

Records of the Women's Missionary Society
(Eastern Division), 1880-1988

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Introduction

This collection comprises approximately 1 metre of annual reports, periodicals and histories of the Women's Missionary Society (Eastern Division). The records cover the period 1880-1988, during which time the Society changed its name on five occasions.

Some of the records of the W.M.S. (E.D.) prior to 1925 are held by the United Church Archives. Related material can be found in the records of the Foreign Mission Committee and other mission committees and boards. The archives of the W.M.S. (E.D.) and the Atlantic Mission Society are held in First Presbyterian Church, Prince Street, Pictou, Nova Scotia, B0K 1H0. Application to see these archives should be made through the Historical Secretary of the Atlantic Mission Society.

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Historical Sketch

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Eastern Division) began as the Halifax Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (E.D.) which was organized in 1876. The first auxiliaries were established in 1877 and the first Presbyterials in 1885, at which time the name Halifax was dropped and the Society became the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, (Eastern Division). In 1905 the work of the Society was extended to include home missions and in 1910 it was re-named the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Society. In 1915, following the union of the three western women's missionary societies and their adoption of the name, the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) the Maritime society changed its name to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Eastern Section). In 1933 the name was altered to W.M.S.(Eastern Division) and in 1986 the society became the Atlantic Mission Society.

The work of the W.M.S. (E.D.) parallels that of the W.M.S. (W.D.). There was financial support for missionaries and projects in British Guiana, India, Taiwan Korea and with Koreans in Japan, as well as work with immigrants in the Maritime provinces, church extension, summer camps and port work. The W.M.S. (E.D.) was also responsible for missionary education and prepared materials for use in mission study in adult and children's groups, and with the help of the W.M.S. (W.D.) set up adult training courses and leadership conferences.

The first periodical of the W.M.S. (E.D.) was a monthly leaflet which at its second issue was named The Message. In September 1924, at the annual meeting of the W.M.S. (E.S.) those proposing to enter the United Church of Canada were in the majority and in a relatively amicable atmosphere the editor and secretary-treasurer of The Message resigned and were replaced by pro-unionists. The title passed to the United Church in 1925 and subsequently was merged in a new periodical, The Missionary Monthly. The non-concurring Presbyterians who reformed as the W.M.S. (E.S.) set up a periodical which they named The Presbyterian Message and the previous editor and secretary-treasurer were appointed to this periodical. The numbering of the issues of The Presbyterian Message indicate changes in opinion over whether this was a new periodical or a continuation of The Message: after some confusion the numbering became continuous from the first issue of The Message.

Archival Arrangement

This collection consists of approximately 1 metre of published annual reports of the W.F.M.S. (E.S.) and the W.M.S. (E.D.), and periodicals and a few publications. The annual reports and periodicals are arranged in chronological order, and it should be noted that there are several gaps in both series. From 1968 the annual report was published as an issue of The Presbyterian Message. There are three files which contain other printed materials and these have been listed

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after the annual reports. The publications, which were all published by the W.M.S. (E.D.) have been listed in alphabetical order of title and smaller pamphlets have been placed at the end of the publications. The periodicals are located in the periodical section and should be requested by title and year of issue. Missing issues are indicated in brackets with the prefix "ex."

The finding aid is listed as FA-WMSED.

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File no	Date	Description
1988-7010-1-23	1878	Annual Report - Halifax Women's Foreign Missionary Society
1988-7005-1-1	1880-1882	Annual Reports - Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (Eastern Section)
1988-7005-1-2	1886-1890	Annual Reports - W.F.M.S. (E.S.)
1988-7005-1-3	1891-1895	Annual Reports - W.F.M.S. (E.S.)
1988-7005-1-4	1896-1900	Annual Reports - W.F.M.S. (E.S.)
1988-7005-1-5	1901-1905	Annual Reports - W.F.M.S. (E.S.)
1988-7005-1-6	1905/06-1909/10	Annual Reports - W.F.M.S. (E.S.)
1988-7005-1-7	1910/11-1913-14	Annual Reports - W.F. & H.M.S.
1988-7005-1-8	1914/15-1917/18	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.S.)
1988-7005-1-9	1919/20-1920/21	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.S.)
1988-7005-1-10	1921/22-	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.S.)
1988-7005-1-11	1924/25	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.S.)
1988-7005-2-1	1925/26-1926/27	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.S.)
1988-7005-2-2	1927/28-1928/29	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.S.)
1988-7005-2-3	1929/30-1930/31	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.S.)
1988-7005-2-4	1931/32-1932/33	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.S.)
1988-7005-2-5-	1933/34-1934/35	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.D.)
1988-7005-2-6	1935/36-1938/39	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.D.)
1988-7005-2-7	1939/40-1942/43	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.D.)
1988-7005-2-8	1943/44	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.D.)
1988-7005-2-9	1949/50	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.D.)
1988-7005-2-10	1963/64	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.D.)
1988-7005-2-11	1971, 1973	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.D.)
1988-7005-2-12	1976/77	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.D.)
1988-7005-2-13	1980/81-1982/83	Annual Reports - W.M.S. (E.D.)
1988-7005-2-14	1925	Council Meeting - Agenda
1988-7005-2-15	1930	Historical Report Copy of printed report, submitted to Council
1988-7005-2-16	1967	List of Archives, Charlottetown Typed list of archives of W.M.S.(E.D.) and artifacts held in Charlottetown, with extracts of some documents

Periodicals

1895 Jan.; 1899 Nov.-Dec.	<u>The Message</u>
1900 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Message</u>
1901 Jan.-July, Nov.-Dec.	<u>The Message</u>

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1902 Jan.-Dec.(ex. Sept.)	<u>The Message</u>
1909 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Message</u>
1910 Feb.-Dec.	<u>The Message</u>
1911 Jan.-Oct.	<u>The Message</u>
1912 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Message</u>
1913 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Message</u>
1914 Jan.-Sept.	<u>The Message</u>
1914 Oct.-Dec.	<u>The Message</u>
1915 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Message</u>
1916 Jan.-Dec.(ex