteer Movement was on firm footing and appeared to have found a clear space for operating in the American religious scene. Its relation to other established student Christian movements was that of an autonomous but associated agency with the clearly-defined objectives of foreign mission education and recruitment. As a missionary organization, the Movement was assured a place within American Protestantism, for, as missions historian Charles Forman has written, "In the new enthusiasm following 1890 mission work was seen by its interpreters as the essential work of the church; no church could be healthy without it." (Charles Forman, "A History of Foreign Mission Theory in America," *American Missions in Bicentennial Perspective*, ed. R. Pierce Beaver South Pasadena, Cal: William Carey Library, 1977, p. 83.)

Continued Growth

The years of steady growth following 1891 were not without their problems. In its report to the Second International Convention, held in Detroit in 1894, the Executive Committee pointed to five "problems" and five "perils" for the Student Volunteer Movement. The problems were: 1) lack of supervision and control over local volunteer bands, 2) inability to keep in touch with isolated volunteers, particularly those who had graduated but had not yet sailed, 3) difficulty in holding volunteers after they had entered theological seminary; "from the beginning to the end of the course the whole presumption in the teaching and attitude of the faculty is that the men are all going to stay home" (Student Volunteer Movement Archives, Series V, Executive Committee report, 1894, p. 6. Much of the material in this section derives from the Executive Committee reports contained in Series V.) 4) difficulties in connecting volunteers up with mission societies and 5) financial obstacles. By 1894, 630 volunteers had sailed but others had been held back because the mission societies did not have sufficient funds to send them.

The Executive Committee cited two "perils" which related to the Student Volunteer Movement declaration of purpose card, a 3" by 5" card which a volunteer signed to indicate his or her intention to become a foreign missionary. In the summer of 1892, the original phrase for referring to these cards, the "volunteer pledge", had been replaced by the phrase "volunteer declaration". The wording of the card had been changed to read: "It is my purpose, if God permit, to become a foreign missionary." These changes were made to counter the criticism that the card was a binding pledge which caused the volunteer to take his life into his own control rather than relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Charges of pressured emotionalism led to the Executive Committee's caution that the declaration card not be used at the wrong time, in the wrong place or under wrong circumstances. The Executive Committee had included in its 1891 report statistics to counter the particular charge that students were being pressured at so young an age that they could not make competent decisions. Only 14 percent of enrolled volunteers at that time were under twenty years of age.

A third peril seen by the Executive Committee in 1894 was that of exaggerating the results of the Movement. Thousands had signed the SVM declaration card but then had no continued contact with the Movement. The Executive Committee decided not to count as members of the Movement those of whom it could obtain no trace. By this policy, the official membership of the Movement was cut drastically from a supposed 6200 volunteers in 1891 to 3200 volunteers in 1894. A fourth peril concerned the growing class of volunteers classified as "hindered", those who had signed the declaration of purpose but now showed little likelihood of making it to the foreign field because of health, family or financial reasons.

The fifth peril brought to the attention of the Convention by the Executive Committee was one which proved to be a nemesis for the SVM throughout its existence. There was a tendency for a breach to form between student volunteers and religiously-oriented non-volunteers on college campuses. The volunteers were accused of taking on a tone of superiority and segregating themselves from the general religious

associations. Nearly a decade later, Robert Speer again reported to the Executive Committee: "I have found an apparent chasm between the volunteers and the rest of the students in the institution. The Volunteer Band is a little circle cut off from the students and often without a bond of sympathy between it and the students." (SVM Archives, Series V, Executive Committee meeting 1903 Jan. 14.)

The Student Volunteer Movement's early method of presenting the missionary cause through "fact meetings", statistical presentations of the needs of various fields, gave way during this period to missions study classes. An Educational Department was formed in 1894, and introduced its first four courses of study: "The Historical Development of the Missionary Idea", "South America", "Medical Missions", and "China as a Mission Field." Increasing emphasis was placed on forming missionary libraries on campuses. (Correspondence between Harlan P. Beach and John R. Mott in Series III is the best source for information about the early educational work of the SVM.)

During the early years of the Movement emphasis had been placed on recruiting young men as volunteers. The traveling secretaries were men, and they had not generally visited women's institutions. The proportion of women accessible in colleges was also much smaller than the proportion of men. By 1892, seventy percent of declared volunteers were men and thirty percent were women although in the general American missionary movement women outnumbered men. In 1895, steps were taken to rectify this situation, including increased visitation of women's colleges.

No major rival movements had as yet arisen to compete for the student religious territory claimed by the SVM although potential rivals apparently existed, as mentioned in the correspondence of 1895:

I do not fear anything of much account from the 'Order of the Double Cross' which originated with Dr. Dowkontt. It cannot hold its constituency together even were it to become fairly organized on any considerable scale. It will doubtless soon die out as other side movements have. At its very best it would not be of much power or a serious menace to our work. Still it is well to keep a watch on it and this we shall constantly do. (SVM Archives, Series III, H.B. Sharman to J.R. Mott, December 9, 1895.) Later, at a 1904 leaders' conference, a word of caution was again raised; "We must remember an undertone that the Student Volunteer Movement has a monopoly and there is talk of a new movement." (SVM Archives, Series V.) The initial fervor of the Student Volunteer Movement cause had swept aside questions regarding specific theological stances but as the Movement became more deeply involved in missionary education work, criticisms inevitably arose. Educational Secretary Harlan P. Beach wrote to John R. Mott in June of 1896 regarding criticisms of the Movement's course of study dealing with non-Christian religions. The views of the author, it was charged, were "tinctured with the Parliament of Religions flavor" but Beach maintained that they were not nearly so liberal as that. (SVM Archives, Series III, H.P. Beach to J.R. Mott, June 23, 1896.)

In the view of the Volunteer Movement leaders, the entire Protestant missions enterprise seemed to be sagging in the last years of the nineteenth century. Harlan Beach wrote to Mott in 1896: "Sometimes it seems as if the missionary spirit of the churches had received a permanent setback. The panic is far enough in the background now to have lost its power. No immediate prospect of better times is to be seen. What then can be done?" (SVM Archives, Series III, H.P. Beach to J.R. Mott, February 9, 1896.) Increasingly, the Movement's task was not only to recruit missionaries but also, through educational methods, to encourage financial support of the mission boards. There were far more recruits than positions to be filled but the SVM justified its continued recruiting activity on the grounds that a wider pool for the boards to select from would result in more highly qualified missionaries.

Despite these negative notes, the Student Volunteer Movement grew steadily during the pre-War era. Regular Quadrennial Conventions were held in 1898 (Cleveland), 1902 (Toronto), 1906 (Nashville), 1910 (Rochester) and 1914 (Kansas City). Convention speakers included such prominent individuals as former Secretary of State John W. Foster, Ambassador of Great Britain in the United States Henry Mortimer Durand and James Bryce. By 1910, 4338 volunteers had sailed to foreign fields. Slightly over fifty percent of all missionaries who sailed from America in the years 1906 to 1909 were student volunteers. (See particularly reports to the Quadrennial Conventions, Series VIII, and the material of Series V for information regarding the progress and problems of the Movement.) The activities of the SVM also had spinoff effects including the formation of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in 1906 and the establishment of home mission projects such as the Yale Hope Mission.

The identification of the work of the Volunteer Movement with the ethos of American society during this period was expressed clearly by the religious periodical *The Outlook* in its comments on the 1906 Nashville convention:

The confidence which, directed to one end, gives security to commerce was at Nashville a faith in the ultimate worldwide prevalence of the influence and principles of Christ. Ambition, which drives some men into constructing great industries, was there the impulse to have a part in bringing that dominion to pass; and devotion to a purpose, which is the secret of success in commercial enterprise, was there manifest in the determination of those four thousand delegates thus expressed to make known to all the world "in this generation" the Good News. ("A Sign of American Idealism," *The Outlook*, March 31, 1906, p. 734.)

Facing a New Era

The onset of the First World War led to a drop in recruitment of new volunteers due to unsettled conditions, but the months immediately following the armistice brought a phenomenal increase in new missionaries sent overseas. The peak year for enlistment of new volunteers was 1921. Attendance at the December 1919/January 1920 Quadrennial Convention at Des Moines was limited to 6890 only by the size of the facilities available. The high idealism of the war years still reigned, and mission work seemed to fit clearly with hopeful expectations for international democracy. The Interchurch World Movement symbolized the crusading idealism of the times with its aim of gathering all American benevolent and missionary societies into a grand campaign for the spread of Christianity. The devastating collapse of the Interchurch World Movement due to lack of financial support shocked American Protestant leaders into the realization that a new era had arrived. With the "return to normalcy", post-War economic disruption and an altered psychological mood, there was a rapid descent into what Robert Handy has called the "American religious depression" of 1925 to 1935. This religious depression, in force well before the great economic depression of the era, was grounded in the realization that American Protestantism could no longer identify itself with American culture and civilization. (Robert T. Handy, *The American Religious Depression 1925-1935*, Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1968.)

The fortunes of the Student Volunteer Movement during this period provide vivid illustration of the general trends in American Protestantism. Even while missionary enthusiasm was peaking and declaration cards were pouring in, winds of dissent were buffeting the Des Moines convention of 1919/1920. As Robert Handy has described the scene, the patriarch of the Movement, John R. Mott, opened the convention with an address similar in tone to those of previous conventions. When Sherwood Eddy took the same tack,

some of the students disclosed their feelings to him frankly, saying "why do you bring us this piffle, these old shibboleths, these old worn-out phrases, why are you talking to us about the living God and the divine Christ?" Eddy thereupon threw aside his prepared second address and spoke instead in support of the League of Nations and social reform, before returning again to spiritual reform. (Handy, *A Christian America*, p. 193.)

The old Student Volunteer Movement evangelicalism no longer had the same appeal for the post-War generation of students. Proof seemed forthcoming that the surging missionary enterprise of American Protestantism's halcyon days had been in part a shield against potential controversy. When its momentum broke, several major problems arose for the Student Volunteer Movement and refused to be subdued.

The overarching difficulty was that of a widening conservative/ liberal rift. The rift was not without roots extending back to the founding of the Volunteer Movement. The early focus of debate had been the Movement's watchword, "the evangelization of the world in this generation." Arthur T. Pierson, who had first used the watchword at Northfield, was a renowned conservative premillenarianist. The impression became widespread that the watchword implied a rapid, simplistic, verbal presentation of Christ to the world which would fulfill the Biblical command and bring about the Second Coming. Though Pierson himself denied this meaning and other SVM leaders, such as Mott and Speer, repeatedly urged a broader interpretation which involved church planting and educational work, the watchword remained a center of controversy. For the missionary enterprise, the conservative/liberal or Fundamentalist/ Modernist debate of American Protestantism was framed in terms of the relative merits of an emphasis on individual evangelism and salvation or a broader, social impact on foreign culture based on the tenets of Christianity. According to Sherwood Eddy, this was exactly the issue at stake for the "insurgent revolution"

of Des Moines. Eddy wrote in July of 1922 to the Executive Committee: "I believe that the demand of the progressive students at Des Moines voiced the new sentiment in the colleges for a more socialized and broader presentation and conduct of our whole movement The next Convention might well spend several days in making indelibly clear the Pagan racial practice both at home and abroad, the Pagan industrial situation here and in other lands, Pagan nationalism at home and abroad, and against such a background make clear the vital need for Christ's teachings and for Christ's power if the world is to be Christianized.(SVM Archives, Series V.)

The growing tendency of American students to view Western civilization from a critical perspective led them to view foreign missions and home missions as equally important parts of the same task. It seemed clear that American society was as much in need of Christianizing as many non-Western societies. At the same time non-Western countries were beginning to doubt whether anything of value could be derived from a civilization capable of producing the horrors of World War I. Rising nationalism abroad brought with it distrust of the motives and methods of foreign missionaries.

These elements in post-War thought led to a distinct shift in Protestant mission theory. At first evangelization of the world had meant exportation of a Christian Western civilization. Now that Western civilization was questioned and viewed as un-Christian, there was increased appreciation for non-Western cultures and a conviction that Western missionary activity should find its role in support, not control, of the emerging indigenous churches abroad. The new rationale for missionary activity was one which Charles Forman has called "ecumenical sharing." (Forman, p. 98 and passim. Other articles in the volume edited by Beaver and the writings of K.S. Latourette also describe the changing feelings about the missionary enterprise.)

Liberal missiology of the between-War period, as represented by Daniel Fleming, Archibald Baker, Oscar Buck, and others, was characterized by a cultural relativism with regard to religions. This relativism was bolstered by a cynical wave of negative publicity about missions work in the public press. A culmination of these liberal views was reached in the

1932 report of the Laymen's Commission of Appraisal, a Rockefeller-funded body established to review the work of the American Protestant missionary enterprise. The conclusion of this group led by Harvard professor William E. Hocking was that missionaries should not stress the distinct claims of Christianity over against non-Christian religions. The aim of missions should be to cooperate for social improvement.

In addition to this major conservative/liberal issue facing the Student Volunteer Movement as it moved into the 1920s, there were more minor but equally compelling issues to be dealt with. The rising student generation was demanding more say in the operations and policy of the Movement. Despite organizational changes made to ameliorate this situation, a student writing after the 1924 convention in Indianapolis complained about the restraining hand of the "Big Four" (Speer, Mott, Eddy and Wilder) and insisted that the new numerical majority of students in committees meant little because the adults still had the power. (T.T. Brumbaugh, "Convention Mistakes", SVM Archives, Series V, Fifth Council, 1924.) Another continuing problem existed in the relationship of the Student Volunteer Movement with the YMCA and YWCA. A third problem concerned the role of "colored" students in the SVM. An underlying strain beneath all these problems and issues was the fact of decreasing financial support even before the onslaught of the Depression.

As problems amassed for the SVM, various individuals connected with the Movement published articles calling for radical change in its policies and procedures. In a December 1923 article entitled "Should the Policies of the Student Volunteer Movement be Modified?", John L. Childs questioned the value of the Movement, pointing to ways in which the missionary situation had evolved past it. He suggested elimination of the declaration card on the grounds that "modern missionary activity has become so complex that merely to decide to become a foreign missionary is a step of doubtful value in determining what one shall do with his life."(John L. Childs, "Should the Policies of the Student Volunteer Movement be Modified? *The Intercollegian*, December 1923, p. 6.) Paul W. Harrison, in an article entitled "The Future of the Student Volunteer Movement", suggested that Movement activities were "hindered by a most unsuitable mass of administrative machinery."(Paul W. Harrison, "The Future of the Student Volunteer Movement," *The Intercollegian*, April 1924, p. 24.)

The adult and student leaders of the SVM proposed and put into action remedies for many of the less fundamental problems facing the Movement. They instituted an increasingly democratic system of policy formation (as detailed in the description of Series V below). They changed the formats of the conventions to allow more student participation. They discussed numerous possibilities for relating the Movement to the general Christian associations and attempted to increase the Movement's cooperation with home missions agencies. To avert criticism of the declaration card, the secretaries of the Movement urged that the cards be distributed with great reserve and only in conjunction with explanatory material. Committees set up to deal with the problems of "colored" students recommended that "colored" institutions be added to the routes of traveling secretaries and that the missions boards be encouraged to reevaluate their restrictions on sending Negro missionaries abroad. On the financial scene, efforts were again made to establish a wider basis of financial support rather than relying so heavily on a few wealthy contributors.

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Conservative and Liberal Confusion

Remedies for the philosophical questions confronting the Movement were not so easy to propose. The leadership of the Movement was clearly divided on the important issues. Special commissions established in 1925 and 1933 to evaluate the policies of the SVM came to some conclusions but did not solve any problems. It became increasingly difficult for the Movement to maintain its original blend of conservative and liberal elements in a time when conservatism and liberalism were rapidly drifting apart.

Executive Committee member E. Fay Campbell wrote to General Secretary Robert Wilder in 1925 expressing the fear that the Student Volunteer Movement was tending to become a conservative general Christian movement, a rival to the YMCA and YWCA on the conservative end of the spectrum. Wilder replied: "I may be wrong, but I believe that there is more danger of our Movement's losing conservative Volunteers than liberal Volunteers. In two conservative institutions the Volunteers voted separation from the SVM on the ground that we are too liberal theologically." (SVM Archives, Series III, Wilder to Campbell, November 27, 1925.) Wilder's concluding plea that theological controversy be avoided in Movement work reflected the failure of the SVM leadership to comprehend the inevitability of liberal /conservative conflict in the changing religious scene.

The correspondence and documents of the Student Volunteer Movement from this period of its history seem to point to a three layer, conservative/liberal/conservative distribution in the hierarchy of the organization. At the highest echelons of authority men like General Secretary Wilder and his chosen successor, Jesse R. Wilson, as well as various members of

the Executive Committee, held to a basically conservative outlook throughout the period. They consistently called for deeper spiritual power in the Movement and emphasized the need for personal evangelical faith. In 1933 the Commission on Student Volunteer Movement Policy submitted a report which among other things questioned the entire "reservoir system" of missionary recruitment upon which the SVM was based. An interesting exchange of correspondence between two Commission members suggests that the higher echelons deliberately chose to disregard the proposals offered by the Commission:

There is an obvious shelving of the evidence. To my mind that pamphlet is nothing short of an unintended but actual betrayal of trust to those who supplied facts and got only one man's opinion in return, or the opinion of his group. My real concern is not for the SVM but for the future of Mr. Wilson. I truly believe that unless he makes a complete turn in his methods of operation, he will be shelved by those demanding a larger vision than exists in the SVM at present. (SVM Archives, Series V, 1933 Commission on Student Volunteer Movement Policy. Letter of Newton Peck to Leslie Moss, October 16, 1933.)

By 1935 Jesse Wilson was considering resigning from the General Secretaryship. A letter from his friend E. Fay Campbell again suggests the extent to which the Movement was wracked by conservative/liberal dissension: "Your years as SVM secretary have been terribly hard due to the spirit of the times, R.P. Wilder's ineffective leadership and the situation in the General YMCA-YWCA. It was inevitable that your name and the name of the SVM should be identified with outworn ideas. I know it wasn't true that you didn't believe in social religion, but I also know that the fight for missions has antagonized certain People. You know

I have talked on this point many times in YMCA group when you were accused of being only a personal gospel person."(SVM Archives, Series III -Campbell to Wilson, May 1935.)

Below the sphere of Wilder and Wilson there appears to have been a liberal contingent in the SVM which included educational secretaries and traveling secretaries as well as the most articulate and active portion of the actual student volunteers. The existence of this contingent explains the fact that many of the publications and convention themes of the period were rather far to the liberal side of the theological and missiological spectrum despite the SVM's leaders' conservative reputations. Many evidences of a liberal orientation in the Movement could be cited. Liberal missiologists Daniel Fleming and Oscar Buck were among those invited to speak at the 1924 Indianapolis convention. Fleming's book, *Contacts with Non-Christian Cultures*, was given a very laudatory review by SVM educational secretary Milton Stauffer in the October 1923 issue of *Intercollegian*. The 1930 issue of the SVM periodical *Far Horizons* were centered around the primarily social rather than personal gospel themes of 1) How do foreign missions meet human suffering?; 2) How do foreign missions create world solidarity? and 3) How do foreign missions fill the hunger of men?

The liberal drift of the Student Volunteer Movement was accentuated by the gradual withdrawal of conservative elements from the Movement. By 1925, at least three local Volunteer Bands had disassociated themselves from the national Movement, groups which E. Fay Campbell dismissed as uncooperative "controversial fundamentalists."(SVM Archives, Series III, Campbell to Wilder, December 2, 1925.) In 1928, when the Moody Bible Institute withdrew its support of the Movement, Campbell was a bit more concerned: "We need their point of view decidedly; in fact it would be nothing short of a major tragedy if they were to pull out of the Movement now and take with them some of our more conservative groups."(SVM Archives, Series III, Campbell to Wilson, January 31, 1928.)

Campbell's cause for concern was real. Examination of the denominational preferences of sailed volunteers for the years 1910 to 1930 reveals that while in the earlier years the vast majority of the volunteers had sailed under appointment to mainline denominational boards, as the Movement progressed through the 1920's an increasing proportion of its volunteers were sailing under faith mission boards. This trend in the Student Volunteer Movement reflected a similar tendency in the general missionary movement. The Movement now found itself in danger of losing the support of the conservative core which was supplying an increasing proportion of its volunteers.

Faith mission boards, so-called because of their methods of securing personnel and financial support, had long been part of the American missions scene. One of the earliest, the China Inland Mission, had been established in 1865. These mission boards, generally characterized by theological conservatism, had participated wholeheartedly in the early years of the Student Volunteer Movement, though their programs were not nearly so large as those of the mainline denominations. As the gap between conservative and liberal missions theory opened and grew in the years following World War I, the Volunteer Movement found itself increasingly unable to cater simultaneously to the interests of the faith mission boards and the more liberal denominational boards.

As the 1930s approached, a growing proportion of missionaries going overseas were supported by faith mission boards. Reasons for this have been suggested by conservative missions historian Harold Lindsell: "Liberalism has never been noted for its missionary zeal. The inroads of scientist, behaviorism, and humanism may well have been the consequence of an uncertain theological note which carried no impelling conviction of the Gospel imperative for those without Christ."(Harold Lindsell, "Faith Missions Since 1938," *Frontiers of the Christian World Mission Since 1938*, ed. W.C. Harr, New York: Harper and Bros., 1962, p. 210, and Passim.) The theology of the faith missions, on the other hand, has had a compelling motivation for missions, asserting that no person can be saved from eternal damnation except through hearing and believing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The expanding faith missions were not inclined toward ecumenical cooperation. They increasingly drew away from the SVM, draining off financial support as well as potential volunteers. In 1934, General Secretary Jesse Wilson reported to the SVM General Council that "Many friends, rightly or wrongly, have questioned the soundness, from an evangelical point of view, of the Movement's present position and have preferred to make their contributions to organizations concerning which no such questions have arisen."(SVM Archives, Series V.) A direct rival to the Student Volunteer Movement's work was growing

in the conservative wings during this period, although not emerging officially in the United States until 1940 as the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. In 1934, a year after the conservative IntersVarsity Missionary Fellowship had been formed in Britain, E. Fay Campbell characterized the Volunteer Movement's position as follows:

The SV groups in the USA and Canada are in close contact with certain Christian groups which are not being reached very effectively by the General Movements...(but) I do want to remind you that there is a considerable movement of extremely reactionary students springing up in many parts of the world including Great Britain. We are simply crazy if we think that this movement is not going to make real headway in our American colleges.(SVM Archives, Series III, Campbell memo, May, 1934.)

In 1935, General Secretary Jesse Wilson and Vice Chairman of the Administrative Committee C. Darby Fulton resigned, essentially because of the increasingly liberal drift of the Student Volunteer Movement. However, while the official stance of the Movement was becoming defined as liberal, particularly because of its cooperation with the YMCA, the evidence also shows that a large portion of the Movement's student constituency continued to be of a rather more conservative cast. In 1928, Jesse Wilson had reported a revival of interest in missions on the campuses he had visited. The total number of outgoing missionaries for 1929 was a twenty-four percent increase over the total number sailing in 1928 and a forty-eight percent increase over the number sailing in 1927. In 1928, there were 252 new student volunteers, while in 1929 there were 609 new volunteers. Wilson thought that the SVM could survive and thrive by falling in with the growing conservative missions revival, but the majority of the Movement leadership was reluctant to see the Movement go in that direction. They were appalled by the fact that the Movement's membership was increasingly conservative. In 1936, reporting on a tour of American campuses, SVM secretary Wilmina Rowland wrote of the following conditions: "Some students confess that they have gotten wrong impressions of the missionary enterprise through the Student Volunteers on their campus, who in such cases enlist a pious group of the more dependent-minded students....In summary, it seems to me that the SVM across the country is quite definitely conservative."(SVM Archives, Series V, Appendix A of the Administrative Committee minutes of May 8,1936. Information related to the local Student Volunteer groups is also available in Series VI, Field Work.)

Perusal of the correspondence between SVM headquarters and local Student Volunteer groups during this period confirms Rowland's analysis of the situation. While the Movement had once been a powerful force on prestigious campuses, the majority of Volunteer groups during the 1930s existed at small rural colleges and were propelled by local tradition rather than following closely the lead of the national Movement.

Redefining the Movement

The Student Volunteer Movement's financial situation had never been without problems, but in 1932, America's "religious Depression," combined with the nation's general economic condition, had led Jesse Wilson to admit that "because of financial conditions, we are so puzzled now about our whole program that it is difficult for us to commit ourselves to anything."(SVM Archives, Series III, Wilson to D.R. Porter, May 23,1932.) The dire economic straits had not lessened by the end of the decade, and it became increasingly evident that the SVM had to regroup and Redefine itself or else cease to exist.

While the Student Volunteer Movement had fulfilled a clear and unchallenged role in its early years, as a student, missionary education and recruitment agency, the need for such an agency was increasingly questioned in the between-War period. Wilmina Rowland reported in 1936:

The influence of the SVM across the country is not heartening. Many persons who believe strongly in missions feel that its days of usefulness are over. A number of foreign mission board secretaries say that if the Movement went out of existence, it would not affect their candidate work. Many, even among the conservative leaders, think that the Movement should revamp its functions and expand its membership if it is to continue its existence. (SVM Archives, Series V. Appendix A of the Administrative Committee minutes of May 8, 1936.)

Statements of denominational missions leaders during this period confirm the conclusions of Rowland. In 1939, Methodist leader H.D. Bollinger wrote: "The SVM is a thing of the past and those who are charged with the responsibility of perpetuating it should realize this fact." (SVM Archives, Series III, Bollinger to Campbell, November 29,1939.) At a meeting of denominational leaders in January of 1940, it was

suggested that since the SVM had done very little recruiting for the major boards in recent years, and did not seem likely to do more, the boards should set up their own cooperative recruiting system. The gauntlet was thrown out: "If the students want the SVM or its equivalent to continue, let them run it and finance it."(SVM Archives, Series V, Personnel Committee, January 27, 1940. The results of a meeting of denominational leaders in Hartford were discussed at this Personnel Committee meeting.)

The Student Volunteer Movement entered these years of profound questioning without a stable leadership. In the decade following Jesse Wilson's resignation, four men served as acting or permanent General Secretary of the Movement. The General Council, an experiment in democracy begun after the Des Moines convention, was replaced by a smaller General Committee in 1936, which was in turn replaced by a different organizational arrangement in 1941. Amidst all this confusion, the Movement strove to identify the alternatives for its future existence. Most crucial during the late 1930s and the 1940s were the issues of how the Movement would relate to 1) the general student Christian movements (YMCA, YWCA, denominational student work and union movements), 2) conservative student Christian movements such as the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 3) the mainline denominational missionary programs, and 4) the evolving missions theory of the period.

The SVM and the General Student Christian Movements

The 1933 Commission on Student Volunteer Movement Policy, among other suggestions which were disturbing to the SVM leadership, had advocated the establishment of a Student Christian Movement in America which would unite the YMCA, YWCA and SVM into one body. This idea was considerably ahead of its time in the United States, although an experimental body of this type had been established in Canada in 1988 and was already the mode of operation in Great Britain. There was, however, a growing conviction that the Volunteer Movement should cooperate very closely with the National Intercollegiate Christian Council (YMCA and YWCA), as well as with denominational bodies, while still maintaining its organizational autonomy.

At a consultation at Oberlin in 1936, measures were taken to consolidate cooperation with the National Intercollegiate Christian Council, including the radical decree that individual SVM members and regional Student Volunteer groups should incorporate all their activities into the NICC work in their locality. In 1939, the National Intercollegiate Christian Council for the first time officially provided for the inclusion of the SVM General Secretary as a member of its Administrative Committee. Friendly relations were also established between the SVM and the University Christian Mission, a cooperative organization representing denominational student work. For a portion of 1938, SVM General Secretary Paul Braisted devoted three-quarters of his time to the Campus Secretaryship of the UCM.

A North American Student Conference on the World Mission of Christianity, sponsored by the NICC, the Council of Church Boards of Education, and the SVM, was held in Toronto in December of 1939. At this conference it was voted to "recommend the continuance of the Student Volunteer Movement as the cooperative agency of the general Student Christian Movements for carrying forward their Christian World Mission emphasis in education and recruiting; and that, in addition, the Movement specialize in the following areas: 1) Establishment of standards of personnel for overseas service, and 2) Recruitment of personnel for missionary areas at home."(SVM Archives, Series V, General Committee, January, 1940.) The Student Volunteer Movement remained hesitant to sacrifice its autonomy at this phase of the development of student Christian work in the United States because it saw itself as a more ecumenical force than either the NICC or the denominational movements.

In 1944, the United Student Christian Council came into being as a national federation of the YMCA, YWCA, and denominational student movements. The federation was ecumenical on the national level, but did not express itself ecumenically on the regional or local levels. Though remaining autonomous in policy, administration, and finance, the Student Volunteer Movement agreed to serve as the Missionary Committee of the United Student Christian Council. A dilemma remained for the SVM, however, because the USCC offered no regional ecumenical structures for the Movement to work through. The SVM's role in the USCC was restricted to the national level, to planning the quadrennial student mission conventions and producing educational material. Some itinerating work was possible in the sponsorship of special missions programs on campuses. From 1945 to 1947 the SVM sought to maintain contacts on the local level through a system of "campus representatives," but this system was not successful. In 1947 a Special Commission

on the Future of the Student Volunteer Movement recommended that SVM campus missionary fellowship groups be reestablished. The new missionary fellowship groups were to be informal interest groups, however, rather than official organizations. The Movement had found that students interested in missions were calling for missionary fellowship groups because their special needs were not being met by the general student movements. The dangers of separatism, which had led to the elimination of local Volunteer Bands, seemed less alarming at this point than the dangers of the SVM program losing the support of its volunteers.

In 1953, the United Student Christian Council asked the Student Volunteer Movement to become its Missionary Department, as a step toward a fully ecumenical student movement in the United States. After due consideration, the Movement agreed to this next phase, and in 1954 became the Commission on World Mission of the USCC, "temporarily relinquishing its status as a member movement of the USCC." (SVM Archives, Series V, Board of Directors, April, 1954.) This was a functional relationship which still did not affect the financial and administrative autonomy of the Student Volunteer Movement. The theory of this relationship was acceptable to the SVM, but in practice certain difficulties emerged. At a SVM Policy Committee meeting in March of 1956, it was a cause for concern that USCC member movements did not depend more on the SVM for missionary education. The Committee minutes indicate that both the Presbyterian and Methodist boards of foreign missions had active student departments of their own at this time.

In 1959, the United Student Christian Council, the Student Volunteer Movement, and the Interseminary Committee merged to form the National Student Christian Federation. The Student Volunteer Movement became the Commission on World Mission of the NSCF. Its tasks remained those of promoting missionary education, fellowship, and enlistment. It continued to plan and sponsor missions conferences, including the 19th Ecumenical Student Conference on the Christian World Mission held at Athens, Ohio in 1964 with 3000 students present. The National Student Christian Federation was reconstituted as the University Christian Movement in 1966. At this time, as the *Concise Dictionary of the Christian World Mission* phrases it, "the Commission on World Mission was among the first to act on the formation of a movement fully representative of the churches, and agreed that the sense of mission was sufficiently embodied in the student movement for the Commission to cease a separate existence." (Stephen Neill, Gerald H. Anderson, and John Goodwin (eds.) *Concise Dictionary of the Christian World Mission*, New York: Abingdon Press, 1971, p. 434.)

The SVM and the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

The Student Volunteer Movement's decline, begun after World War I, reached its nadir in 1940. It was clear that if the Movement wanted to continue its existence it could not continue in its old role as a consensus movement acceptable to both conservatives and liberals. There was a parting of the ways, and the Movement had to choose to head in either a conservative or a liberal direction. As evidenced by the Movement's eventual entrance into the National Student Christian Federation, decisions made during this period had the effect of orienting the Movement in a more liberal direction. This orientation was not a foregone conclusion, however, for significant portions of the SVM's constituency and leadership were not in sympathy with the less evangelistic, more humanitarian drift of the "Y" and major denominational student movements during this period.

The SVM's path away from a more conservative basis can be traced in its relations with the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, a student Christian movement established in the United States in 1940. The Volunteer Movement was initially very sympathetic to the aims of the Fellowship. In February of 1944 SVM General Secretary Winburn Thomas wrote to a Yale Divinity School student: "I feel very keenly that we of the SVM have much to learn from the Inter-Varsity Fellowship, and I would therefore like to see represented on our Board of Directors the intensity of feeling and dynamic purpose which characterizes many of you in that movement." (SVM Archives, Series V, with Board of Directors records, February 1944) When the IVCF was discussed at a Movement meeting in October 1944 it was noted that the IVCF tended to attract "doctrinaire and controversial fundamentalists but "it was not yet clear that the Fellowship would be dominated by these types." (SVM Archives, Series V, Board of Directors, October 1944.) A Committee of Four was appointed at this meeting to approach the IVCF on matters of mutual concern.

In 1948 it was reported to the SVM Board of Directors that many formerly strong student volunteer movements overseas had faded in importance, and missionary education tasks were often carried by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship groups in these countries. The report of the Special Commission on Future Policy at this time recommended that the new campus missionary fellowships being promoted by the SVM should strive to be on good relations with fundamentalist campus groups.

Although the Volunteer Movement continued to seek rapprochement with the IVCF, appointing fraternal delegates to its conferences and encouraging reciprocal action, the Fellowship's vigorous missionary program became a direct rival to the program of the SVM. It was the leadership of the IVCF, rather than its constituency, which was most inclined to discourage IVCF-SVM cooperation. In 1949 a SVM traveling secretary reported: "In one state school I found that the Inter-Varsity group themselves were not at all aware of the fact that the Fellowship officers on the national level do not wish to cooperate with the SVM. All the students were interested and would have been willing to sign SVM declaration cards, but they had their affiliations with Inter-Varsity and it did not seem wise to interfere...." (SVM Archives, Series V, with records of Policy Committee, 1956.)

In the analysis of Vern Rossman, the Movement's fraternal delegate to the IVCF missions conference of 1951, there were four barriers to cooperation between the IVCF and the SVM: 1) historical: the IVCF's reaction against the general student movements' humanitarian drift of the 1930s and its desire for institutional preservation; 2) psychological: the IVCF's taboos on smoking, dancing, and cosmetics, its particular forms of religious jargon, its inclination toward political and economic conservatism; 3) theological differences; and 4) the IVCF's lack of ecumenical spirit, "IVCF sees itself as exclusive in function . . . doctrinally pure, true to the Bible . . . emphasizing holiness almost to the exclusion of catholicity." (SVM Archives, Series V, Executive Committee, December 31, 1951.) Rossman reported that the IVCF conference program stressed Bible study and worship and although a few unofficial representatives of mainline denomination missions boards attended, the platform speakers generally represented conservative or faith missions boards.

Despite the barriers cited by Rossman, the SVM continued to make overtures to the IVCF. In September of 1953 the SVM Board of Directors sent a letter to the Associate General Secretary of the IVCF asking for greater cooperation, "realizing that we are essentially one in purpose . . ." (SVM Archives, Series V, Board of Directors, September 1953.) It was proposed that the Inter-Varsity Missionary Fellowship be represented on the SVM Quadrennial Planning Committee and on the Board of Directors. The Student Volunteer Movement became increasingly involved in the ecumenical student movement, effectively eliminating the possibility of IVCF cooperation, but it continued to admire the spirit of Fellowship in IVCF groups. At a Policy Committee meeting in 1956, the Committee members still hoped that "development of SVM Fellowship groups envisaged on campuses might bring SVM closer to IVCF in understanding." (SVM Archives, Series V, Policy Committee, March 25, 1956.)

The SVM and Denominational Missions Programs

While the Student Volunteer Movement was struggling to find its place in the shifting student Christian movement configuration it was also forced to reevaluate its relationship to the missions work of the major Protestant denominations. In its heyday the SVM had been viewed by the denominational boards as an invaluable tool for drumming up missions interest and providing a pool of recruits from which the boards could select their missionaries. The SVM's broad recruiting system did produce a considerable amount of "chaff" individuals who could not meet the boards' increasingly rigorous standards for trained and often specialized missionary personnel - but, in general, the boards were glad for the Movement's support and had often called upon its files to locate suitable candidates for specific openings overseas.

The era of disillusionment after World War I affected denominational missions activity fully as much as it did the Student Volunteer Movement. From the peak year in 1920 when 1731 new missionaries were sent overseas there was a steady decline in the numbers sent, reaching a low point of 550 in 1927 before rising again briefly. It was inevitable that the declining denominational activity would have a direct effect on the SVM's program. As E. Fay Campbell wrote to Jesse Wilson in 1935, "It seems harder than ever to get support, chiefly because of the continued financial state of the mission boards which does not permit them to send out many missionaries. It is almost impossible to get People to see the need for our Movement in the face of the fact that the boards are calling for so few new missionaries." (SVM

Archives, Series III, Campbell to Wilson, March 25, 1935.)> As mentioned earlier, faith mission boards were experiencing growth during the period of decline of the more liberal denominational boards, but the Volunteer Movement had historically drawn most of its support from the major denominations, and its liberal stances increasingly divorced its program from the faith missions' developing work.

In the confusing days of the between-War period the SVM called upon board secretaries to help in evaluation of the Movement's role. Responses to a questionnaire sent out by the SVM's 1933 Commission on Policy indicated that some denominations continued to support the idea of a volunteer movement while others did not see a need for it. Representatives of the Baptist and Congregational boards expressed praise for the Movement while the Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian representatives were less enthusiastic. Criticism included the statements that "the Movement has dwindled until it is largely a movement of the 'hick' colleges" and "My fear is that at this present stage the idea of volunteering for foreign missions tends to divert the attention of Christian students from the essential obligation of the Christian, whether he goes to the field or stays at home." (SVM Archives, Series V, 1933 Commission.)

Before 1920, most denominations had not sponsored their own student fellowships and the SVM's role on campus had been clear. Partially in reaction to the liberal orientation of the "Y" movements, denominations developed their own campus student groups during the 1920s and 1930s. The effect of this trend was to obscure the SVM's role. According to a SVM report written in 1953, "In the late thirties, the pressure became so strong that SVM was forced to question its very existence, for many of those within the church student movement - - which, by its very nature, was pushing SVM into a separatist movement --- challenged the SVM and said that it should not operate as a separate movement." (SVM Archives, Series V, Board of Directors, April 1933.)

The development of the Student Volunteer Movement's relationship with denominational campus ministries has been touched upon earlier, but here can be mentioned briefly the more direct channels of contact with denominational mission boards which the SVM maintained throughout its existence. When the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America emerged in 1950, the SVM's role in the new organization was as a member Unit of its Division of Foreign Missions, Division of Home Missions and Joint Commission on Missionary Education. The NCCUSA viewed the SVM as primarily an interdenominational recruiting agency to work among students. As the organization of the National Council of Churches evolved, the SVM became the Missionary Services Department of the Joint Department of Christian Vocation of the Division of Christian Education in 1951. In 1959 when the Volunteer Movement passed from autonomous existence, it was related to the National Council of Churches as the Department of Missionary Services of the Commission on Christian Higher Education.

The SVM and Missions Theory

Various theories regarding missions activity have prevailed in American Protestantism during different historical periods. An early emphasis on evangelization for individual salvation gave way to concentration on church planting and educational work as bases for the spread of the Christian faith. With the rise of indigenous churches overseas the concept of ecumenical sharing gave continued justification for missionary activity. The Laymen's Commission of Appraisal in 1932 proposed a more radical conception of missionary work which involved not only inter-church development but also inter-faith development, drawing on increased appreciation for non-Christian religions. However, in Charles Forman's words, "the reaction of mission boards showed that the mission theory and theology of the Laymen's Commission was not that of American missions." (Forman, p. 103. The 1932 Laymen's Commission report was very controversial in SVM circles. It is mentioned repeatedly in the correspondence and committee minutes of the time.)

When missions activity was no longer viewed as an exporting of Christian civilization, but rather seen as a mode of worldwide ecumenical cooperation, the distinction between foreign missions and home missions became blurred. Throughout the post-World War I era, the Student Volunteer Movement constantly had to justify its continuing specific concentration on foreign missions. The "revolutionaries" of Des Moines in 1920 questioned the appropriateness of sending missionaries abroad when conditions in American were so much in need of Christianization. In a meeting in February of 1920, the Standing Committee discussed at length the pros and cons of Student Volunteer Movement involvement in home missions work, but decided to continue the status quo focus on recruiting for foreign fields only. In 1922, a new home missions

movement, the Student Fellowship for Christian Life Service, approached the SVM seeking cooperation; for over a year it used a room in the Movement offices as its headquarters.

Though the issue was discussed many times, it was not until 1945 that the Student Volunteer Movement went beyond cooperation with home missions programs to actual participation in recruiting and educational activity for home fields. It changed its name from the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions to the Student Volunteer Movement for Christian Missions. The announcement of this change noted that:

official action recognizes that the artificial separation of home and foreign missions is now passe', since the work of the

Church, even as the world itself, is one. Whether the distinction between the pioneer, frontier worker on the one hand, and the supporting work on the other, can be or should be maintained for recruitment purposes remains to be seen. (SVM Archives, Series V, 1945 documents: "SVM Prepares for Reconversion of Missionary Enterprise", p. 3.)

The declaration card of the Movement, which formerly had offered only one option, commitment to foreign missions, was revised to offer three alternatives:

I. It is my purpose to become a Christian missionary . . . at home or . . . abroad.

II. I propose to seek further guidance regarding the missionary vocation.

III. I propose to support the world mission of the Church through my prayers, gifts and daily work. (SVM Archives, Series V, Board of Directors, 1949.)

This format for the declaration card came under attack from two different angles. Some thought that the Movement was making a mistake in relinquishing its specific focus on foreign missions education and recruitment. They thought that the Movement would become too diffuse and would lose any effectiveness which it still had. At the opposite end of the spectrum, others questioned the entire idea of a declaration card, wondering why the choice of a missionary vocation should be singled out for specific attention, since the Church's mission to the world could be carried out through nearly all vocations.

In 1949 a Committee to Study the Declaration Card was established and it proposed the following format for the card:

. . . It is my purpose to use my talents and resources to serve the Christian world mission, and in the light of its claims prayerfully to choose my life work.

. . . Further, it is my purpose, God willing, to be a Christian missionary . . . at home . . . abroad.

More than the phrasing of words on a 3" by 5" card was at-stake in discussion of the Student Volunteer Movement declaration of purpose. There was a question of missions theory - how was missionary activity to be distinguished from the normal interrelationships of Christian churches throughout the world? There was the related issue of the membership basis of the SVM --- should it be restricted to individuals who had made a specifically missionary vocational commitment or should a wider base of students, those who were supportive of the Church's world mission, be considered members of the Movement? At a meeting in March 1952, Policy Committee members expressed divergent opinions. E. Fay Campbell felt that "The regular membership of the SVM should be made up of students . . . who have purposed to offer themselves to Missions Boards for service." Vern Rossman called the first statement on the declaration card "highly problematic." "If we say that every Christian student should be centrally missionary, then every student 'should be' an SVMer." But, in another members opinion, "If one of the prime duties of the Christian community is to point out that almost all vocations can be 'Christian,' then surely the SVM is in a sense defeating the purpose of the Church by creating the feeling that service under a mission board is necessarily more important in the world mission than other vocations." (SVM Archives, Series V, Policy Committee, March 1952.)

As the 1950s progressed and the Student Volunteer Movement became increasingly involved in ecumenical ventures it became clear that the Movement would have a distinct contribution to make to the student

Christian scene only if it focused its concerns quite specifically on education and recruitment for world missions service under established mission boards and agencies. The distinction implied by this focus, between the Church's general mission in the world and its "missions", was not agreeable to all, but without such a distinction the need for a Student Volunteer type movement became much less apparent. Those striving to maintain the SVM's distinctiveness felt that the Movement still had a role to play in concentrating on the "frontiers" of the Church mission to the world. There were still many places around the world where strong indigenous churches had not been established and the SVM could help to provide Christian messengers to those areas. Furthermore' it was felt that even the stronger indigenous churches overseas would increasingly welcome the assistance of Western missionaries. As a missionary to China had written to John Mott, "Members of the younger Christian churches have actually taken over the responsibility for determining the future character of the Christian movement and, having worked at this job for a period of years, they now realized its complexity and the need for comradeship." (SVM Archives, Series III, L. Hoover to J. Mott, October 1, 1936.) Another "frontier" which the SVM Newsletter suggested for the Student Volunteer Movement's attention in 1957, was confrontation with atheistic communism.

In the years after the Student Volunteer Movement's merger into the National Student Christian Federation, a Committee for the Fellowship of Student Volunteers produced a monthly newsletter. A large proportion of the articles in these newsletters were related to missions theory, indicating the realization that until these questions of theory were resolved the role of student volunteers could not be clarified. In the May 1960 newsletter there was a call for an "adequate theology of mission." The problems were evident. "We used to feel that the Church has missions and thought of missions as something which was done for the other People at some distant place. Such an understanding was based on the assumption that Western Christians live in a Christian society and the Christian missionary task was to take our faith and culture to those areas where it was not known." (Newsletter of the Committee for the Fellowship of Student Volunteers, SVM Archives, Series VII, May 1960.) The 1966 dissolution of the Student Volunteer Movement in its guise as the National Student Christian Federation's Commission on World Mission was the logical outcome of an increasingly prevalent theory of mission in liberal American Protestantism, one which stressed the worldwide ecumenical cooperation of the Church rather than focusing on frontier missions of the Western Church to the non-Western world.

The SVM After the Second World War

As indicated by the foregoing, a considerable portion of the Student Volunteer Movement's energy in the post World War II era continued to be taken up in attempts to define its relationships to other student Christian movements and to general Protestant mission mechanics and theory. Despite the uncertainties involved in these evolving relationships, the Movement was able to bounce back from its 1940 nadir and to continue with a positive program for nearly two more decades.

Sydney Ahlstrom, among other historians of American religion, has described a post World War II revival in American Christianity which extended nearly to the end of the 1950s. Amidst social trends of urbanization and suburbanization, geographical mobility, and economic affluence, problems of adjustment and anxieties over status and 'acceptance' were ever-present. Churches were obviously the sort of family institution that the social situation required." (Ahlstrom, p. 951.) The Cold War atmosphere of the era was ripe for the resurgence of a religious faith which could promise peace of mind. Fundamentalist theology which had fallen into disrepute was revived in an intellectually updated form.

During the 1920s and 1930s Student Volunteer Movement leaders had frequently pointed out that the decline of the Movement was directly related to a decline in general interest in religion on American campuses. Students were not likely to commit themselves to missionary work when they were not wholly committed to the Christian faith. A resurgence of more evangelical religion during and after World War II allowed the SVM to find a broader base for its programs. The Board of Directors in 1944 concluded that "The Movement needs to make increasingly clear its commitment to a full evangelical missionary message and program . . . Not alone in emphasis on current social improvement, but also in and through such service to a message that is in the fullest sense redemptive and eternal, will be its strength." (SVM Archives, Series V, Appendix III, Board of Directors minutes, February 26, 1944.)

In 1946, the Student Volunteer Movement's listing of missionary openings, *Christian Horizons*, included nearly one thousand overseas vacancies. A publicity release for the Movement claimed that "faced today

with the need for hundreds of new workers, both large and small boards look to the Student Volunteer Movement for assistance, both in

supplying candidates to meet immediate needs, and in conducting a program of education and recruitment which will guarantee a steady stream of volunteers from which the boards can select personnel."(SVM Archives, Series V, 1945 document: "SVM Prepares for Reconversion of Missionary Enterprise," p. 1.)

At a meeting of the SVM Board of Directors in April 1948, it was reported that the Movement's finances were in good condition and there were many evidences of increased missionary interest on the campuses. The Movement budget for 1951/1952 was \$60,400, more than \$10,000 above the budget of the previous year and six times the budget of 1941/1942. During the academic year 1952/1953 a travel staff of twenty men and women from five denominations visited over three hundred colleges in forty-four states on behalf of the Movement.

The resurgence sparked by increased religious interest and the nation's improving economic condition appears to have peaked for the SVM towards the middle of the 1950s, or at least to have taken a different form as the Movement was drawn into ecumenical ventures and faced with theoretical questions about its recruiting program. Twenty-one members of the Movement travel staff visited three hundred and fifty campuses during the academic year 1955/1956. At the same time, however, there were only five hundred declared student volunteers on American undergraduate campuses. The SVM budget for 1956/1957 was reduced to \$50,000.

Programs of missionary education and support of student volunteers were carried on after the formation of the National Student Christian Federation by the Commission on World Mission and its Committee for the Fellowship of Student Volunteers. In May 1962 it was reported that the Committee's newsletter was sent to over three thousand volunteers or prospective volunteers. The Commission's program included staff visits to campuses, local Fellowship gatherings of volunteers, Week-End Conversations on Mission, personal encouragement and counseling, Frontier Seminars, the Quadrennial Conference, ecumenical summer service projects, and so forth.

Conclusion It was a long road from the Student Volunteer Movement's visions of heroic service overseas in the late nineteenth century to the Commission on World Mission's decision to dissolve itself in 1966. By 1959 over twenty thousand student volunteers had gone to serve the Church overseas. The Movement had shown repeated resilience in reacting to changing modes of theological expression, mission theory and student thought. Although Arthur Judson Brown's prophecy that the Student Volunteer Movement would be considered as "one of the most remarkable and significant movements in the history of the Church of God" is not likely to be fulfilled, one can perhaps agree with D.W. McWilliams' thoughts at the Movement's twenty-fifth anniversary services:

I think it is no exaggeration to say that the influences that have gone out from these school grounds on which we are gathered this afternoon in some respects have changed the history of the world . . . I do not think the history of the past twenty-five years can be written without putting in it something about the Student Volunteer Movement which originated here at Mount Hermon.(D.W. McWilliams, "A Reminiscence", *The Student Volunteer Movement After Twenty-Five Years*, pp. 70-71.)

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The Student Volunteer Movement Board of Directors voted in October of 1943 to transfer the archives of the Movement to the Yale Divinity School Library. Further archival increments were sent to the Library through 1963. A large volume of Volunteer Declaration of Purpose cards were microfilmed by the Library and the originals destroyed. The remainder of the material is in its original, in some cases crumbling, format.

Besides documenting the activities of the Student Volunteer Movement in a very complete way, these archives also provide valuable information on various aspects of American religious life during the period 1886 to 1960. Religious conditions on American college and university campuses are documented. Vast files of student volunteer application and information sheets provide personal data on thousands of prospective missionaries.

These sheets, in addition to health examination blanks for the years 1923 to 1937, provide extensive information of potential interest to genealogists, biographers, and historians. The financial records and correspondence of the Movement provide documentation related to philanthropic support of religious causes in America. In short, the archives are a largely untouched mine of information for the historian of American religious life.

The researcher should be aware of the extent to which the Student Volunteer Movement archives are supplemented by other collections at the Yale Divinity Library. The Library holds the personal papers of various leaders and friends of the Movement including those of its founder and General Secretary (1920-1927) Robert P. Wilder; its longtime Executive Committee chairman and leader, John R. Mott; its first educational secretary Harlan P. Beach; volunteer and committee member Kenneth Scott Latourette; traveling secretary Lyman Hoover; and other supporters of the Movement such as Luther D. Wishard, George Sherwood Eddy, and Clarence P. Shedd. Also found at the Divinity Library are the early archives of the YMCA-Student Division and the World Student Christian Federation, two organizations whose leaders were intimately associated with the Student Volunteer Movement.

As might be expected in the archives of a long-lived and constantly evolving organization like the Student Volunteer Movement, the categories indicated by Series I through X are more clear-cut in theory than in practice. The archives were in a chaotic state due to the circumstances of their accumulation at the Library, inconsistencies in SVM procedures, and previous attempts by untrained Library personnel to organize portions of the material. In the detailed descriptions which follow, an attempt has been made to indicate points of overlap, gaps in documentation, and material of particular interest in each series.

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Collection Contents

Series I: Volunteer and Inquirer forms and statistics

Included in Series I are the forms and record keeping devices used by the Student Volunteer Movement to keep track of its members and prospective members. The enormity of the Movement's record-keeping task becomes apparent when one considers that by 1932, 48,866 individuals had volunteered and many non-volunteers were also on the Movement's mailing lists. There are over fifty linear feet of records in Series I, dating from approximately 1888 to 1956. The material is divided according to the following formats;

A. Declaration' information and Address cards

1. Declaration cards: In order to become a member of the Student Volunteer Movement, a student was expected to sign a declaration of purpose card and complete a follow-up information blank. The wording and explanatory material on the declaration of purpose card were changed several times during the Movement's existence but the centrality of this written commitment remained constant. From the card's earliest phrasing, "I am willing and desirous, God permitting, to become a foreign missionary", to its later two and three option formats, the formal declaration of purpose was thought to be an effective means of crystallizing nebulous missionary interest into productive missionary action. Thousands of declaration of purpose cards are found in the Movement archives. Those from the period 1888 to 1922 have been microfilmed and the originals destroyed. The over fifteen hundred cards available for the period 1941 to 1953, in addition to the signed declaration, also provide basic information about the volunteer, including his or her address, academic affiliation and area of study, denominational ties, and so forth. The declaration cards on microfilm and those from the period 1923 to 1941 are arranged first by the year in which the card was signed and within each year in two alphabetical sequences, for men and women respectively. The later cards are arranged alphabetically in two blocks. The first "A" to "Z" sequence includes cards signed during the years c.1941 to 1949. The second "A" to "Z" sequence includes cards signed during the years c.1945 to 1953.

2. Information cards: Some of the cards included in this section were completed by student volunteers to provide updated information about their status and future plans. Others were created by the Movement headquarters staff to facilitate the processes of compiling statistics and matching missionary candidates with suitable openings. The earliest cards in this section date from c. 1925 to 1932 and provide information about the volunteers who sailed during a given year, including their destinations and denominational affiliations. Portions of an extensive alphabetical sequence of cards dating from 1942 to 1949 are classified using a colored tab system to indicate academic specialization, field and vocation preference, race, and so forth. The key to the classification system is found preceding the "A's". The cards which provide updated information on volunteers date from 1948 to 1954 and are of interest for tracing the paths taken by volunteers who did not make it to the foreign field.

3. Address cards: The cards in this section provide names and addresses of volunteers and prospective volunteers, with no additional information. The cards all date from the 1940s and 1950s and were apparently used as a mailing list for SVM periodical publications. Some cards are arranged in alphabetical sequences according to the year in which they were removed from the mailing list files. Addresses were removed from the files upon request of the person involved or because the address was no longer correct. previously in contact with the Movement. These address update cards are in no particular order.

B. Application blanks

Over thirty linear feet of application blanks dating from the period 1888 to 1936 are arranged in alphabetical order. These blanks vary in format but are generally two sides of one sheet. The information supplied by volunteers on these prerequisite application blanks included full name, home address, marital status, educational circumstances and plans, denominational affiliation, extra-curricular activities, motivation for volunteering, field preference, and so forth. The detailed responses required by these forms are very revealing of the personalities and backgrounds of the applicants. Particularly interesting in terms of evaluating the work of the Student Volunteer Movement and the general missionary enterprise in America are the reasons given by the volunteers for their choice of a missionary vocation. In reading through the application blanks one is struck by the wide range of types of individuals who volunteered,

from Episcopalians to Pentecostals, from highly competent medical school students to obvious misfits. In a few cases, incomplete blanks were returned to the Movement with the irate comments of unsympathetic parents.

The application blanks are generally stamped with the ultimate disposition of the volunteer such as "Sailed," "Deceased," "Renounced," "Withdrawn," etc. Other related forms or correspondence are occasionally attached to the blanks. The application of a female who married after volunteering was routinely filed under the name of her spouse. An index which provides access to the maiden names of married woman volunteers is located before the "A's" in this section.

C. Health examination blanks

The missions boards had rigorous health standards for candidates, so the physical condition of a volunteer was of crucial importance in determining his or her likelihood of making it to the foreign field. The Student Volunteer Movement had always encouraged volunteers to have physical examinations performed when they first applied for membership. Beginning in 1924 this encouragement took on a more concrete form as all new volunteers were sent health examination blanks to be completed in conjunction with their physician and then sent for appraisal to consulting physicians associated with the Movement. The four linear feet of health forms in this section are arranged alphabetically and date from approximately 1923 to 1937. In addition to the specific information provided by the examining physician, the forms also contain certain information supplied by the applicant about his or her general condition, outlook and family health record.

D. Statistical records

The statistical records related to volunteers are primarily in bound volumes. They describe the results of the Student Volunteer Movement recruitment activities from various perspectives. In three volumes volunteers are listed in numerical order, or by the date of their signing the declaration of purpose card. In other volumes volunteers are listed by their institutional affiliation or by their denominational affiliation. In still another volume volunteers who actually sailed during the years 1886 to 1921 are recorded in a generally alphabetical format. Other statistics relate to the results in terms of personnel of the general American missionary enterprise. The statistical compilations found in this section will be of interest to the researcher because they distill important information out of the bulky files of forms and information cards found elsewhere in the archives.

Declaration, Information, and Address Cards

b. 1	Declaration cards - on microfilm	1888-1922
b. 2	Declaration cards - women	1923
b. 3	Declaration cards - men	1923, 1924
b. 4	Declaration cards - women	1924
b. 4	Declaration cards- men	1925
b. 5	Declaration cards - women	1925, 1926
b. 5	Declaration cards- men	1926, 1927
b. 6	Declaration cards - women	1927-1929
b. 6	Declaration cards- men	1928, 1929
b. 7	Declaration cards - "A-Z" for each year	1930-1932

Declaration, Information, and Address Cards (continued)

b. 8	Declaration cards - "A-Z" for each year	1932-1941
b. 9	Declaration cards - one sequence "A-Z"	1941-1949
b. 10	Declaration cards - one sequence "A-Z"	1945-1953
b. 11	Declaration cards - foreign students	
b. 12	Information cards - re. sailed volunteers	pre- 1925-1928
b. 13	Information cards - re. sailed volunteers	1928-1932, 1936
b. 14	Information cards - miscellaneous, including . medical volunteers and prospective volunteers	1941-1949
b. 15	Information cards - one sequence "A-K"	1942-1949
b. 16	Information cards - one sequence "L-Z"	1942-1949
b. 17	Information cards - updated info. on volunteers	1948, 1950
b. 18	Information cards - updated info. on volunteers	1953, 1954
b. 19	Address cards - "Middle Atlantic States"	1940's
b. 20	Address cards - removed from files	c. 1950-1953 Jan.
b. 21	Address cards - removed from files	1953 May-1956
b. 22	Address cards- Miscellaneous	1941-1948
b. 23	Mailing list update cards	1941
b. 24	Mailing list update cards	1941
b. 25	Mailing list update cards	1941

Application Blanks

b. 26, f. 1-15	Aadland -Alexander, J. B.	
b. 27, f. 16-30	Alexander, L.-Anderson, Minnie	
b. 28, f. 31-46	Anderson, Molly-Atkinson, M.	
b. 29, f. 47-63	Atkinson, O. - Baker, R.	
b. 30, f. 64-81	Baker, S. - Barrow	
b. 31, f. 82-98	Barrows - Beck, G.	
b. 32, f. 99-115	Beck, J. - Bentenmueller	
b. 33, f. 116-132	Benway - Black	
b. 34, f. 133-148	Blackadar - Bond	
b. 35, f. 149-163	Bonde - Braak	
b. 36, f. 164-178	Braaten - Brix	

Application Blanks (continued)

b. 37, f. 179-193	Bro-Brown
b. 38, f. 194-210	Browne - Burkwall
b. 39, f. 211-226	Burland - Camburn
b. 40, f. 227-241	Cameron - Carter, E.
b. 41, f. 242-258	Carter, F. - Childrey
b. 42, f. 259-273	Chassell - Clay
b. 43, f. 274-289	Claypool - Colson
b. 44, f. 290-305	Colt - Cory
b. 45, f. 306-320	Cosby - Crosby
b. 46, f. 321-334	Crose - Daniels
b. 47, f. 335-347	Danielson - Deal
b. 48, f. 348-361	Deale-Dicks
b. 49, f. 362-373	Dickson - Douglas
b. 50, f. 374-386	Douglass - Durgin
b. 51, f. 387-398	Durham - Edwards
b. 52, f. 399-410	Eels - Erickson, G.
b. 53, f. 411-425	Erickson, H. - Faus
b. 54, f. 426-439	Fauske - Fitts
b. 55, f. 440-452	Fitz - Foye
b. 56, f. 453-466	Fraas - Gailey
b. 57, f. 467-479	Gaines - Ghormley
b. 58, f. 480-492	Giammittorio - Gooch
b. 59, f. 493-505	Good - Green, J.
b. 60, f. 506-518	Green, K. - Gunn
b. 61, f. 519-531	Gunnerfeldt - Hamilton
b. 62, f. 532-545	Hamlen - Harris, P.
b. 63, f. 546-599	Harris, R. - Hawthorne
b. 64, f. 559-571	Hay - Hendrix
b. 65, f. 572-585	Hendry - Hill, R.
b. 66, f. 586-599	Hill, S. - Holmes, L.

Application Blanks (continued)

b. 67, f. 600-612	Holmes, M. - Howey
b. 68, f. 613-625	Howie - Hutchens
b. 69, f. 626-638	Hutcheson - James, F.
b. 70, f. 639-651	James, J. - Johnson, P.
b. 71, f. 652-665	Johnson, R. - Kanda
b. 72, f. 666-677	Kane - Kerr
b. 73, f. 678-685	Kerschner - Knight
b. 74, f. 690-702	Knighton - Lair
b. 75, f. 703-714	Laird - Leck
b. 76, f. 715-726	Leckrone - Lilley
b. 77, f. 727-739	Lilly - Loukas
b. 78, f. 740-752	Louthan - McClelland
b. 79, f. 753-764	McClements - McGonigle
b. 80, f. 765-776	McGoogan - McNair
b. 81, f. 777-788	McNall - Marsh, A.
b. 82, f. 789-800	Marsn, B. - May, H.
b. 83, f. 801-812	May, L. - Middleton, G.
b. 84, f. 813-822	Middleton, L. - Mitchell
b. 85, f. 823-833	Mitchum - Morley
b. 86, f. 834-845	Morlock - Murphy
b. 87, f. 846-858	Murray - Newcomb
b. 88, f. 859-871	Newcomer - Nyboer
b. 89, f. 872-883	Nyborg - Owen, J.
b. 90, f. 884-895	Owen, L. - Patterson, J.
b. 91, f. 896-908	Patterson, L. - Peterson, J.
b. 92, f. 909-920	Peterson, L. - Pomeroy
b. 93, f. 921-932	Pond - Putnam
b. 94, f. 933-945	Putney - Reeder
b. 95, f. 946-957	Reeds - Ricker
b. 96, f. 958-969	Rickerd - Rockwell

Application Blanks (continued)

b. 97, f. 970-982	Rockwood - Ruikin
b. 98, f. 983-994	Rudolph - Saum
b. 99, f. 995-1006	Saunders - Schwandt
b. 100, f. 1007-1019	Schwartz - Shank
b. 101, f. 1020-1032	Shanklin - Shutts
b. 102, f. 1033-1045	Sias - Smit
b. 103, f. 1046-1057	Smith
b. 104, f. 1058-1069	Smithwick - Stager
b. 105, f. 1070-1081	Stagg - Stevenson, M.
b. 106, f. 1082-1094	Stevenson, P. - Strine
b. 107, f. 1095-1107	Stringer - Taggert
b. 108, f. 1108-1120	Tague - Thist
b. 109, f. 1121-1132	Thistle - Tintel
b. 110, f. 1133-1144	Tippan - Turner, C.
b. 111, f. 1145-1156	Turner, D. - Varner
b. 112, f. 1157-1168	Varney - Walks
b. 113, f. 1169-1180	Walkup - Watson, J.
b. 114, f. 1181-1192	Watson, L. - Wertz
b. 115, f. 1193-1203	Wesche - Whytock
b. 116, f. 1204-1215	Wiant-Wills
b. 117, f. 1216-1227	Willson - Wong

Application Blanks (continued)

b. 118, f.
1228-1239

Woo - Wylie, F.

b. 119, f.
1240-1250

Wylie, H. - Zydenan

Health Examination Blanks

b. 120, f. 1251
-1261

Abbott - Clay

b. 121, f.
1262-1273

Clements - Guyer

b. 122, f.
1274-1284

Hadsell - Larson

b. 123, f.
1285-1295

Laug - Petty

b. 124, f.
1296-1305

Pflueger - Swies

b. 125, f.
1306-1314

Tabor - Zimmerman

Statistics and Records

Record Books

b. 126

1 volume misc. statistics

1886-1926

2 volumes recording sailed volunteers alphabetically by name

b. 127

1 volume recording numerical listing of volunteers

1930-1939

b. Ov12

Oversize: 1 volume numerical listing of volunteers

1930-1939

b. Ov18

Oversize: 1 volume "Probation List"

1892-1907

b. 128

3 volumes

b. 129

4 volumes

b. 130

3 volumes "Mailing List"

1930-1934

b. 131

2 volumes

1886-1905

b. Ov23

Statistics by denomination

1905-1913

b. Ov26

5 volumes

Miscellaneous

b. 133, f.
1315-1317

Statistics

1886-1909,
1927-1930,
1932-1947

b. 133, f. 1318

By Denomination

1941-1945

Statistics and Records > Miscellaneous (continued)

b. 133, f. 1319-1321	Mailing Lists	1934-1945, n.d.
b. 133, f. 1322	Listed by board	1917-1925
b. 133, f. 1323-1325	Compiled statistics	1925-1928
b. 134, f. 1326-1328	Forms returned by boards	1925
b. 134, f. 1329	Tally sheets	1925
b. 134, f. 1330	Compiled statistics	1926
b. 134, f. 1331-1333	Forms returned by boards	1926
b. 134, f. 1334	Tally sheets	1926
b. 134, f. 1335	Compiled statistics	1927
b. 134, f. 1336-1338	Forms returned by boards	1927
b. 135, f. 1339	Compiled statistics	1928
b. 135, f. 1340-1342	Forms returned by boards	1928
b. 135, f. 1343	Compiled statistics	1929
b. 135, f. 1344-1346	Forms returned by boards	1929
b. 135, f. 1347	Compiled statistics	1930
b. 135, f. 1348-1350	Forms returned by boards	1931
b. 136, f. 1351	Compiled statistics	1931
b. 136, f. 1352-1353	Forms returned by boards	1931
b. 136, f. 1354	Compiled statistics	1932
b. 136, f. 1355-1356	Forms returned by boards	1932
b. 136, f. 1357	Compiled statistics	1933-1937
b. 136, f. 1358	Forms returned by boards	1933
b. 136, f. 1359	Forms returned by boards	1934
b. 137, f. 1360	Forms returned by boards	1935
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Forms returned by boards

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Series II: Volunteer and Inquirer correspondence

A crucial element in the operations of the Student Volunteer Movement was its extensive correspondence with volunteers and prospective volunteers. Personal letters were used to provide guidance and answer specific inquiries. Form letters were used to welcome, encourage and check up on volunteers. The Volunteer and Inquirer Correspondence of Series II differs from the General Correspondence of Series III and the Financial Correspondence of Series IV in that it centers around the individual volunteer or prospective volunteer, his or her introduction to the Movement, progress toward placement, and continued or discontinued relationship with the Movement. Because of overlap in the Movement's filing system, it is possible that one may find in Series II letters soliciting contributions from volunteers or a few letters which deal more with policy or general issues than with the personal progress of the volunteer. These, however, are the exception rather than the rule.

The over eighty-five linear feet of letters in Series II date from the early 1900s to the late 1950s. The correspondence is divided into three sections:

A. Older file of primarily volunteer correspondence

The letters in this alphabetically arranged file of volunteer correspondence date primarily from the 1920s and 1930s. An information sheet about the volunteer is often attached to the front of the correspondence.

B. Older file of primarily inquirer correspondence

This alphabetically arranged file is from the same time period as "A". It includes letters to and from individuals inquiring about the Movement, individuals reported to be interested in missions, individuals seeking missions placement, and individuals who had signed the SVM declaration card but had not followed through in completing their affiliation with the Movement.

C. More recent file of volunteer and inquirer correspondence

Beginning around 1942 a new file of volunteer and inquirer correspondence was established which reflected the evolving modes of operation of the Student Volunteer Movement. This alphabetically arranged file includes not only correspondence but also interview records and introduction sheets. These forms provide information similar to that provided by the earlier application blanks of Series I but are retained in this section in order to maintain the integrity of the SVM filing system. The forms and correspondence in this section are related to both actual and prospective volunteers, as well as to individuals who did not intend to volunteer but were interested in missions. The interview records were filled out by Student Volunteer Movement traveling secretaries after personal interviews with interested students on the campuses they visited. They conclude with the interviewer's evaluation of the student's potential for success as a missionary. The introduction sheets in this section appear to be standardized forms which were filled out by students interested in missionary vocations and sent to the Student Volunteer Movement for transferral to appropriate denominational missions boards or sending agencies. The correspondence in this section is similar to that in sections "A" and "B" above, but is from the approximate period 1942 to 1957.

Following these three sequences of correspondence are a few folders of general material related to the SVM Candidate Department's procedures and policy.

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b. 138, f.
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Abbott - Aldrich

b. 139, f.
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b. 140, f. 1392-1405	Andrew - Atwater
b. 141, f. 1406-1422	Aumack - Banks
b. 142, f. 1423-1441	Barbanti - Bartlett, R.
b. 143, f. 1442-1457	Bartlett, W. - Bell, H.
b. 144, f. 1458-1471	Bell, J. - Biesecker
b. 145, f. 1472-1485	Bigelow - Boettger
b. 146, f. 1486-1500	Bogart - Bowman
b. 147, f. 1501-1516	Bowser - Brady, J.
b. 148, f. 1517-1532	Brady, K. - Brazelton
b. 149, f. 1533-1545	Brecht - Broadwell
b. 150, f. 1546-1558	Broady - Brown, Florence
b. 151, f. 1559-1572	Brown, Forrest - Bruen
b. 152, f. 1573-1587	Bruhn - Buchanan
b. 153, f. 1588-1604	Buch - Burck
b. 154, f. 1605-1621	Burdick - Burt
b. 155, f. 1622-1637	Burton - Caldwell
b. 156, f. 1638-1650	Cale - Cannon, J.
b. 157, f. 1651-1666	Cannon, R. - Carner, G.
b. 158, f. 1667-1685	Carner, L. - Carver, C.
b. 159, f. 1686-1703	Carver, D. - Chamberlain

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b. 160, f. 1704-1723	Chamberlin - Cheek
b. 161, f. 1724-1745	Cheeseman - Christopher, Mrs. D.
b. 162, f. 1746-1771	Christopher, H. - Clark, T.
b. 163, f. 1772-1792	Clark, W. - Clopton
b. 164, f. 1793-1815	Close - Cole, C.
b. 165, f. 1816-1836	Cole, D. - Conklin
b. 166, f. 1837-1856	Connally - Coray
b. 167, f. 1857-1880	Corbett - Courtney
b. 168, f. 1881-1900	Coutts - Crane, Harriet L.
b. 169, f. 1901-1921	Crane, Helen B. - Crocker
b. 170, f. 1922-1946	Crockett - Culler
b. 171, f. 1947-1969	Culley - Currier
b. 172, f. 1970-1993	Curry - Darling
b. 173, f. 1994-2013	Darner - Davis, L.
b. 174, f. 2014-2040	Davis, M. - Day, L.
b. 175, f. 2041-2063	Day, L. (cont.) - Delamarter
b. 176, f. 2064-2089	Delange - Devitt
b. 177, f. 2090-2112	DeVoy - Dill
b. 178, f. 2113-2138	Dille - Donaldson
b. 179, f. 2139-2158	Donat - Downum

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b. 180, f. 2159-2183	Doyel - Duncan, B.
b. 181, f. 2184-2203	Duncan, D. - Duvall
b. 182, f. 2204-2226	Dwinell - Eddy, M.
b. 183, f. 2227-2246	Eddy, W. - Elder, John
b. 184, f. 2247-2272	Elder, Mrs. John - Ellis
b. 185, f. 2273-2300	Ellison - Engstrom
b. 186, f. 2301-2325	Floe - Ewan
b. 187, f. 2326-2351	Evans - Fairbanks
b. 188, f. 2352-2380	Faires - Felder
b. 189, f. 2381-2400	Felix - Fisher, C.
b. 190, f. 2401-2412	Fisher, G. M.- Flop
b. 191, f. 2413-2426	Fly - Fowler
b. 192, f. 2427-2440	Fox - Frye, C.
b. 193, f. 2441-2454	Frye, G. - Garrott
b. 194, f. 2455-2467	Garst - Gibbs
b. 195, f. 2468-2479	Gibson - Glenn
b. 196, f. 2480-2493	Glessner - Goodwin, M. F.
b. 197, f. 2494-2505	Goodwin, M. F. (cont.) - Graham, G.
b. 198, f. 2506-2517	Graham, H. - Gray, M.
b. 199, f. 2518-2529	Gray, O. - Gross

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b. 200, f. 2530-2541	Grossman - Hadel
b. 201, f. 2542-2552	Hadley - Hamilton, D.
b. 202, f. 2553-2565	Hamilton, F. - Harcourt, J.
b. 203, f. 2566-2578	Harcourt, M. - Harper, C.
b. 204, f. 2579-2590	Harper, E. - Harrison, E.
b. 205, f. 2591-2602	Harrison, F. - Hastings
b. 206, f. 2603-2614	Hatch-Haynes, L.
b. 207, f. 2615-2626	Haynes, N. - Hellams
b. 208, f. 2627-2637	Hellekson - Herron
b. 209, f. 2638-2648	Hersch - Hiltt
b. 210, f. 2649-2661	Hilty - Hole
b. 211, f. 2662-2674	Holladay - Hoover
b. 212, f. 2675-2683	Hope - Hubbard
b. 213, f. 2684-2695	Hubbeling - Humphries
b. 214, f. 2696-2706	Hundley - Ingle
b. 215, f. 2707-2717	Ingles - Jacques
b. 216, f. 2718-2726	Jaeger - Jensen
b. 217, f. 2727-2735	Jepsen - Johnson, H.
b. 218, f. 2736-2745	Johnson, I. - Jones, E.
b. 219, f. 2746-2756	Jones, F. - Junkin

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b. 220, f. 2757-2767	Justice - Keiter
b. 221, f. 2768-2777	Keith - Kennan
b. 222, f. 2778-2788	Kennard - Kibbe
b. 223, f. 2789-2799	Kibby - Kinney, Delbert
b. 224, f. 2800-2813	Kinney, Dorothy - Kleist
b. 225, f. 2814-2825	Klemmer - Kohr
b. 226, f. 2826-2835	Kolbe - Lackey
b. 227, f. 2836-2845	Lacy-Lantz
b. 228, f. 2846-2855	LaPorte - Leamer, B.
b. 229, f. 2856-2866	Leamer, J. - Leiper, H. S.
b. 230, f. 2867-2877	Leiper, H. S. (cont.) - Leonard
b. 231, f. 2878-2888	Leopard - Lincoln
b. 232, f. 2889-2899	Lind - London
b. 233, f. 2900-2912	Long - Lovejoy
b. 234, f. 2913-2926	Lovelace - Lum
b. 235, f. 2927-2936	Lummins - McArthur
b. 236, f. 2937-2949	McAuley - McClelland, D. F.
b. 237, f. 2950-2960	McClelland, E. - McCulloch, W. P.
b. 238, f. 2961-2971	McCulloch, W. P. (cont.) - McGilliard
b. 239, f. 2972-2981	McGinley - Mackin

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b. 240, f.
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McKinley - McPherson

b. 241, f.
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McQuade - Manton

b. 242, f.
3005-3016

Marable - Martin, J.

b. 243, f.
3017-3026

Martin, M. - Mather

b. 244, f.
3027-3036

Mathre - Mayyou

b. 245, f.
3037-3046

Meacham - Merrill

b. 246, f.
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Merriman - Milbury

b. 247, f.
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Miles - Miller, P.

b. 248, f.
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Miller, R. - Minter, D.

b. 249, f.
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Minter, H. P. - Mitzner

b. 250, f.
3085-3095

Mix - Moore, Frank

b. 251, f.
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Moore, Fred - Morrill

b. 252, f.
3107-3118

Morris - Moss, L.

b. 253, f.
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Moss, R. - Murphy, K.

b. 254, f.
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Murphy, L. - Neal

b. 255, f.
3143-3150

Neeley - Newell

b. 256, f.
3151-3161

Newfield - Noland

b. 257, f.
3162-3173

Norberg - O'Brien

b. 258, f.
3174-3184

Ockenga - Olson, M.

b. 259, f.
3185-3197

Olson, N. - Ostrom, H.

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b. 260, f. 3198-3209	Ostrom, W. - Paine
b. 261, f. 3210-3220	Painter - Parker, Mary A.
b. 262, f. 3221-3231	Parker, Mary L. - Patton
b. 263, f. 3232-3243	Paugh - Penner, Elizabeth
b. 264, f. 3244-3254	Penner, Ella - Peterson, I.
b. 265, f. 3255-3264	Peterson, J. - Pickren
b. 266, f. 3265-3275	Pidgeon - Pitts
b. 267, f. 3276-3285	Place - Pointer
b. 268, f. 3286-3297	Poling - Pratt
b. 269, f. 3298-3307	Pray - Pritchard, C.
b. 270, f. 3308-3317	Pritchard, M. - Quick
b. 271, f. 3318-3328	Quickel - Rawson
b. 272, f. 3329-3337	Ray - Rehm
b. 273, f. 3338-3348	Reich - Reynolds, M.
b. 274, f. 3349-3359	Reynolds, N. - Ricks
b. 275, f. 3360-3370	Riddagh - Roberts
b. 276, f. 3371-3379	Robertson - Rohre
b. 277, f. 3380-3390	Rohrer - Rost
b. 278, f. 3391-3400	Rother - Russell, E.
b. 279, f. 3401-3409	Russell, G. - Salomson

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b. 280, f. 3410-3419	Salser - Sawyer
b. 281, f. 3420-3428	Saxby - Schnopp
b. 282, f. 3429-3439	Schoenberg - Scott, C.
b. 283, f. 3440-3449	Scott, D. - Sedam
b. 284, f. 3450-3460	Segner - Sharp
b. 285, f. 3461-3468	Sharpe - Shilling
b. 286, f. 3469-3480	Shimiau - Simmons
b. 287, f. 3481-3489	Simms - Sloan
b. 288, f. 3490-3497	Slocum - Smith, G.
b. 289, f. 3498-3505	Smith, H. - Smyth
b. 290, f. 3506-3513	Smythe - Speelman
b. 291, f. 3514-3523	Speer - Stakes
b. 292, f. 3524-3535	Staley - Stenger
b. 293, f. 3536-3545	Stephan - Stiteler
b. 294, f. 3546-3556	Stjernstrom - Stout
b. 295, f. 3557-3567	Stovall - Stubbs
b. 296, f. 3568-3577	Stuck - Swann
b. 297, f. 3578-3586	Swanson - Talbot, C.
b. 298, f. 3587-3596	Talbot, G. - Taylor
b. 299, f. 3597-3605	Tayver - Thomas

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b. 300, f. 3606-3614	Thomas, J. - Thornbloom
b. 301, f. 3615-3624	Thornburg - Todd
b. 302, f. 3625-3634	Toews - Trieschmann
b. 303, f. 3635-3644	Trigg - Tuttle, G.
b. 304, f. 3645-3654	Tuttle, K. - Van Cronkhite (Cronk), J. E.
b. 305, f. 3655-3664	Van de Bogart - Vaughan
b. 306, f. 3665-3676	Vaught - Votaw
b. 307, f. 3677-3587	Votruba - Walker, M.
b. 308, f. 3688-3699	Walker, N. - Ward, F.
b. 309, f. 3700-3710	Ward, H. - Watson, E.
b. 310, f. 3711-3720	Watson, F. - Weersing
b. 311, f. 3721-3730	Wees - Welsh
b. 312, f. 3731-3740	Welshons - Westlake
b. 313, f. 3741-3749	Weston - Whitcomb, Elmer B.
b. 314, f. 3750-3758	Whitcomb, Elmer W. - Whitesides
b. 315, f. 3759-3768	Whitfield - Wilder, G.
b. 316, f. 3769-3778	Wilder, J. - Williamson, D.
b. 317, f. 3779-3789	Williamson, E. - Wilson, K.
b. 318, f. 3790-3799	Wilson, L. - Wintrup
b. 319, f. 3800-3813	Wise - Wood

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b. 320, f.
3814-3828 Woodard - Wrenn

b. 321, f.
3829-3843 Wright - Yoder

b. 322, f.
3844-3859 Yoe - Zemke

b. 323, f.
3860-3868 Zendt - Zwingle

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b. 324, f.
3869-3876 Abraham - Hayward

b. 325, f.
3877-3885 Healy - Lyon

b. 326, f.
3886-3892 Maass - Nute

b. 327, f.
3893-3901 Oberer - Ryden

b. 328, f.
3902-3909 Salquist - Tweet

b. 329, f.
3910-3916 Uhrich - Zoller; Anonymous

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b. 330, f.
3917-3926 Aasland - Barlow

b. 331, f.
3927-3935 Barnard - Bove

b. 332, f.
3936-3943 Bowden - Angstrom

b. 333, f.
3944-3954 Cade - Compton

b. 334, f.
3955-3964 Condee - DeMolt

b. 335, f.
3965-3974 Dendz - Ely

b. 336, f.
3975-3984 Emerson - Freudenberger

b. 337, f.
3985-3995 Friar - Griswold

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b. 338, f. 3996-4004	Grobe - Helwig
b. 339, f. 4005-4013	Hemming - Iwig
b. 340, f. 4014-4023	Jackson - Kint
b. 341, f. 4024-4033	Kipe - Leeters
b. 342, f. 4034-4042	Lefferts - McCoy
b. 343, f. 4043-4052	McCray - Mattison
b. 344, f. 4053-4061	Mattoon - Morriss
b. 345, f. 4062-4071	Morrow - Orr
b. 346, f. 4072-4081	Osborne - Pitts
b. 347, f. 4082-4094	Plankenhorn - Richter
b. 348, f. 4095-4104	Riddle - Sayre
b. 349, f. 4105-4115	Scales - Silvernail
b. 350, f. 4116-4126	Simes - Stenberg
b. 351, f. 4127-4137	Stock - Thomas
b. 352, f. 4138-4147	Thomason - Walenta
b. 353, f. 4148-4159	Walkden - Willever
b. 354, f. 4160-4171	Williams - Zwemer
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b. 355, f. 4172	Form Letters
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b. 355, f. 4174	Publicity

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b. 355, f. 4175

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Series III: General correspondence

While the correspondence of Series II centers around the individual volunteer or inquirer, the General Correspondence of Series III centers around the life of the Student Volunteer Movement itself - - its policies, operations, and relationships with other organizations. Over seventeen linear feet of letters are organized alphabetically by the name of the person with whom the SVM headquarters staff was corresponding. The arrangement of this Series is somewhat complex due to the fact of a constantly changing headquarters staff and the fact that some of the letters were exchanged between colleagues on the SVM staff.

The main alphabetical sequence of the Series consists of folders labeled with the names of frequent or notable correspondents. The letters of each individually-noted correspondent are arranged in chronological order. In the cases of leaders of the Movement, the correspondence found in the folders labeled with their names is primarily correspondence from periods when they were not in principal leadership of the Movement. In the case of Robert Wilder, for example, there would be no correspondence arranged under his name for the period 1920 to 1927 when he served as General Secretary of the Movement except with his personal secretaries at the headquarters office. The bulk of correspondence from that period would be filed under the name of the person with whom he, as headquarters staff, was corresponding. When there is correspondence between two SVM staff colleagues the letters are located under the name of the more peripheral staff member. For example, letters exchanged between Executive Chairman John R. Mott and Educational Secretary Harlan P. Beach would be filed under Beach's name.

Following the alphabetical sequence of frequent or notable correspondents are several brief sequences which represent the routine or less important correspondence of the administrations which led the Movement from 1888 to 1958. No correspondence will be found in these brief sequences for individuals who are listed in the sequence of frequent or notable correspondents. The ten administrations of the SVM were as follows:

1888-1896 : Mott era. During this period before a strong General Secretary position was established, it is considered that John R. Mott was the central leader of the Movement. Toward the latter part of this period H. B. Sharman was designated General Secretary

1897-1919: Fennell P. Turner administration

1919-1927: Robert P. Wilder administration

1927-1936: Jesse R. Wilson administration

1936: Andrew T. Roy administration (acting General Secretary)

1937-1940: Paul J. Braisted administration

1940-1943: R. H. Edwin Espy administration

1943-1948: Winburn T. Thomas administration

1948-1954: Edward H. Johnson administration

1954-1958 : Lucius Newton Thurber administration

In the Turner administration sequence, for example, the SVM correspondents involved would include not only General Secretary Turner but also Harlan P. Beach, Burton St. John, William P. McCulloch and other secretaries who served during that period. These less substantive files of each administration are arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

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Allison, Anna Lesta

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b. 356, f. 4177	Andersen, Hans P.	1899
b. 356, f. 4178	Beach, Harlan P.	1895-1897
b. 356, f. 4185	Beaver, R. Pierce	1948-1953
b. 356, f. 4186	Borton, J. Harvey	1924-1935
b. 356, f. 4187	Braisted, Paul J.	1937
b. 356, f. 4188	Bredenberg, Richard	1946-1949
b. 356, f. 4190	Brockman, Fletcher S.	1894-1941, n.d.
b. 356, f. 4191	Brooks, Murray	1927-1935
b. 356, f. 4192	Bunch, C. Pardue	1935-1940
b. 357, f. 4193	Campbell, E. Fay	1915-1919
b. 357, f. 4202	Campbell, E. Fay	1935
b. 358, f. 4206	Campbell, E. Fay	1947-1949
b. 358, f. 4209	Capen, Edward Warren	1907-1913
b. 358, f. 4214	Carver, W. O.	1927-1943
b. 358, f. 4215	Charrier, Frances B.	1951-1955
b. 358, f. 4216	Converse, Paul E.	1949-1951
b. 358, f. 4218	Cooley, Frank	1944, 1951-1953 Aug
b. 359, f. 4220	Coxson, L. D. S.	1930-1934
b. 359, f. 4221	Crouch, Archie R.	1932-1954, n.d.
b. 359, f. 4222	Crutchfield, Margaret see also Roy, Andrew and Margaret	1922-1926
b. 359, f. 4224	Culver, Raymond B.	1927-1930
b. 359, f. 4226	Currier, Raymond P.	1930-1946
b. 359, f. 4227	Danforth, William H.	1927-1940
b. 359, f. 4228	Decker, John W.	1894, 1943
b. 359, f. 4229	Donohugh, Thomas S.	1913-1943
b. 359, f. 4230	Durham, Eugene	1927-1938
b. 359, f. 4231	Elliott, A. J.	1928-1943
b. 359, f. 4232	Elliott, A. Roland	1930-1935
b. 359, f. 4235	Eddy, G. Sherwood	1894-1895, 1944
b. 359, f. 4236	Espy, R. H. Edwin	1943-1956

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b. 360, f. 4237	Fahs, Charles	1895-1946
b. 360, f. 4238	Fleming, Daniel H.	1929-1943
b. 360, f. 4239	Fraser, Donald	1894-1896
b. 360, f. 4240	Fulton, C. Darby	1927-1932
b. 360, f. 4242	Gowen, Mary Elizabeth	1948-1951
b. 360, f. 4243	Halliday, Vernon	1910-1923
b. 360, f. 4245	Hannum, William H.	1890, 1924-1935
b. 360, f. 4246	Harkness, Georgia E.	1927-1944
b. 360, f. 4247	Harrison, Paul We	1929-1938
b. 360, f. 4248	Henson, Francis	1929-1935
b. 360, f. 4249	Higdon, E. K.	1937-1954
b. 360, f. 4250	Hill, Agnes G.	1894
b. 360, f. 4251	Hoffman, Conrad	1926-1948
b. 360, f. 4252	Hoh, David	1950-1953
b. 360, f. 4253	Hoover, Lyman	1950-1953
b. 360, f. 4254	Hunter, John L.	1928-1934
b. 361, f. 4256	Inman, S. Guy	1907-1936
b. 361, f. 4257	Jacob, Ernest O.	1906-1911
b. 361, f. 4261	Jessup, Henry Harris	1894-1895
b. 361, f. 4262	Johnson, Edward H.	1944-1947
b. 361, f. 4264	Jones, Tracey K., Jr.	1943-1952
b. 361, f. 4265	Judd, Walter H.	1917-1923
b. 361, f. 4266	Judd, Walter H.	1924
b. 361, f. 4267	Judd, Walter H.	1925-1928
b. 361, f. 4268	Judd, Walter H.	1930-1931
b. 362, f. 4270	Keys, William	1953- 1957
b. 362, f. 4271	Landram, Hughbert H.	1920-1943
b. 362, f. 4272	Latourette, Kenneth S.	1906- 1912
b. 362, f. 4273	Latourette, Kenneth S.	1913-1914
b. 362, f. 4274	Latourette, Kenneth S.	1915-1916

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b. 362, f. 4283	Lerrigo, P. H. J.	1926-1938
b. 362, f. 4284	Lobenstine, Edwin C.	1916-1937
b. 362, f. 4285	Luce, Henry T.	1894-1895
b. 363, f. 4286	Lyon, D. Willard	1894-1937
b. 363, f. 4287	McCulloch, William P.	1918-1921
b. 363, f. 4289	Mackay, John A.	1927-1935
b. 363, f. 4293	MacMillan, Hugh A.	1920-1923
b. 363, f. 4296	Markley, Mary E.	1929-1937
b. 363, f. 4298	Miller, David V.	1950
b. 363, f. 4300	Morgan, William H.	1908-1938
b. 363, f. 4301	Morton, Helen	1936-1944
b. 364, f. 4302	Moss, Leslie B.	1929-1933
b. 364, f. 4305	Mott, John R.	1898-1918
b. 364, f. 4309	Mott, John R.	1931-1932
b. 364, f. 4310	Mott, John R.	1933
b. 364, f. 4312	Mott, John R.	1936-1940
b. 365, f. 4314	Murray, John A.	1925- 1934
b. 365, f. 4315	Murray, J. Lovell	1907-1908Aug
b. 365, f. 4316	Murray, J. Lovell	1908May-Dec
b. 365, f. 4317	Murray, J. Lovell	1909-1910 Jun
b. 365, f. 4318	Murray, J. Lovell	1910Jun- 1911
b. 366, f. 4328	Murray, J. Lovell	1924
b. 366, f. 4335	Murray, William D.	1899-1932
b. 366, f. 4337	National Council of Young Men's Christian Associations	1922-1937
b. 366, f. 4338	Niebuhr, Reinhold	1929-1934
b. 366, f. 4339	Oldham, J. H.	1923-1936
b. 366, f. 4340	Parlin, Elwyn C.	1930-1935
b. 366, f. 4341	Parsons, Artley B.	1927-1938
b. 366, f. 4342	Paton, William	1926-1935
b. 367, f. 4343	Penfield, Thornton B.	1906-1917

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b. 367, f. 4346	Pier, Stanhope R.	1922-1932
b. 367, f. 4347	Pieters, Albertus	1927-1932
b. 367, f. 4348	Pilkin, Horace T.	1894-1895
b. 367, f. 4349	Porter, David R.	
b. 367, f. 4356	Poteat, Gordon	1910-1921
b. 368, f. 4358	Puxley, H. L.	1937
b. 368, f. 4359	Robbins, Joseph C.	1910-1913
b. 368, f. 4361	Robbins, Joseph C.	1916-1919
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Series IV: Financial correspondence and records

The Financial Correspondence and Records of Series IV comprise twenty linear feet plus twelve oversize volumes. It is evident from the quantity of financial records and from perusal of the general correspondence and committee records of the Student Volunteer Movement that financial survival was a major focus for the Movement's energies. There were those who thought that this focus tended to obscure the real objectives of the Movement. There were many who objected to the frequency and insistent nature of SVM requests for contributions. Writing in 1932, former SVM traveling secretary Weyman C. Huckabee suggested that administrative overload was a major problem for the Movement. During the time when Huckabee traveled for the SVM only one-quarter of the Movement's budget was devoted to "field cultivation" operations, direct contact with volunteers and prospective volunteers. He felt that some of the energy consumed by innumerable financial solicitation letters should be redirected into field work. (Weyman C. Huckabee, "The History and Significance of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions" (unpublished MA thesis, Duke University, 1932), p. 179.)

In its early years the Student Volunteer Movement had been dependent on a few wealthy contributors for a significant portion of its budget. As the general state of the economy, the effects of income tax legislation, and proliferating appeals worked to reduce the contributions of former major supporters, the Movement was forced to find a broader base of smaller contributors toward its work. An interesting exchange of correspondence in Series III points to the fact that John R. Mott's long-time cultivation of wealthy supporters was not without its drawbacks.

E. Fay Campbell wrote to Jesse Wilson in April of 1935:

I believe . . . that the SVM is paying the price of having been

supported for so long by a few of Mott's rich friends....It's not your fault that things have gone from bad to worse. It is the way the show was set up. It must be changed somehow. For your eyes only, of course --- and Louise's --- but every one of Dr. Mott's organizations is in the same boat --- WSCF, YMCA World's YMCA, etc. He was and is a great man and a loyal Christian. But he is the religious counterpart of the great barons of wealth --- Rockefeller, Gould, Vanderbilt, etc. That's not a new idea but you are paying for it and it is a tough price to pay.(SVM archives, Series III, Campbell to Wilson, April 1935.)

This series is divided into three sections:

A. Older file of financial correspondence

The letters in this alphabetical sequence date from the early 1900s to approximately 1943. They are generally requests for contributions with responses and follow-up. General folders labeled with letters only (e.g. "Ab" - "Ak") are followed by folders with individually listed names of more notable contributors.

B. More recent file of financial correspondence. The letters in this alphabetical sequence date from the period 1941 to 1951. They are arranged in the same manner as those of section "A."

C. Financial records: The financial records in Series IV are primarily bound volumes representing various aspects of the Movement's financial operations. There are cash books, invoice registers, budget statements, records of payments by contributors, employee payment records, bank books, etc. One notebook is related to the investment of the \$55,000, in cash and bonds which Eli Kirk Price gave to the SVM in 1926. Of particular interest are the records of contributors' payments covering the period 1901 to 1932 which indicate the annual receipt of gifts from major supporters such as John D. Rockefeller, Jr. The financial records in this section date primarily from the middle years of the Movement's existence; there are no records from before 1900 or after 1943. Financial material related to the SVM publishing and literature distribution functions is located in Series VII. Financial material related to the SVM quadrennial conventions is located in Series VIII. Other financial material is available in the records of the Finance Committee found in Series V.

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b. 443, f. 5199	Check stubs	1941 Oct 7- 1943 May 28
b. 443, f. 5200	Contributions Ledger: A - L	c. 1908-1927
b. 444, f. 5201	Contributions Ledger: M - Z	c. 1908-1927
b. 444, f. 5202	Contributions Ledger: A - L	c. 1905-1933
b. 444, f. 5203	Contributions Ledger: M - Z	c. 1911-1931

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b. 444, f. 5204	Contributors -- Lists	n.d.
b. 445, f. 5205	Contributors -- Lists	c.1936
b. 445, f. 5206	Contributors -- Lists	c.1936
b. 445, f. 5207	Contributors -- Lists	c.1937
b. 445, f. 5208	Financial form letters	1926-1931
b. 445, f. 5209	Financial form letters	1931-1937
b. 445, f. 5210	Financial form letters	1933-1936
b. 445, f. 5211	Financial form letters	1936-1939
b. 445, f. 5212	Financial form letters	1940-1943
b. 445, f. 5213	Legacies (Allen, Hansen)	1919-1932
b. 445, f. 5214	Legacies (Marseilles)	1922-1926
b. 446, f. 5215	Legacies (Price)	1926-1937
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b. 446, f. 5217	Miscellaneous	1892-1936
b. 446, f. 5218	Miscellaneous	1937-1941
b. 446, f. 5219	Miscellaneous	1942-1951, n.d.
b. 446, f. 5220	Miscellaneous expense reports	1933-1939
b. 446, f. 5221	Names and addresses for financial solicitation	n.d.
b. 447, f. 5222	Notebook containing general financial records	1921-1938
b. 447, f. 5223	Payments to employees	1924-1935
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b. 448, f. 5229	Trial balance sheets	1929-1930
b. 448, f. 5230	Trial balance sheets	1930-1931
b. 448, f. 5231	Trial balance sheets	1931-1932
b. 448, f. 5232	Trial balance sheets	1933-1934
b. 448, f. 5232	Trial balance and financial statement	1934-1935

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b. Ov5	Cash Book	1927 Jun 29-1928 May 31
b. Ov5	Cash Book	1928 May 31-1929 Sep 19
b. Ov16	Cash Book	1929 Sep 19-1931 Feb 6
b. Ov10	Cash Book	1931 Feb 6 -1932, Jun 15
b. Ov11	Cash Book	1932 Jun-1934 May
b. Ov10	Cash Book	1934 May 14-1936 Jun 22
b. Ov10	Cash book	1936Jun- 1938Sep
b. Ov12	Invoice register "B"	1927May- 1931Dec
b. Ov11	Invoice register	1931Dec- 1938Sep
b. Ov11	Trial balances and financial statements	1921-1934
b. Ov22	Contribution receipt book	1936Oct- 1937Sep
b. Ov21	Cash and credit sales	1925 Oct-1926 Oct
b. Ov21	Cash and credit sales	1926Oct- 1928Feb
b. Ov22	Ledger re. literature	c 1933-1938
b. Ov21	Journal of accounts	1910-1936
b. Ov20	Payments to employees	c 1924-1937
b. Ov20	Payments to employees	1929-1938
b. Ov19	Salary and travel accounts	1920-1924
b. Ov12	SVM shipping facilities charges	1927- 1931
b. Ov12	SVM shipping facilities charges	1931-1935
b. Ov19	General ledger	1917-1934
b. Ov21	General ledger	1935-1936

Series V: Organization and policy records

The documentation contained in Series V is central for the study of the Student Volunteer Movement's evolving policies, operations, and relationships. The over ten linear feet of records dating approximately from 1883 to 1956 include minutes of meetings, memoranda, reports, and personnel records. The basic organizational arrangement of the Movement changed frequently and was supplemented by a variety of special commissions and committees. In the interests of clarity, this series has been arranged on a chronological basis. For each year the material is divided according to the administrative, legislative and study units which existed during that particular year. For example, for the year 1947 there may be records for the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Finance Committee, the Personnel Committee and the Special Commission on the Future of the Student Volunteer Movement. A "miscellaneous" category under some years contains material not directly related to a specific unit. Material within the unit categories is arranged in general chronological order.

The names and relationships of the various administrative units are somewhat confusing. For example, as the committee structure evolved, in 1920 the Standing Committee was the interim body of the Executive Committee; in 1926 the Administrative Committee was the interim body of the General Council; in 1936 the Executive Committee was the interim body of the General Committee; in 1941 the Executive Committee was the interim body of the Board of Directors, and so forth.

Of particular interest for study of SVM policy are the records of special commissions set up in 1925, 1933, and 1947 to evaluate the work and plan for the future of the Movement. The 1925 Commission on Inquiry dealt with issues such as the SVM's relation to home missions work, rewording of the declaration card, the Canadian SVM situation, the watchword, relationships with other organizations, and the "colored" student problem. Material related to the 1933 Commission to Study the Work of the Student Volunteer Movement includes numerous questionnaires sent to campuses across the United States to evaluate the status of student missionary interest. The aim of the 1947 Special Commission on the Future of the Student Volunteer Movement was to find "a basis of appeal for missionary recruitment that was as vital (a) theologically and (b) in terms of the needs of our times, as the original psychology of the SVM was for its time." (SVM archives, Series V, Special Commission on the Future of the Student Volunteer Movement, Minutes, June 27, 1947.) It recommended distinct policy changes for the Movement, including re-establishment of local SVM campus fellowship groups.

In the first folder of this series is material related to predecessors of the Student Volunteer Movement, including a notebook from the group begun by Robert Wilder at Princeton in 1883. Following the chronological sequence of this series are three folders containing material related to the SVM watchword (1896-1916, n.d.) and four folders of material related to the questions of racial discrimination in the missionary endeavor (1920-1958). It seemed wise to retain a topical arrangement for these materials rather than scattering them throughout the chronological sequence.

Chronological sequence

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b. 449, f. 5234	1886: Northfield conference
b. 449, f. 5235	1888: Northfield conference
b. 449, f. 5236	1889: Northfield conference
b. 449, f. 5237	1889: Miscellaneous
b. 449, f. 5238	1891: Executive Committee
b. 449, f. 5239	1892-1893 : Miscellaneous

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b. 449, f. 5240	1894: Executive Committee
b. 449, f. 5241	1894: Miscellaneous
b. 449, f. 5242	1895: Executive Committee
b. 449, f. 5243	1897: Educational department
b. 449, f. 5244	1898: Executive Committee
b. 449, f. 5245	1898: SVM Leaders' Conference
b. 449, f. 5246	1898- 1899: Miscellaneous
b. 449, f. 5247	1899: Executive Committee
b. 449, f. 5248	1899: SVM Leaders' Conference
b. 449, f. 5249	1900: Act of Incorporation, and miscellaneous
b. 449, f. 5250	1901: Educational department
b. 449, f. 5251	1901: Executive Committee
b. 449, f. 5252	1902: Executive Committee
b. 449, f. 5253	1902 SVM Leaders' Conference
b. 449, f. 5254	1903: Executive Committee
b. 449, f. 5255	1902 SVM Leaders' Conference
b. 449, f. 5256	1903-1904 : Miscellaneous
b. 450, f. 5257	1904 : Executive Committee
b. 450, f. 5258	1904: SVM Leaders' Conference
b. 450, f. 5259	1905 : Executive Committee
b. 450, f. 5260	1906: Executive Committee
b. 450, f. 5261	1906: Miscellaneous
b. 450, f. 5262	1907: Executive Committee
b. 450, f. 5263	: SVM Leaders' Conference
b. 450, f. 5264	1908: Executive Committee
b. 450, f. 5265	1909; Executive Committee
b. 450, f. 5266	: Miscellaneous
b. 450, f. 5267	1910: Executive Committee
b. 450, f. 5268	: Miscellaneous
b. 450, f. 5269	1911; Executive Committee

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b. 450, f. 5270	: Miscellaneous
b. 450, f. 5271	1912: Executive Committee
b. 450, f. 5272	: Miscellaneous
b. 450, f. 5273	1913: Executive Committee
b. 450, f. 5274	1914: Executive Committee
b. 450, f. 5275	1914-1915 : Miscellaneous
b. 450, f. 5276	1916: Miscellaneous
b. 450, f. 5277	1919: Executive Committee
b. 450, f. 5278	: Standing Committee and Convention Committee
b. 450, f. 5279	: Miscellaneous
b. 451, f. 5280	1920 : Candidate department
b. 451, f. 5281	: Educational department
b. 451, f. 5283	: Standing Committee
b. 451, f. 5284	: Student Volunteer Council (First)
b. 451, f. 5285	1921 : Executive Committee
b. 451, f. 5286	: Standing Committee
b. 451, f. 5287	: Student Volunteer Council (Second)
b. 451, f. 5288	: Miscellaneous
b. 451, f. 5289	1922: Executive Committee
b. 451, f. 5290	: Standing Committee
b. 451, f. 5291	: Student Volunteer Council (Third)
b. 451, f. 5292	1923: Board of Trustees
b. 451, f. 5293	: Executive Committee
b. 451, f. 5294	: Standing Committee
b. 452, f. 5295	: Student Volunteer Council (Fourth)
b. 452, f. 5296	1924: Board of Trustees
b. 452, f. 5297	: Executive Committee
b. 452, f. 5298	: Reactions to article written by John L. Childs re. SVM
b. 452, f. 5299	: Standing Committee : Student Volunteer Council (Fifth -- February)
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b. 452, f. 5301	--Reports, etc.
b. 452, f. 5302	--Reactions to criticisms : Student Volunteer Council (Sixth -- December)
b. 453, f. 5303	--Minutes, reports, Round Robins no. 1-3
b. 453, f. 5304	--Round Robins no. 4-6
b. 453, f. 5305	: Miscellaneous
b. 453, f. 5306	1925: Commission of Ten on the SVM
b. 453, f. 5307	: Commission of Ten on the SVM
b. 453, f. 5306	1925: Executive Committee
b. 453, f. 5309	: Standing Committee
b. 453, f. 5310	1926: Administrative Committee
b. 453, f. 5311	: Executive Committee
b. 453, f. 5312	: General Council (First)
b. 453, f. 5313	: Standing Committee
b. 453, f. 5314	: Miscellaneous
b. 454, f. 5315	1927: Administrative Committee
b. 454, f. 5316	: Board of Trustees
b. 454, f. 5317	: Committee on Policy and Program
b. 454, f. 5318	: General Council (Second)
b. 454, f. 5319	1928: Administrative Committee
b. 454, f. 5320	: Board of Trustees
b. 454, f. 5321	: General Council (Third)
b. 454, f. 5322	1929: Administrative Committee
b. 454, f. 5323	: General Council (Fourth)
b. 454, f. 5324	: Miscellaneous
b. 454, f. 5325	1930: Administrative Committee
b. 454, f. 5326	: Evaluations of SVM Declaration of Purpose Cards
b. 454, f. 5327	: General Council (Fifth)
b. 454, f. 5328	: Miscellaneous
b. 455, f. 5329	1931: Administrative Committee
b. 455, f. 5330	: General Council (Sixth)

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b. 455, f. 5331	: Miscellaneous
b. 455, f. 5332	1932: Administrative Committee
b. 455, f. 5333	: Fennell P. Turner memorial service
b. 455, f. 5334	1932 : General Council (Seventh)
b. 455, f. 5335	: Miscellaneous
b. 455, f. 5336	1933: Administrative Committee
b. 455, f. 5337	: Commission to Study the Work of the SVM
b. 455, f. 5338	: Commission to Study the Work of the SVM
b. 455, f. 5339	: Commission to Study the Work of the SVM
b. 455, f. 5340	: General Council (Eighth)
b. 455, f. 5341	: Miscellaneous
b. 456, f. 5342	1934 : Administrative Committee
b. 456, f. 5343	: General Council (Ninth)
b. 456, f. 5344	: Miscellaneous
b. 456, f. 5345	1935: Administrative Committee
b. 456, f. 5346	: Advisory Council dinner
b. 456, f. 5347	: General Council (Tenth)
b. 456, f. 5348	: Miscellaneous
b. 456, f. 5349	1936: Administrative Committee
b. 456, f. 5350	: Board of Trustees
b. 456, f. 5351	: Commission on Reorganization
b. 456, f. 5352	: Commission on Reorganization
b. 456, f. 5353	: Executive Committee
b. 456, f. 5354	: General Committee
b. 456, f. 5355	: General Council (Eleventh)--Preparatory Study Course
b. 456, f. 5356	: General Council (Eleventh)--Correspondence
b. 457, f. 5357	: General Council (Eleventh)--Mimeographed Correspondence and reports
b. 457, f. 5358	: General Council (Eleventh)--S. V. Forum and Council minutes and membership
b. 457, f. 5359	: General Council (Eleventh)--Schedules, etc.
b. 457, f. 5360	: Jesse R. Wilson Dinner

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b. 457, f. 5361	: Miscellaneous
b. 457, f. 5362	1937: Board of Trustees
b. 457, f. 5363	: Executive Committee
b. 457, f. 5364	: General Committee
b. 457, f. 5365	: Paul J. Braisted dinner
b. 457, f. 5366	: Personnel Committee
b. 457, f. 5367	: Retreats
b. 457, f. 5368	: Miscellaneous
b. 457, f. 5369	1938: Board of Trustees
b. 457, f. 5370	: Executive Committee
b. 457, f. 5371	: Finance Committee
b. 457, f. 5372	: General Committee
b. 457, f. 5373	: Personnel Committee
b. 457, f. 5374	: Miscellaneous
b. 458, f. 5375	1939: Executive Committee
b. 458, f. 5376	: Finance Committee
b. 458, f. 5377	: General Committee
b. 458, f. 5378	: Personnel Committee
b. 458, f. 5379	: Miscellaneous
b. 458, f. 5380	1940: Administrative Committee
b. 458, f. 5381	: Board of Trustees
b. 458, f. 5382	: Executive Committee
b. 458, f. 5383	1940 : Finance Committee
b. 458, f. 5384	: General Committee
b. 458, f. 5385	: Missionary Education Survey
b. 458, f. 5386	: Personnel Committee
b. 458, f. 5387	: Miscellaneous
b. 458, f. 5388	1941: Board of Directors
b. 458, f. 5389	: Board of Directors
b. 458, f. 5390	: Executive Committee

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b. 459, f. 5391	: Finance Committee
b. 459, f. 5392	: Personnel Committee
b. 459, f. 5393	: Staff retreat -- July
b. 459, f. 5394	: Staff retreat -- October
b. 459, f. 5395	: Miscellaneous
b. 459, f. 5396	1942: Board of Directors
b. 459, f. 5397	: Board of Directors
b. 459, f. 5398	: Executive Committee
b. 459, f. 5399	: Finance Committee
b. 459, f. 5400	: Personnel Committee
b. 459, f. 5401	: Miscellaneous
b. 459, f. 5402	1943: Advisory Council
b. 459, f. 5403	: Board of Directors
b. 459, f. 5404	: Board of Directors
b. 460, f. 5405	: Committee on Christian Reconstruction
b. 460, f. 5406	: Committee on Christian Reconstruction
b. 460, f. 5407	: Executive Committee
b. 460, f. 5408	: Finance Committee
b. 460, f. 5409	1943: Personnel Committee
b. 460, f. 5410	: R. H. Edwin Espy testimonial
b. 460, f. 5411	: R. H. Edwin Espy replacement search
b. 460, f. 5412	: Winburn Thomas dinner
b. 460, f. 5413	: Miscellaneous
b. 460, f. 5414	1944: Board of Directors
b. 460, f. 5415	: Board of Directors
b. 460, f. 5416	: Committee on High School Program
b. 460, f. 5417	: Executive Committee
b. 460, f. 5418	: Finance Committee
b. 460, f. 5419	: Personnel Committee
b. 460, f. 5420	: Staff training conference

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b. 461, f. 5421	: Summer service program
b. 461, f. 5422	: Miscellaneous
b. 461, f. 5423	1945: Board of Directors
b. 461, f. 5424	: Executive Committee
b. 461, f. 5425	: Finance Committee
b. 461, f. 5426	: Personnel Committee
b. 461, f. 5427	: Staff training conference
b. 461, f. 5428	: Summer service program
b. 461, f. 5429	: Summer service program
b. 461, f. 5430	: Summer service program
b. 461, f. 5431	: Summer service program
b. 461, f. 5432	: Summer service program
b. 461, f. 5433	: Miscellaneous
b. 462, f. 5434	1946: Board of Directors
b. 462, f. 5435	: Board of Directors
b. 462, f. 5436	1946: Executive Committee
b. 462, f. 5437	: Finance Committee
b. 462, f. 5438	: Personnel Committee
b. 462, f. 5439	: Summer service program
b. 462, f. 5440	: Summer service program
b. 462, f. 5441	: Summer service program
b. 462, f. 5442	: Miscellaneous
b. 462, f. 5443	1947: Anniversary dinner
b. 462, f. 5444	: Board of Directors
b. 462, f. 5445	: Executive Committee
b. 462, f. 5446	: Finance Committee
b. 462, f. 5447	: Personnel Committee
b. 463, f. 5448	: Special Commission on the Future of the SVM (Roberts Commission)
b. 463, f. 5449	: Special Commission on the Future of the SVM
b. 463, f. 5450	: Summer service program

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b. 463, f. 5451	: Miscellaneous
b. 463, f. 5452	1948: Board of Directors (April)
b. 463, f. 5453	: Board of Directors (October)
b. 463, f. 5454	: Committee to prepare study outline for European student missionary conference
b. 463, f. 5455	: Executive Committee
b. 463, f. 5456	: Finance Committee
b. 463, f. 5457	: Luncheon to discuss advance plans
b. 463, f. 5458	: Personnel Committee
b. 463, f. 5459	: Property Committee
b. 463, f. 5460	: Special Commission on Future Policy of the SVM (Roberts Commission)
b. 463, f. 5461	1948 : Staff training conference
b. 463, f. 5462	: Winburn Thomas/Edward Johnson dinner
b. 463, f. 5463	: Miscellaneous
b. 464, f. 5464	1949 : Advisory Council dinner
b. 464, f. 5465	: Advisory Council dinner
b. 464, f. 5466	: Board of Directors -- Nominating Committee
b. 464, f. 5467	: Board of Directors (April)
b. 464, f. 5468	: Board of Directors (September)
b. 464, f. 5469	: Board of Directors
b. 464, f. 5470	: Board of Directors
b. 464, f. 5471	: Budget and Finance Committee
b. 464, f. 5472	: Committee to Study the Declaration Card
b. 464, f. 5473	: Executive Committee
b. 464, f. 5474	: Personnel Committee
b. 464, f. 5475	: Policy Committee
b. 464, f. 5476	: Property Committee
b. 464, f. 5477	: Staff meetings
b. 465, f. 5478	: Miscellaneous
b. 465, f. 5479	1950: Advisory Council dinner
b. 465, f. 5480	: Advisory Council dinner

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b. 465, f. 5481	: Board of Directors and Corporation (April)
b. 465, f. 5482	: Board of Directors (September)
b. 465, f. 5483	: Board of Directors
b. 465, f. 5484	: Board of Directors
b. 465, f. 5485	: Board of Directors -- Nominating Committee
b. 465, f. 5486	: Budget and Finance Committee
b. 465, f. 5487	1950 : executive Committee
b. 466, f. 5488	: Personnel Committee
b. 466, f. 5489	: Policy Committee
b. 466, f. 5490	: Property Committee
b. 466, f. 5491	: Staff meetings
b. 466, f. 5492	: Staff training conference
b. 466, f. 5493	: Miscellaneous
b. 466, f. 5494	1951: Board of Directors (April)
b. 466, f. 5495	: Board of Directors
b. 466, f. 5496	: Board of Directors
b. 466, f. 5497	: Board of Directors Nominating Committee
b. 466, f. 5498	: Budget and Finance Committee
b. 466, f. 5499	: Executive Committee
b. 467, f. 5500	: Executive Committee
b. 467, f. 5501	: Personnel Committee
b. 467, f. 5502	: Staff meetings
b. 467, f. 5503	: Miscellaneous
b. 467, f. 5504	1952: Board of Directors and Corporation (April)
b. 467, f. 5505	: Board of Directors (September) Pre-Board Student Conference
b. 467, f. 5506	: Board of Directors (September)
b. 467, f. 5507	: Board of Directors
b. 467, f. 5508	: Board of Directors Nominating Committee
b. 467, f. 5509	: Budget and Finance Committee
b. 467, f. 5510	: Executive Committee

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b. 467, f. 5511	: Executive Committee
b. 468, f. 5512	1952 : Personnel Committee
b. 468, f. 5513	: Policy Committee
b. 468, f. 5514	: Staff briefing conference
b. 468, f. 5515	: Staff meetings
b. 468, f. 5516	: Miscellaneous
b. 468, f. 5517	: Miscellaneous
b. 468, f. 5518	1953: Board of Directors (April)
b. 468, f. 5519	: Board of Directors (September)
b. 468, f. 5520	: Board of Directors (September)
b. 468, f. 5521	: Board of Directors
b. 468, f. 5522	: Board of Directors Nominating Committee
b. 469, f. 5523	1953 : Budget and Finance Committee
b. 469, f. 5524	: Executive Committee
b. 469, f. 5525	: Executive Committee
b. 469, f. 5526	: Personnel Committee
b. 469, f. 5527	: Policy Committee
b. 469, f. 5528	: Special Committee to Consult re. SVM-NCCC
b. 469, f. 5529	: Staff meetings
b. 469, f. 5530	: Miscellaneous
b. 469, f. 5531	1954: Board of Directors
b. 469, f. 5532	: Executive Committee
b. 469, f. 5533	: Personnel Committee
b. 469, f. 5534	: Staff Briefing conference
b. 469, f. 5535	: Staff meetings
b. 470, f. 5536	: Miscellaneous
b. 470, f. 5537	1955: Board of Directors
b. 470, f. 5538	1955 : Budget and Finance Committee
b. 470, f. 5539	: Personnel Committee
b. 470, f. 5540	: Staff meetings

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b. 470, f. 5541	: Miscellaneous
b. 470, f. 5542	1956: Board of Directors
b. 470, f. 5543	: Budget and Finance Committee
b. 470, f. 5544	: Executive Committee
b. 470, f. 5545	: Personnel Committee
b. 470, f. 5546	: Policy Committee
b. 470, f. 5547	: Staff meetings
b. 470, f. 5548	: Miscellaneous
b. 470, f. 5549	1957: Executive Committee
b. 470, f. 5550	: Staff meetings
b. 470, f. 5551	: Miscellaneous
b. 470, f. 5552	1958: Consultation on Philosophy of Education for Missionary Enlistment
b. 470, f. 5553	: Miscellaneous
b. 470, f. 5554	1959: Board of Directors, SVM Corporation
b. 470, f. 5554	1959: National Student Christian Federation Commission on World Mission
b. 470, f. 5555	1960: National Student Christian Federation Commission on World Mission
b. 470, f. 5556	1961: National Student Christian-Federation Commission on World Mission
b. 470, f. 5557	1962: National Student Christian Federation Commission on World Mission
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b. 471, f. 5563	Material related to Student Volunteer Movement watchword	1912-1916
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b. 471, f. 5565	Material related to race questions in missions	1920-1929
b. 471, f. 5566	Material related to race questions in missions	1930-1952
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Series VI: Field work

From the 1886 Wilder-Forman deputation to the cooperative ventures in the late 1950s, the Student Volunteer Movement consistently viewed field work as the most important part of its program. The aim of field work was to develop missionary enthusiasm and thereby recruit volunteers, to educate regarding missionary concerns, to establish continuing student volunteer fellowships, and to promote the quadrennial conventions. Series VI contains over twenty linear feet of material and is divided into three sections.

A. General field work

The records in this topically arranged section include annual reports and statistics, form letters, procedural instructions and publicity releases. Of particular interest is a series of volumes which are compilations of very specific information regarding campus visits during the period 1909 to 1931. These volumes provide valuable documentation of the state of religious life on American campuses during this period.

B. Field staff recruitment

The chronologically arranged correspondence of this section dates from 1930 to 1955 and concerns the recruitment of traveling secretaries. The SVM's traveling secretaries were primarily recently graduated volunteers not yet gone to the field or missionaries home on furlough. Many letters were exchanged with denominational boards in the effort to obtain personnel and financial support for the SVM field work program.

C. Traveling secretary correspondence

Following two folders of general material, the correspondence in this section is arranged alphabetically by the names of the traveling secretaries. The correspondence dates from the early 1900s to the late 1950s and includes letters exchanged between the secretaries and SVM headquarters, as well as letters concerning local arrangements for visits, itinerary planning sheets, and publicity releases regarding specific secretaries. In some cases the files of correspondence include letters from before and after the traveling secretary's term of service.

D. Traveling secretary reports

The reports in this section are of three types:

1. Monthly reports: During the early years of the Movement traveling secretaries filled out forms describing their activities on a monthly basis. These monthly statements are available only for the

periods 1897 to 1898, 1927 to 1929, and 1931 to 1933, but the information which would have been found on the forms was largely entered into the record books of section A of this Series. The monthly reports are arranged by year and alphabetically by the name of the secretary within the year.

2. Financial reports: A small section of traveling secretary financial reports covers the period 1930 to 1942 and contains records of expenses.

3. Campus visit reports: Of most interest are the reports submitted by traveling secretaries concerning their visits to specific campuses throughout the United States. These reports have varying formats but generally contain information regarding the activities of the secretary during his or her visit and the state of student missionary interest at the institution. The campus visit reports date from 1928 to the late 1950s and provide valuable information regarding religious conditions on American campuses. They are arranged in two sequences, one dating from approximately 1928 to 1933, and the other dating from 1933 to the late 1950s. The reports are arranged alphabetically by state and within each state by the name of the institution visited.

E. Records of student volunteer unions and groups

According to Student Volunteer Movement policy, individuals were first and foremost members of the national Movement, but local volunteer "groups" (formerly called "bands") and regional volunteer "unions" were found to be effective means for providing fellowship and support for volunteers. From the earliest days of the SVM, relationships between the national Movement and its local and regional expressions were often a problem. Local groups tended to gradually lose contact with the aims and mood of the national

headquarters and to settle into their own traditions. Some groups, for example, became involved in home missions projects at a time when the national Movement was striving to confirm its commitment to the foreign side of missions.

Relatively little mention is made of student volunteer unions and groups in the annual reports of the SVM General Secretaries before the 1920s. The Movement was anxious not to appear as a rival to the YMCA and YWCA groups on campuses. When the organizational arrangement of the Movement was changed in 1920 to allow for more student participation, the student volunteer unions became somewhat more important because the student members of the new General Council were to be elected by the regional unions. In 1936 the Movement changed its policy on local volunteer groups, recommending that they no longer exist as autonomous organizations but rather incorporate their activities into other religious organizations on campus. It was not until 1947 that this policy was reversed.

The material in this section dates from 1892 to 1954. Preceding the material which relates to specific regional, state, or city unions are three records books and several folders of general material including manuals with suggested procedures for student volunteer groups and unions. Also included in this first section are materials related to the campus representative system which the SVM experimented with in 1945 and materials related to a 1933 survey on 'missionary interest in the colleges.' Records of local groups, such as a 1903 minute book of the Bryn Mawr College Student Volunteer Band, are not listed separately in this section, but rather will be found amidst the regional, state, or city union records.

Among the earliest records of cooperative regional activities are sample union constitutions from the 1920s. A major function of the regional unions was to sponsor missionary conferences for the area of their jurisdictions, which was usually a state, but in some cases covered a wider geographical area and in other cases was limited to a metropolitan area. Reports on regional conferences are available in Series VI, Section D.

Some unions were much more active than others, and this is reflected in the quantity of newsletters, correspondence, announcements, and so forth available for each union. One of the most active unions appears to have been the Georgia Union. Letters exchanged between Georgia Union leaders in the 1930s provide interesting insight into the problems faced by the Union, particularly in relation to its efforts to promote interracial conferences.

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b. 472, f. 5570	Campus visits reports	1947-1957
b. 472, f. 5571	Conferences -- Non-SVM	1949-1950
b. 472, f. 5572	Conferences -- Non-SVM	1933-1943
b. 472, f. 5573	Conferences -- Non-SVM	1951-1959
b. 472, f. 5574	Conferences -- SVM 1897-1958;	n.d.
b. 472, f. 5575	Conferences -- SVM (Locations)	1924-1936
b. 473, f. 5576	Correspondence 1944-1948;	n.d.
b. 473, f. 5577	Field Program Committee	1947-1953
b. 473, f. 5578	General traveling staff policy	
b. 473, f. 5579	General traveling staff policy	

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b. 473, f. 5580	Interview report blanks	
b. 473, f. 5581	Lists and compilations	1909-1949
b. 473, f. 5582	Lists and compilations	1951-1959
b. 473, f. 5583	Lists and compilations	
b. 473, f. 5584	Out of College Volunteers	
b. 474, f. 5585-94	"Visits of Secretaries"	1909-1925
b. 474, f. 5595	"Visits of Secretaries"	1925-1926
b. 475, f. 5596	"Visits of Secretaries"	1929-1930
b. 475, f. 5597	"Visits of Secretaries"	1927-1928
b. 475, f. 5598	"Visits of Secretaries"	1928-1929
b. 475, f. 5599	"Visits of Secretaries"	1929-1930
b. 475, f. 5600	"Visits of Secretaries"	1930-1931
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b. 475, f. 5601 - 5605	Field staff recruitment	1930-1944
b. 476, f. 5606 -5610	Field staff recruitment	1945-1953
b. 477, f. 5611 -5612	Field staff recruitment	1954-1956
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b. 477, f. 5613	Travel staff List	
b. 477, f. 5614	Publicity sheets	
b. 477, f. 5615	Aden, Phyllis Rae (Sanders)	1943-1946Mar
b. 477, f. 5617	Aden, Phyllis Rae (Sanders)	1946 Oct- 1947Jan
b. 477, f. 5618	Aden, Phyllis Rae (Sanders)	1947 Feb-Oct, n.d.
b. 477, f. 5619	Anauta	1944-1945
b. 477, f. 5620	Arnborg, Gerd	1947-1948; n.d.
b. 477, f. 5621	Baen Chu	1941-1945; n.d.
b. 477, f. 5622	Ballard, John	1951-1952; n.d.
b. 478, f. 5623	Beecher, Barbara	1951, 1952
b. 478, f. 5624	Beck, Mary Alice	1948-1950

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b. 478, f. 5625	Beers, Dick	1953, 1954
b. 478, f. 5626	Bennett, Ardeth	1951
b. 478, f. 5627	Bertsch, A. Monroe	1956-1957
b. 478, f. 5628	Betts, Martha Jones	1952-1954
b. 478, f. 5629	Birge, J. Kingsley	1942,1953; n.d.
b. 478, f. 5630	Biswas, Benita	1953, 1954
b. 478, f. 5633	Blakeley, Billie	1952, 1953
b. 478, f. 5631	Bonham, Kenneth W.	1952,1953;n.d.
b. 478, f. 5632	Boren, James	1947; n.d.
b. 478, f. 5639	Bowden, James	1944
b. 478, f. 5634	Bowden, Marjorie	1952; n.d.
b. 478, f. 5635	Brady, Grace	1951
b. 478, f. 5636	Braisted, Paul	1937-1938
b. 478, f. 5637	Brodnex, Corilla Green (see also: Williams, Corilla)	1919-1925Jul
b. 478, f. 5638	Brodnex, Corilla Green (see also: Williams, Corilla)	1925 Sep-1927; n.d.
b. 478, f. 5640	Bullock, Dillman S.	1947-1948; n.d.
b. 478, f. 5641	Campbell, Jean	1952
b. 478, f. 5642	Capen, Louise	1943; n.d.
b. 478, f. 5643	Case, Brayton	1937
b. 478, f. 5644	Chang, H. Y.	1949
b. 479, f. 5645	Chiang, Newton	1943-1945; n.d.
b. 479, f. 5646	Clark, Alice	1951, 1952
b. 479, f. 5647	Clothier, Walter	1941-1947; n.d.
b. 479, f. 5648	Cochran, Katherine	1947Oct
b. 479, f. 5649	Cochran, Katherine	1947Nov-1948; n.d.
b. 479, f. 5650	Cochrane, Robert G.	1956
b. 479, f. 5651	Coleman, Inabelle	1945; n.d.
b. 479, f. 5653	Colleen, Gilmore	1955
b. 479, f. 5654	Comfort, Richard O.	1946-1947

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b. 479, f. 5655	Cogswell, James	1953, 1954
b. 479, f. 5656	Converse, Paul	n.d.
b. 479, f. 5657	Cooley, Frank	1953
b. 479, f. 5658	Cox, Venetia	1951
b. 479, f. 5659	Cox, Venetia	1944-1945; n.d.
b. 479, f. 5660	Crane, William H.	1954-1955; n.d.
b. 479, f. 5661	Crisologo, Dorothy	1954, 1955
b. 479, f. 5662	Cristy, Noval	1954, 1955
b. 479, f. 5663	Crouch, Archie	1943; n.d.
b. 479, f. 5664	Cuadra, Matias	1929-1931; n.d.
b. 480, f. 5665	Dalenberg, Cornelia	1951
b. 480, f. 5667	Davis, Orville L.	1944; n.d.
b. 480, f. 5668	DeValois, John James	1948, 1949; n.d.
b. 480, f. 5669	De Vries, Johanna	1945; n.d.
b. 480, f. 5670	Dean, Samuel	1946, 1947; n.d.
b. 480, f. 5671	Deschner, Margareta	1949, 1950
b. 480, f. 5672	Dickason, Fred G.	1950
b. 480, f. 5673	Dixon, Ernest	1951
b. 480, f. 5674	Dokes, Robert 1946;	n.d.
b. 480, f. 5675	Dorsatt, Martha (See: Leath, Martha Jean)	
b. 480, f. 5676	Dougherty, Jeanne	1950, 1951
b. 480, f. 5677	Douglas, Elmer H.	1948; n.d.
b. 480, f. 5678	Drake, Charles	1948, 1949; n.d.
b. 480, f. 5679	Dreher, Katherine	1947-1948; n.d.
b. 480, f. 5680	Ekstrom, Margaret H.	1951, 1952
b. 480, f. 5681	Elder, John	1935-1938
b. 480, f. 5682	Elder, John	1945, 1946; n.d.
b. 480, f. 5684	Emerson, Jim	1948, 1949
b. 480, f. 5683	England, J. Martin	1944, 1951
b. 480, f. 5685	Epps, Agnes Carter	1946, 1947; n.d.

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b. 480, f. 5686	Erickson, Claiborne R.	1953-1954; n.d.
b. 480, f. 5687	Faw, Anne E.	1937,1938; n.d.
b. 481, f. 5688	Fehr, Helen	1948
b. 481, f. 5689	Felton, Ralph	1955; n.d.
b. 481, f. 5690	Ferguson, Sara Jean	1951, 1952
b. 481, f. 5691	Ferrell, Robert and Katie	1942, 1943
b. 481, f. 5692	Fletcher, Archibald	1950
b. 481, f. 5693	Flora, George	1947-1948
b. 481, f. 5694	Flory, Margaret	1947-1953
b. 481, f. 5695	Forman, Charles	1950
b. 481, f. 5696	Fraser, Anna Gwendolyn Sarah	1917-1923; n.d.
b. 481, f. 5697	Friberg, Daniel	1950
b. 481, f. 5698	FuLuyama, Yeshio	1948
b. 481, f. 5699	Fulton, Janet	1954,1955; n.d.
b. 481, f. 5700	Gants, Eleanor	1944,1945; n.d.
b. 481, f. 5701	Garrot, Maxfield	1944-1946; n.d.
b. 481, f. 5702	Gates, Dorothy G.	1950, 1951
b. 481, f. 5703	Gecau, Julius Karioki	1953; n.d.
b. 481, f. 5704	Gesner, Virginia	1951
b. 481, f. 5705	Gibbins, Ivanoel	1953
b. 481, f. 5706	Gibson, Theodore	1947; n.d.
b. 481, f. 5707	Gould, P. Gordon	1950; n.d.
b. 481, f. 5708	Graves, Ellis	1946,1947; n.d.
b. 481, f. 5709	Green, Stephen W.	1946,1947; n.d.
b. 481, f. 5710	Greene, Olive	1943,1944; n.d.
b. 481, f. 5711	Gregg, Alice H.	1946-1957; n.d.
b. 481, f. 5712	Griffing, J.B.	1954, 1955
b. 481, f. 5713	Grissom, Nancy	1955
b. 481, f. 5714	Hahne, Jane	1954
b. 481, f. 5715	Harris, Anita	1955

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b. 481, f. 5716	Harris, Willie Pauline	1945Feb-Sep
b. 482, f. 5717	Harris, Willie Pauline	1945Oct-Nov
b. 482, f. 5718	Harris, Willie Pauline	1945Dec-1946; n.d.
b. 482, f. 5719	Harrison, Paul	1948, 1949
b. 482, f. 5720	Harvey, Ed	1953
b. 482, f. 5725	Hauenstein, Barbara	1944; n.d.
b. 482, f. 5721	Havlick, Marjorie J.	1953; n.d.
b. 482, f. 5722	Haslett, Edith	1913-1918Feb
b. 482, f. 5723	Haslett, Edith	1918 Feb-Nov
b. 482, f. 5724	Haslett, Edith	1919-1921; n.d.
b. 482, f. 5726	Heininger, Alfred	1948, 1949
b. 482, f. 5727	Herbert, Virginia	1951
b. 482, f. 5729	Hibbard, Esther	1951
b. 482, f. 5728	Hoffman, Nelson Miles	1948
b. 482, f. 5730	Hoover, Lyman	1923-1939
b. 482, f. 5731	Hopper, Ida (See: Tobin, Ida)	
b. 482, f. 5732	Hopper, Rex De Varu	1920-1931; n.d.
b. 483, f. 5733	Homer, Norman A. and Esther D.	1947,1948; n.d.
b. 483, f. 5734	Huckabee, Weyman C.	1927-1931
b. 483, f. 5735	Huckabee, Weyman C	1931-1937; n.d.
b. 483, f. 5736	Johnson, Esther	1945, 1946; n.d.
b. 483, f. 5737	Johnson, Robert P.	1952, 1953
b. 483, f. 5738	Jones, Tracey K.	1942,1943; n.d.
b. 483, f. 5740	Julien, Hershey	1951
b. 483, f. 5741	Karefa-Smart, John	1945,1946; n.d.
b. 483, f. 5742	Kellog, Claude R.	1949
b. 483, f. 5743	Kim, Induk (See: Pahk, Induk Kim)	
b. 483, f. 5744	King, Eunice B.	1938-1942; n.d.
b. 483, f. 5745	Kuan, T-Sui-Chen	1942, 1943 n.d.
b. 483, f. 5746	Kukde, Zarina Soule	1948, 1949

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b. 483, f. 5747	Kyaw Than	n.d.
b. 483, f. 5748	Laflamme, Herbert F.	1907-1926Aug
b. 484, f. 5749	Laflamme, Herbert F.	1926 Oct-1933; n.d.
b. 484, f. 5750	Lang, Victoria	1948, 1949
b. 484, f. 5751	Lange, Laurence	1952
b. 484, f. 5752	Laubach, Frank	1949
b. 484, f. 5753	Lautenschlager, Stanton	1938-1942
b. 484, f. 5754	Lautenschlager, Stanton	1943-1946; n.d.
b. 484, f. 5755	Lawrence, Ruth	1951, 1952
b. 484, f. 5756	Lawson, LeRoy	1947
b. 484, f. 5757	Leaf, Kathryn	1952
b. 484, f. 5758	Leath, Martha Jean (Dorsatt)	1945-1948; n.d.
b. 484, f. 5759	Leeder, George	1948, 1949
b. 484, f. 5760	Leeper, Dean	1941-1943; n.d.
b. 484, f. 5761	Leininger, Ensign	1945,1946; n.d.
b. 484, f. 5762	Lewis, Ralph C.	1953; n.d.
b. 484, f. 5763	Lipka, Marie	1952
b. 484, f. 5764	Long, Loy L.	1945; n.d.
b. 484, f. 5765	Luidens, Ruth and Edwin	1950, 1951
b. 484, f. 5766	McAfee, Malcolm	1947,1948; n.d.
b. 484, f. 5767	McDaniel, Edwin	1948-1954
b. 484, f. 5768	Mahy, Gordon	1941-1943; n.d.
b. 484, f. 5769	Marry, James	1944; n.d.
b. 485, f. 5770	Markham, Virginia	1947, 1948; n.d.
b. 485, f. 5771	Matzigkeit, Wesley	1952, 1953
b. 485, f. 5772	Meacham, Stewart	1954, 1955
b. 485, f. 5773	Medlicott, Mrs. William H.	1950
b. 485, f. 5774	Mercer, William S.	1952
b. 485, f. 5775	Miller, David	1950, 1951
b. 485, f. 5776	Miller, William	1944; n.d.

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b. 485, f. 5778	Moomaw, I. W.	1950-1954
b. 485, f. 5779	Morris, Carroll	1944; n.d.
b. 485, f. 5780	Moss, John	1952
b. 485, f. 5781	Nesbitt, Ralph	1912-1931
b. 485, f. 5782	Newman, Frank	1951, 1952
b. 485, f. 5783	Nichols, Ethel Ermain (See also: Roadarmel, Charles C. - Ethel N.)	1919-1927; n.d.
b. 485, f. 5784	Norman, Howard	1946
b. 485, f. 5785	Nykerk, Gerald H.	1947,1948; n.d.
b. 485, f. 5786	Oakes, Donald	1953
b. 485, f. 5787	Oldridge, Mary Belle	1934-1936; n.d.
b. 485, f. 5788	Otero, Rene	1944
b. 485, f. 5789	Owen, Juanite	1947; n.d.
b. 486, f. 5790	Owen, Monica	1953, 1954
b. 486, f. 5791	Page, Kirby	1913-1935
b. 486, f. 5792	Park, Induk (Kim)	1947,1948; n.d.
b. 486, f. 5793	Park, Induk (Kim)	1927-1937; n.d.
b. 486, f. 5794	Parker, Katharine	1940, 1941
b. 486, f. 5795	Paulson, Peter H.	1947,1948; n.d.
b. 486, f. 5796	Paxton, Ruth	1900-1915; n.d.
b. 486, f. 5797	Peabody, Alice (See also: Zeman, Edward -- Alice)	1919-1923
b. 486, f. 5798	Peabody, Alice (See also: Zeman, Edward -- Alice)	1923-1925; n.d.
b. 486, f. 5799	Perrill, Charles V.	1947, 1955
b. 486, f. 5800	Perry, Anna (See: Fraser, Anna)	
b. 486, f. 5801	Perry, Edward Tyler	1923-1935
b. 486, f. 5802	Peterson, Arthur T., Jr.	
b. 487, f. 5803	Pickens, Claude	1943-1955
b. 487, f. 5804	Pugh, Enid,	1941-1946; n.d.
	Pyke, Frances (See: Taft, Frances)	
b. 487, f. 5805	Pyke, Frederick	1909-1925; n.d.

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b. 487, f. 5807	Randall, Darrell	1949, 1950
b. 487, f. 5808	Rea, Julian	n.d.
b. 487, f. 5809	Reed, Glenn	1949, 1950
b. 487, f. 5810	Reichel, Paul	1913-1919; n.d.
b. 487, f. 5811	Reisner, Sherwood	1940-1945; n.d.
b. 487, f. 5812	Riber, Harold	1954
b. 487, f. 5813	Roadarmel, Charles and Ethel (See also: Nichols, Ethel)	1921-1938
b. 487, f. 5814	Roberts, A. L.	1950, 1951
b. 487, f. 5815	Roberts, Alewyn	n.d.
b. 487, f. 5816	Roberts, Donald	1951
b. 487, f. 5817	Robertson, Harold	1912-1921
b. 487, f. 5818	Robison, Lois	1945-1953
b. 487, f. 5819	Rogers, Jeff	1954, 1955
b. 487, f. 5820	Rogers, Miriam	1950-1951
b. 487, f. 5821	Rossman, Parker	1947
b. 487, f. 5822	Rossman, Vern	1949
b. 488, f. 5823	Rounds, Florence L.	1921-1936; n.d.
b. 488, f. 5824	Russell, Cornelia	1951
b. 488, f. 5825	Ryter, Rene	1946
b. 488, f. 5826	Salzman, Esther	1952-1957; n.d.
b. 488, f. 5827	Satthiandhan, Victor	1944-1945
b. 488, f. 5828	Sayre, Francis B.	1954
b. 488, f. 5829	Schmitz, Helen C.	1946-1948
b. 488, f. 5830	Schmucker, Paul H.	1945; n.d.
b. 488, f. 5831	Schock, Susan S.	1950
b. 488, f. 5832	Schoitz, Fred	1921-1925
b. 488, f. 5834	Schoitz, Fred	1928-1937; n.d.
b. 488, f. 5835	Scudder, Galen F.	1910-1927; n.d.
b. 488, f. 5836	Seabury, Ruth Isabel	1948-1950

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b. 488, f. 5838	Shaw, William	1944-1945
b. 488, f. 5839	Sherk, Warren A.	1940-1946; n.d.
b. 489, f. 5840	Shrader, Ralph R.	1949-1950
b. 489, f. 5841	Sinclair, John H.	1952-1953
b. 489, f. 5842	Singh, Daniel K.	1945-1946
b. 489, f. 5843	Sloan, T. Dwight	1907-1911
b. 489, f. 5844	Sloan, T. Dwight	1911-1933
b. 489, f. 5845	Smith, Catherine L.	1941-1942
b. 489, f. 5846	Smith, Edgar Hoyt	1946-1953; n.d.
b. 489, f. 5847	Smith, Katherine A.	1952
b. 489, f. 5848	Smith, Kay	1949
b. 489, f. 5849	Smith, Ruth and Samuel	1946-1948; n.d.
b. 489, f. 5850	Smith, Wilbert B.	1907-1909
b. 489, f. 5851	Smith, Wilbert B	1910-1912
b. 489, f. 5852	Smith, Wilbert B	1913-1919
b. 489, f. 5853	Smith, Wilbert B	1920-1934; n.d.
b. 489, f. 5854	Springborn, Crystal	1952-1953
b. 490, f. 5855	Staley, Stuart	1949-1950
b. 490, f. 5856	Staub, Albert W.	1906-1935; n.d.
b. 490, f. 5857	Stauffer, Milton T.	1933-1939
b. 490, f. 5858	Stephenson, F. C.	1913-1915
b. 490, f. 5859	Stephenson, F. C.	1916-1919
b. 490, f. 5860	Stephenson, F. C.	1920-1932; n.d.
b. 490, f. 5861	Stevenson, John A.	1940-1941; n.d.
b. 490, f. 5862	Stewart, Isabelle	1950-1951
b. 490, f. 5863	Stewart, Ralph R.	1950-1951
b. 490, f. 5864	Stockwell, F. Olin	1945
b. 490, f. 5865	Storm, W. Harold	1941-1943; n.d.
b. 490, f. 5866	Sullivan, M. Clara	1949-1953

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b. 491, f. 5869	Taft, Frances L.	1907-1921; n.d.
b. 491, f. 5870	Tang, Christopher	1943-1945; n.d.
b. 491, f. 5871	Tate, E. Mowbray	1942-1943; n.d.
b. 491, f. 5872	Taylor, Carl	1946-1947; n.d.
b. 491, f. 5873	Taylor, L. W.	1917-1928; n.d.
b. 491, f. 5874	Thelin, Guy	1943; n.d.
b. 491, f. 5875	Thomas, Annamma	1949-1951
b. 491, f. 5876	Thomas, M. A.	1955-1956
b. 491, f. 5876A	Thomas, W. Wells	1948-1949
b. 491, f. 5877	Thurber, Jeane	1947-1948; n.d.
b. 491, f. 5877A	Ting, Kwang Hsung and Siu May	1947-1948
b. 491, f. 5878	Tobin, Ida (Hopper)	1922-1926
b. 491, f. 5879	Tolen, Helen M.	1942; n.d.
b. 491, f. 5880	Tucker, Ellis N.	1944
b. 492, f. 5881	Turner, Elizabeth	1945
b. 492, f. 5882	Turner, Elizabeth	1946
b. 492, f. 5883	Turner, Elizabeth	1946-1947
b. 492, f. 5884	Tuttle, Glen	1950
b. 492, f. 5885	Tyler, Arline	1945-1948; n.d.
b. 492, f. 5886	Vandersall, Wilma	1944-1945; n.d.
b. 492, f. 5887	Van Voast, Helen T.	1951-1952
b. 492, f. 5888	Vikner, David L. Voelkel, Gertrude (See: Swallen, Gertrude)	1944-1947
b. 492, f. 5889	Voelkel, Harold	1921-1928; n.d.
b. 492, f. 5890	Waite, Emmett B.	1947; n.d.
b. 492, f. 5891	Watters, Hyla	1949-1950
b. 492, f. 5892	Weeks, Louise	1954
b. 492, f. 5893	Weidenhammer, Lillian	1951
b. 492, f. 5894	Welch, Carlos	1954-1955

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b. 493, f. 5896	Westra, Rena	1951-1952
b. 493, f. 5897	Whitaker, Betty Jane	1951-1957; n.d.
b. 493, f. 5898	White, Mary George	1906-1919; n.d.
b. 493, f. 5899	Whitted, Mildred	1946-1947; n.d.
b. 493, f. 5900	Wichman, Lois	1951-1952
b. 493, f. 5901	Wilder, Edward W. Wiley, Edith (See: Hazlett, Edith)	1953-1954
b. 493, f. 5902	Wiley, Walter	1915-1923
b. 493, f. 5904	Williams, Corilla (See also: Brodnax, Corilla)	1932
b. 493, f. 5905	Wilson, Donald M.	1951-1952
b. 493, f. 5906	Wirenga, C. R.	1942-1943; n.d.
b. 493, f. 5907	Wolfe, Eugene	1951-1952
b. 493, f. 5908	Wolff, Carman	1951
b. 493, f. 5909	Womeldorf, G. Raymond	1949, 1950
b. 493, f. 5910	Wylie, Sarah	1942
b. 493, f. 5911	Yoder, Howard W.	1952-1953
b. 493, f. 5912	Zeman, Alice and Edward	1921-1928; n.d.

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b. 496, f. 5915,5916	A - Z	1931-1932
b. 496, f. 5917	A - Z	1932-1933
b. 496, f. 5918	A - Z	1933-1934
b. 496, f. 5919	A - Z	1934-1935
b. 496, f. 5920-5923	A - Z	1935-1938

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Older File of Campus Visit Reports

b. 497	Canada; Alabama - Maine	c.1928-1933
b. 498	Maryland - Oregon	c.1928-1933
b. 499	Pennsylvania - Wisconsin	c. 1928-1933

More recent file of campus visit reports (1933 - late 1950's)

b. 500, f. 5924-5934	Canada; Alabama - California (H)
b. 501, f. 5935-5944	California (J) - Florida
b. 502, f. 5945-5953	Georgia - Illinois (I)
b. 503, f. 5954-5964	Illinois (J) - Indiana
b. 504, f. 5965-5972	Iowa - Kansas (Kansas State)
b. 505, f. 5973-5980	Kansas (Kansas Univ.) - Kentucky (L)
b. 506, f. 5981-5991	Kentucky (M) - Maryland
b. 507, f. 5992-5999	Massachusetts - Michigan
b. 508, f. 6000-6006	Minnesota - Missouri (M)
b. 509, f. 6007-6020	Missouri (N) - New Mexico
b. 510, f. 6021-6026	New York - North Carolina
b. 511, f. 6027-6033	North Carolina (D)
b. 512, f. 6034-6041	Ohio (D - Y)
b. 513, f. 6042-6051	Oklahoma - Pennsylvania (D)
b. 514, f. 6052-6058	Pennsylvania (E) - Rhode Island
b. 515, f. 6059-6064	South Carolina - Tennessee (E)

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b. 516, f. 6065-6073	Tennessee (T) - Virginia (H)	
b. 517, f. 6074-6084	Virginia (L) - Wyoming	
Records of Student Volunteer Unions and groups		
General		
b. 518, f. 6086	Group manual	1936
b. 518, f. 6087	Union manual	1935
b. 518, f. 6088-6090	Miscellaneous	1923-1954
b. 519, f. 6091-6094	Survey on 'Missionary Interest in the Colleges'	1933
b. 519, f. 6095	Survey on missions projects	1935
b. 519, f. 6096	Representative system: Miscellaneous	1945-1946
b. 519, f. 6097	Representative system: Alabama - Nebraska	1945-1946
b. 519, f. 6098	Representative system: New York - Texas	1945-1946
State and Regional Unions and Groups		
b. 519, f. 6099	Alabama	1925-1935
b. 519, f. 6100	Atlanta	1926
b. 519, f. 6101	Baltimore	1910
b. 519, f. 6102	Boston	1897- 1928
b. 519, f. 6103	California region	1930-1954
b. 519, f. 6104	Central and Southern Ohio	1927
b. 519, f. 6105	Chicago	1932-1941
b. 519, f. 6106	Colorado	1952, n.d.
b. 519, f. 6107	Connecticut Valley	1925-1935
b. 520, f. 6108	District of Columbia	1932-1933
b. 520, f. 6109-6112	Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey (including records of Bryn Mawr College Volunteer Band)	1903-1934
b. 520, f. 6113	Florida	1936
b. 520, f. 6114-6116	Georgia	1927-1934
b. 521, f. 6117-6119	Georgia	1935-1936, n.d.

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b. 521, f. 6120	Greater Boston	1932-1935
b. 521, f. 6121	Illinois	1924-1936
b. 521, f. 6122	Indiana	1916-1943
b. 521, f. 6123	Iowa	1925-1941
b. 521, f. 6124	Kansas	1926-1928
b. 521, f. 6125	Kansas and Western Missouri	1932-1952
b. 521, f. 6126	Kentucky	1913-1952
b. 521, f. 6127	Maine	1932-1934
b. 521, f. 6128	Maryland	1936, 1948
b. 521, f. 6129	Massachusetts	1939
b. 522, f. 6130,6131	Michigan	1921-1934
b. 522, f. 6132	Minnesota	1927-1952
b. 522, f. 6133	Mississippi	1935
b. 522, f. 6134	Missouri	1925
b. 522, f. 6135	Nebraska	1924-1936
b. 522, f. 6136	New England region	n.d.
b. 522, f. 6137	New Jersey	1892-1939
b. 523, f. 6138-6140	New York City	1894- 1941
b. 523, f. 6141,6142	New York State	1897- 1934
b. 523, f. 6143	North Carolina	1928-1939
b. 523, f. 6144	Northern California	1927, 1928
b. 523, f. 6145	Northern Ohio	1924-192g
b. 523, f. 6146	Nova Scotia	1928
b. 523, f. 6147	Ohio	1930-1954
b. 524, f. 6148	Oklahoma	1932-1952
b. 524, f. 6149	Oregon	1925-1932
b. 524, f. 6150	Philadelphia	1894, 1926
b. 524, f. 6151	South Atlantic region	1931-1935
b. 524, f. 6152	South Carolina	1908-1941

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b. 524, f. 6153	Southeastern region	1944-1950
b. 524, f. 6154	Southern California	1927
b. 524, f. 6155	Southern Ohio	1928
b. 524, f. 6156	Tennessee	1928-1941
b. 524, f. 6157	Texas	1924-1936
b. 524, f. 6158	Toronto	1928
b. 524, f. 6159	Tri-State (Delaware, Maryland, D.C.)	1924
b. 524, f. 6160	Virginia	1931-1952
b. 524, f. 6161	Washington	1922-1936
b. 524, f. 6162	West Virginia	1916-1952
b. 524, f. 6163	West Virginia and Western Pennsylvana-	1932-1942
b. 524, f. 6164	Wisconsin	1922
b. Ov16	Oversize scrapbook South Atlantic region	1930-1931

Series VII: Publications and literature distribution

The Student Volunteer Movement had a message which it wanted to communicate to students on North American college and university campuses. Early in its existence it discovered that one of the most effective means of communicating its message was through the publication and distribution of periodicals, pamphlets and books. Even during the years when the Movement's role on local campuses was questioned, its mandate to produce missions-related literature remained clear. The over fourteen linear feet of records in Series VII are divided in five sections:

A. Literature Committee records

The correspondence, meeting minutes and other administrative papers in this section date from approximately 1940 to 1960. Also included in this section are a folder of literature copyright records (1913-1937), a folder of orders for literature not published by the SVM, and several record books dating from 1927 to 1952.

B. Literature distribution correspondence

1. General records: The material in this section is topically arranged and includes literature inventories, accounts, orders, etc.

2. Literature distribution correspondence: The letters in this section date from approximately 1916 to 1957. They are in general alphabetical order, according to the name of the individual or organization requesting or inquiring about a SVM publication.

C. Prospective publications

The material in this chronologically arranged file includes manuscripts, reviews, correspondence, and notes related to actual or possible SVM publications. The title of the prospective publication is noted in addition to the dates when it was under consideration.

D. Periodical publications

The major periodical publications of the Student Volunteer Movement were as follows:

The Student Volunteer (1893-1898)

The Intercollegian (1898-1912; published jointly with the YMCA)

The North American Student (1913-19 ; published jointly with the YWCA)

Student Volunteer Movement Bulletin (1915-1930)

Far Horizons (1930-1934)

Intercollegian and Far Horizons (1934-1939; published with the YMCA)

Intercollegian 1939-1959; published with the YMCA and YWCA)

These periodicals were issued at varying frequencies and were supplemented at certain times with less substantial offerings such as the Fellowship News. During the 1940s and 1950s the SVM also published a semi-annual listing of missionary vacancies entitled Christian Horizons. After the SVM became the Commission on World Mission of the National Student Christian Federation, the Committee on the Fellowship of Student Volunteers produced

a newsletter, for which copies are available through 1964. The bulk of the material in this section is related to the more recent

periodicals published by the SVM, Far Horizons and Christian Horizons. The material consists primarily of correspondence to arrange for articles and to maintain subscriptions. The series is arranged alphabetically, by the title of the publication.

E. Pamphlet Publications

Copies of many of the pamphlets published by the Student Volunteer Movement are available in this section, arranged alphabetically by title.

Literature Committee records

b. Ov7	Publishing records	ca. 1904-1922
b. Ov9	Record of literature sold	ca. 1932-1938
b. Ov16	Records of literature and forms printed	1927-1929
b. Ov13	Records of literature and forms printed	1929-1930
b. Ov15	Records of literature and forms printed	1930-1931
b. Ov3	Records of literature and forms printed	1931-1935
b. Ov13	Records of literature and forms printed	1952
b. 525, f. 6165-6170	Minutes, communications	1940-1960, n.d.
b. 525, f. 6171	Literature copyrights	1913-1937
b. 525, f. 6172	Orders for non-SVM publications	1941-1944

Literature distribution

General records

b. 525, f. 6173	Audio-visual materials	1945-1956
b. 525, f. 6174	Book lists, bibliographies, form letters	1932-1937
b. 525, f. 6175	Budgets, accounts	1937-1943
b. 525, f. 6176,6177	Consignment and conference distribution	1940-1953
b. 525, f. 6178	Literature inventories	1908-1927
b. 526, f. 6179	Literature inventories	1928-1956
b. 526, f. 6180	Re. liquidation of SVM library	1950
b. 526, f. 6181	Re. pamphlet for Christian Reconstruction Committee	1942

Literature distribution correspondence

b. 526, f. 6182-6189	Aa - Ar	
b. 527, f. 6190-6198	As - Bl	
b. 528, f. 6199-6210	Bo - Cas	
b. 529, f. 6211-6224	Cat - De	

Literature distribution > Literature distribution correspondence (continued)

b. 530, f. 6225-6236	Di - Fi	
b. 531, f. 6237-6247	Fl - He	
b. 532, f. 6248-6259	Hi - Ki	
b. 533, f. 6260-6272	N - Ma	
b. 534, f. 6273-6283	Me - N	
b. 535, f. 6284-6296	O - Re	
b. 536, f. 6297-6311	Ri - Sp	
b. 537, f. 6312-6326	St - V	
b. 538, f. 6327-6343	Wa - Z	
Prospective publications		
b. 539, f. 6344	"History of the Student Volunteer Movement"; J. R. Mott	1892
b. 539, f. 6345	"The Volunteer Declaration"; D.W. Lyon	1895
b. 539, f. 6346	"Twentieth Anniversary of the SVM"	1906
b. 539, f. 6347	"Ba Thane"; E. Baldwin	1934-1948
b. 539, f. 6348	"Operation at One"	1935
b. 539, f. 6349	"Students and the Christian World Mission"	1936
b. 539, f. 6350	"The Measure of a Modern Missionary"; W. Wysham	1937
b. 539, f. 6351-6353	"Letters by a Modern Mystic"; F. Laubach	1937-1957
b. 539, f. 6354	"The Christian Church in Nigeria"; S. U. Etuk	1939
b. 539, f. 6355	"Christianity in China"; P. C. Hsu	1939
b. 539, f. 6356	"In This Generation"; R. Braisted	1941-1942
b. 539, f. 6357	"A Mission to the U.S.A."; R. Benfer	1944
b. 539, f. 6358	"How to Become a Missionary"	1945
b. 539, f. 6359	"Make Up Your Life . . ."	1945-1950
b. 539, f. 6360	"A Philosophy of Life That Works"; W. Judd	1945-1952

Prospective publications (continued)

b. 539, f. 6361	"SVM Handbook"	1947
b. 539, f. 6362	"Student Volunteer Movement Bulletin"	1948
b. 539, f. 6363	"Careers in the Christian Mission"	1948-1955
b. 539, f. 6364	"Literature on the Christian World Mission"	1949-1959
b. 540, f. 6365	"The College Student and the Missionary Obligation"; T. Jones	1950
b. 540, f. 6366	"Student Vdhnteers for 1950"; R. Seabury	1950
b. 540, f. 6367-6372	"Students Ask About Missions"	1950-1951
b. 540, f. 6373-6375	"That They May Have Life"; D. T. Niles	1950-1951
b. 541, f. 6376	"For This Hour"; E. Johnson	1951
b. 541, f. 6377	"That All May Be One"; L. Newbiggin	1951-1952
b. 541, f. 6378	"SVM Today"	1951-1956
b. 541, f. 6379,6380	"Campus Christians and the World Mis- sign"; F. Cooley	1954
b. 541, f. 6381	"Jobs on Your Doorstep"	1955
b. 541, f. 6382	"Mrs. Missionary"; M. Copland	1956-1957
b. 541, f. 6383	"Reconciliation and Renewal in Japan"; M. Tekenaka	1956-1957
b. 541, f. 6384	"Multitudes in the Valley"; D. Baly	1957-1959
b. 541, f. 6385	"The Halting Kingdom: Christianity and the African Revolution", J. Karefa-Smart	1957-1959
b. 542, f. 6386-6388	"Outside the Camp"; C. West	1957-1960
b. 542, f. 6389	"The Life and Mission of the Church in America"	1958
b. 542, f. 6390	"Missionary Vocation"; K. Bridston	1958
b. 542, f. 6391	"Threefold Mission of the Church"; W. Visser 't Hooft	1958-1959
b. 542, f. 6392	"SVM and the National Student Christian Federation"	c. 1959
b. 542, f. 6393-6395	"Raise a Signal"; H. Converse	1960-1961
b. 542, f. 6396	"Servants of God in People's China"; K. Hockin	1961
b. 543, f. 6397,6398	"The Noise of Solemn Assemblies"; P. Berger	1961
b. 543, f. 6399,6400	Miscellaneous manuscripts	n.d.

Periodical publications		
b. 543, f. 6401-6406	<i>Christian Horizons</i>	1943-1947
b. 544, f. 6407-6415	<i>Christian Horizons</i>	1948-1950
b. 545, f. 6416-6423	<i>Christian Horizons</i>	1950-1954
b. 546, f. 6424-6428	<i>Christian Horizons</i>	1955-1957
b. 546, f. 6429	<i>Far Horizons</i> : Book reviews	1930-1935
b. 546, f. 6430	<i>Far Horizons</i> : Form letters	1930-1934
b. 546, f. 6431	<i>Far Horizons</i> : Reports	1930-1934
b. 546, f. 6432	<i>Far Horizons</i> : Re. student editorial board	1933
b. 546, f. 6433	<i>Far Horizons</i> : Subscriber comments	1931-1932
b. 546, f. 6434	<i>Far Horizons</i> : Manuscripts submitted	1932-1934
b. 546A	<i>Far Horizons</i> : Engraved blocks for photos and graphics	
b. 547, f. 6435-6440	<i>Far Horizons</i> : Subscriptions	1930-1931
b. 548, f. 6441-6446	<i>Far Horizons</i> : Subscriptions	1931
b. 549, f. 6447-6453	<i>Far Horizons</i> : Subscriptions	1932
b. 550, f. 6454-6457	<i>Far Horizons</i> : Subscriptions	1932-1933
b. 550, f. 6458	<i>Horizons Abroad</i>	1942-1943
b. 550, f. 6459-6463	<i>The Intercollegian</i> : Administration and distribution	1938-1953; n.d.
b. 551, f. 6464-6473	<i>The Intercollegian</i> : Content	1938-1953; n.d.
b. 551, f. 6474-6476	<i>The Intercollegian and Far Horizons</i> : Administration and distribution	1934-1940
b. 551, f. 6477-6478	<i>The Intercollegian and Far Horizons</i> : Content	1934-1939
b. 552, f. 6479-6481	<i>Newsletter of the Fellowship of Student Volunteers for Christian Mission</i>	1960-1964
b. 552, f. 6482	<i>Recruiting Information Service</i>	1940-1941

Periodical publications (continued)

b. 552, f. 6483	<i>SVM Fellowship News</i>	1934-1936
b. 552, f. 6484-6485	<i>The Student Volunteer Fellowship of Prayer</i>	1941-1942
b. 552, f. 6486	<i>The Student Volunteer Movement Bulletin</i>	1921-1930
b. 553, f. 6487-6491	<i>Student Volunteer Movement Newsletter</i>	1949-1959
Pamphlet publications		
b. 554, f. 6492	Abbu and Company; The Achievements of the SVM for Foreign Missions, 1886-1919; Adventure, History, Faith; The Agricultural Missionary; Agriculture in the Program of Modern Missions; The Aim and Motive of Foreign Missions	
b. 554, f. 6493	Allies of the Truth; The America and Canadian Student in Relation to the Worldwide Expansion of Christianity; The American Student Missionary Uprising; Another Chapter in Our History; An Appeal from China	
b. 554, f. 6494	An Appeal from Japan; An Appeal to the Christian Medical Students of America; An Appeal to the Churches; Are More Foreign Missionaries Needed?; Are More Missionaries Needed and Wanted?	
b. 554, f. 6495	Are More Missionaries Wanted in China?; Ba Thane: A One-Act Play of Burma; Benefits Derived From Mission Study; The Bible and Foreign Missions	
b. 554, f. 6496	The Blue and the Red Triangles; Builders of a Rural Civilization; Building a World Christian Community; C.B.R. of Chongqing (Chungking); A Call for Colleagues	
b. 554, f. 6497	A Call for Leadership; A Call for a Moment of Destiny; A Call to Prayer Careers in the Christian Mission; Careers of International Service The Case for Foreign Missions; China After the War	
b. 554, f. 6498	The Christian Enterprise Abroad; The Christian Message; The Christian Message for a Bewildered World The Christian Ministry Overseas	
b. 554, f. 6499	The Christian Mission in the World of Today; Christian Missions; Christian Missions in World Perspective (booklist); Christian Service Abroad	
b. 554, f. 6500	Christianity and the Non-Christian Religions; Christianity the Forerunner of Democracy; Church Social Worker; Circle of Prayer for Volunteers; The College Woman's Opportunity	
b. 554, f. 6501	Comparative Studies in Missionary Biography; Consecration; Course of Study on Medical Missions; Cycle of Prayer	
b. 554, f. 6502	Declaration Card; Declaration of Purpose; Detained but Dauntless; A Doctor's Reasons for Going to China	
b. 554, f. 6503	Economic Problems and the Christian Ideal; The Educational Missionary; Educational Specialists; Exhibit of Missionary and Allied Literature (catalogue); Factors in the Development of the SVM; Facts About the SVM	
b. 554, f. 6504	The Field Campaign for Missions; Fields Still Unoccupied The First Essential of Brotherhood; The First Two Decades of the SVM	

Pamphlet publications (continued)

b. 554, f. 6505	Fundamental Qualifications of the Foreign Missionary; General Suggestions for Leaders of Mission Study Classes
b. 554, f. 6505	General Suggestions to Leaders of Mission Classes; Get Ready for a Real Job
b. 554, f. 6506	God Through Life or Life Through God?; Great Achievement for Which We are Thankful; Handbook, Fourth International Convention; Handbook of the SVM
b. 554, f. 6507	Hints on Mission Study Class Methods; History of the SVM (1892); Home Ties and the Foreign Mission Field; How Many New Missionaries are Needed?
b. 554, f. 6508	How Shall They Hear?; How to Find Reality in Your Morning Devotions
b. 555, f. 6509	Hymnals: 1898, 1901
b. 555, f. 6510	Hymnals: 1902, 1906
b. 555, f. 6511	Hymnals: 1909-1910, 1919-1920
b. 555, f. 6512	Hymnals: 1923-1924, 1927, 1931-1932
b. 555, f. 6513	I am a Christian; If God Permit; Industrial Education Among Primitive Peoples; The Impending Struggle in Western Asia
b. 555, f. 6514	The Influence and Results of the SVM; Intercessory Foreign Missionaries; Is Mission Study Worth While?; Is the Missionary Door Shut?
b. 555, f. 6515	Is There a Plan for My Life?; Japan and Reconstruction
b. 555, f. 6515	Jerusalem Answer to Present Day Inquiries; Jerusalem's Challenge; Jobs on Your Doorstep
b. 555, f. 6516	Latin America's Place in World Life; Letters by a Modern Mystic; Literature on the Christian World Mission; Looking Ahead in Malaysia
b. 555, f. 6517	Making Christ Known the World Around; Measure of a Modern Missionary; The Medical Advance Guard; The Medical Missionary
b. 555, f. 6518	A Medical Question-Box; The Message and the Man; A Message to Student Volunteers for Foreign Missions; The Minister in Missions
b. 555, f. 6519	Mission Study (Prospectus) 1904-1905 yearly to 1910-1911
b. 555, f. 6520	Mission Study (Prospectus) 1911-1912 through 1918-1919
b. 555, f. 6521	Mission Study Among Theological Students; Mission Study Class Mission Study Class Method The Missionary Demand and Supply; The Missionary Life of the Theological Seminary
b. 556, f. 6522	Missionary Meetings; The Missionary Nurse; Missionary Programs for Schoolboys; The Missionary Social Worker; The Missionary Uprising Among Students; The Missionary Wife; Missions in the New Age
b. 556, f. 6523	Modern World Movements: God's Challenge to the Church
b. 556, f. 6523	Money: Its Nature and Power Motives in Foreign Missions; A Movement with a History Faces a New Day; Mrs. Missionary

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b. 556, f. 6524	My Place in the World's Work; Near East: A Discussion Course for Students; New Days for the Philippines; The New Era in the Near East
b. 556, f. 6525	New Missionaries Needed and Wanted; Trails to World Friendship; The Non-Christian Religions Inadequate Not Leaders, But Saints and Servants
b. 556, f. 6526	The Nurse in the Mission Field; Occasional Types of Missionaries On Your Mark! Get Set!; Operation at One: A One-Act Play of China; Opportunities Unlimited
b. 556, f. 6527	The Opportunity for Student Volunteers in the Present Crisis The Opportunity of the Hour; The Organization of Mission Study Among Students; Other Men's Shoes
b. 556, f. 6528	The Personal Factor; A Philosophy of Life that Works; Physical Fitness and Foreign Service; Posters and Poster-Making
b. 556, f. 6529	Prayer and Missions; Prayers for Missions; Preparation for Missionary Service; Present Conditions in China
b. 556, f. 6530	Publications of the SVM 1893, 1900-1913
b. 556, f. 6531	Publications of the SVM 1916-1924; n.d.
b. 556, f. 6532	The Qualifications of the Foreign Missionary; A Question Box for Missionary Educators; A Question Box for Nurses; The Question of the Church in the World of Today; Racial Relations and the Christian Ideal; A Reading Course on India
b. 556, f. 6533	Record of the SVM 1911, 1912, 1914-1915, 1916; Recreational Songs Release: A Pageant; Religions of the World; The Rural Missionary
b. 556, f. 6534	Scripture Principles of Giving Illustrated; Secret Prayer: A Great Reality; The Secular Press and Foreign Missions; A Selected Bibliography of Missionary Literature
b. 556, f. 6535	A Selected Bibliography of Recent Books; A Selected Bibliography on World Christianity; The Self-Perpetuation of the Volunteer Band; Shall I Go?
b. 557, f. 6536	Shall the Tent-Makers Preach?; Short Course of Reading; Since India Went Over the Top; Some Atheisms to Which a Missionary Seems Susceptible
b. 557, f. 6537	A Spiritual Awakening Among India's Students; Spiritual Prerequisites; Student Missionary Deputations Among the Churches and Young People's Societies; Student Vision of the World-wide Church; The Student Volunteer Fellowship of Prayer
b. 557, f. 6538	The Student Volunteer Movement (various pamphlets)
b. 557, f. 6539	The SVM After 25 Years SVM Announcements (1897-98)
b. 557, f. 6539	SVM Becomes the Commission on World Mission, NSCF; The SVM for Foreign Missions; The SVM for Home Missions

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b. 557, f. 6540	The SVM in a Day of Growing Imperatives; The SVM in Canadian Colleges; The SVM Indicator; The SVM: Its Origin and Early History; The SVM Looks Ahead
b. 557, f. 6541	SVM Study Manual
b. 557, f. 6542	The SVM:1943-1944; Students and Missions; Students and the Christian World Mission; Students Ask About Missions (series of 8 pamphlets); The Students of North America in Relation to the Non-Christian World
b. 557, f. 6543	The Student's Part in a Troubled World; Studentenbund fur Mission; Suggestions for the Visit of a SVM Traveling Secretary; Suggestions to Student Volunteers; The Supreme Decision
b. 557, f. 6544	The Task of Tomorrow in Africa; Ten Lessons on the Bible and Missions
b. 557, f. 6544	Ten Reasons Why the SVM Merits Your Help in 1931; Things That Last in Christian Missions
b. 557, f. 6545	To Be a Missionary, A.D., 1946; Training for Non-Theological Missionaries; Transplantings; Unevangelized Areas
b. 557, f. 6546	United Intercessions; The Urgency and Crisis in the Far East
b. 557, f. 6546	The Value of Mission Study to the Normal School Student; A Vision Realized
b. 557, f. 6547	The Volunteer Declaration; Volunteer Missions Band; The Volunteer Pledge; Wanted --Authors
b. 557, f. 6548	Wanted: Renewal in Mission; Wanted: Student Volunteers; The Watchword as a Spiritual Force; Weekly Prayer Cycle for Leaders of Mission Study Classes
b. 557, f. 6549	What About Missions?; What Can I Believe About Christian Missions?; What Constitutes a Missionary Call? What Future?
b. 558, f. 6550	What Is Involved in Mission Study; What is Involved in Signing the Declaration of the SVM; What is the SVM?; What Kind of Colleagues?; We Have Failed
b. 558, f. 6551	While the Clay is on the Wheel; Who is Qualified to Prepare(for Foreign Missionary Service)?; Why Fiddle? Rome Burns!; Why I Study Missions
b. 558, f. 6552	Why Leave Non-Christian America for the Orient?;` Why Theological Training for Missionaries?
b. 558, f. 6552	Windows to a World Outlook; A Woman's Life and the World's Work; The Wonderful Challenge to this Generation of Christians; Working Abroad as a Christian
b. 558, f. 6553	The World Enterprise of Christianity (Study Course 1919-1922); A World Fellowship Book Shelf (Book List; 1925-1926, 1928); A World Horizon for Students; The World Mission of Christianity
b. 558, f. 6554	The World's Need; World-Wide Christian Outlook; You Will Be Glad; Youth and Renaissance Movements; Youth and the Human Scene

Series VIII: Conventions

The quadrennial conventions of the Student Volunteer Movement were the highpoints of its corporate existence. It was during these gatherings that the meaning and value of the Movement seemed most clear. The stated objectives of the first convention held in Cleveland in 1891 were 1) to allow for discussion of any problems facing the Movement; 2) to provide opportunities for student volunteers to meet with missions board secretaries and returned missionaries; 3) to enlighten missions board secretaries and others regarding the work of the Movement, and 4) to give new impetus to the missionary cause. (SVM Archives, Series VIII, Cleveland 1891, Convention report, p. 3.) The sixteen quadrennial conventions which followed Cleveland varied in their points of emphasis but essentially held to these four objectives.

The earliest quadrennial conventions were held in February or March, but, beginning with the Rochester gathering of 1909/1910, the pattern was established to hold the meetings shortly after Christmas, extending a day or two into the new year. Attendance at the conventions rose dramatically from 680 present at Cleveland in 1891 to 6890 present at Des Moines in 1919/ 1920. Reflecting the general fortunes of the Movement and national economic conditions, attendance then dropped steadily to slightly over 2000 at Indianapolis in 1935/1936, the last convention sponsored solely by the SVM. Beginning with Toronto in 1939, the conventions were sponsored by the SVM, the YMCA and YWCA, denominational student organizations and the Canadian Student Christian Movement. The conventions were progressively of a more consultative or educational nature, focusing on the problems of the general missions enterprise rather than on the work of the Student Volunteer Movement. The conventions were ostensibly student gatherings, but at Kansas City (1913/1914), for example, nearly one-third of the delegates present were not students.

The first convention at Cleveland in 1891 was the largest student conference to its time. More than any of the later gatherings, the first convention was a propaganda exercise for the Movement, an attempt to publicize its aims and work. By the third convention, again held at Cleveland in 1898, the Movement had established its reputation and could speak to wider issues; seven addresses on the program, for example, were devoted to the problem of financing the missionary enterprise. At the Nashville convention 1906, another issue came to the fore, the relationship of the missionary enterprise to international relations; addresses such as "The Relation of the Student Volunteer Movement to International Comity and Universal Peace" were on the program. Beginning with the Rochester convention of 1909/1910, gusts of the new trend in missions theory were felt; Sherwood Eddy's opening address was entitled "Is our Christianity Worth Propagating?" At Kansas City in 1913/1914, two Christian nationals, rather than Western missionaries, presented the needs of China and Japan at the convention.

The Des Moines convention of 1919/1920 was a watershed for the Movement. Many student delegates were dissatisfied with the dogmatic tone and narrow focus of the convention. As the Harvard University Crimson reported after the convention: "Men looked forward to a discussion of broad religious problems with their economic and political bearings. What they got for the most part from the speeches in the big Colosseum was narrow sectarian religion." ("The Des Moines Convention", Harvard University Crimson, January 7, 1920.) At the conventions which followed, measures were taken to meet the criticisms voiced at Des Moines, both in terms of the content of the message being presented and the format for presenting it. The Indianapolis convention of 1923/1924 is the first for which extensive files are available in the Student Volunteer Movement archives. Three major issues were addressed by the convention: industrial conditions overseas, race relations, and hopes for lasting international peace. After the presentation of these issues on the first day of the convention, forty-nine discussion groups under student leadership were formed. The trend toward student leadership and participation was continued at Detroit in 1928 as thirty-three "colloquia" were formed, with adults serving in a "resource person" capacity only. The trend toward a broader conception of missions was also continued, as evidence by the reaction of one conservative Kentucky coed: "The reports of the convention that I have both read and heard indicate that the spirit of the recent Detroit Convention was not only modernistic and unscriptural but also Bolshevistic." (Quoted in Weyman C. Huckabee, "History and Significance of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions", p. 94.)

Despite these efforts toward a new style in the SVM conventions, criticisms similar to those heard at Des Moines persisted. Seminar leaders at the Indianapolis convention of 1935/1936 echoed familiar themes in evaluating the convention:

If the platform speakers could attend the seminars and could thus find out what the student needs are, their later platform addresses would be more helpful.

Platform addresses were by speakers marked by too much age and maturity.

Program was not so much above heads, nor under heads, but beside the heads of the students-did not come to grips with student needs.(SVM Archives, Series VIII, Indianapolis 1935/1936, "Evaluations and Criticisms.")

The 1939 convention at Toronto represented a radical departure from the patterns of the past. It was the first of the conventions to be held on a university campus rather than at a large city hotel or hall. The conference was billed as a consultative meeting with attendance limited to 500 students. It was jointly sponsored by the SVM, National Intercollegiate Council, Student Christian Movement of Canada, and Commission on University Work of the Council of Church Boards of Education. Students and campus study groups were asked to prepare papers in advance of the conference which were to serve as the basis of discussion for seminar groups. The 1943 Student Planning Conference on the World Mission of the Church held in Wooster, Ohio was similar to the Toronto conference.

With the Second World War having ended and American campuses being infused with new religious life, the massive SVM convention pattern of the past was revived at the University of Kansas in Lawrence in 1947/1948 and 1951/1952. The 15th Quadrennial Convention of the SVM, again sponsored in conjunction with other movements, was billed as the North American Student Conference on Christian Frontiers (FRONCON) and attracted over 2500 delegates. There were also echoes of former controversies over the relationship of the Church's world mission to international relations. After conference chairman Congressman Walter N. Judd of Minnesota voiced the opinion in his opening address that the United States government should send aid to the Chinese nationalist government of Chiang Kai-shek, a protest movement among the student delegates arose. A letter appearing in the Daily Froncon, the conference newspaper, included the statement: "As a group of students interested in the welfare of this conference, the undersigned wish to express concern over the note of international power politics that had been sounded here and with the apparent identification of the Christian Church with one side in such politics." ("Tempest on Christian Front Over Judd Stand at Lawrence", Topeka Kansas Capital, December 31, 1947.) Student Volunteer Movement General Secretary Winburn Thomas's response to the controversy was: "This is a missionary conference and we have no desire to turn it into a political sounding board." (Ibid.)

There are over forty linear feet of records related to the quadrennial conventions in the SVM archives. The earlier conventions are documented primarily by scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings and reports. Extensive files for each conference beginning with Indianapolis 1923/1924 are divided according to topical categories. Of particular interest among these rough divisions are 1) the "budget and finance" categories which document how convention funds were

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b. 560, f. 6581 Delegates: quotas

b. 560, f. 6582 Executive committee

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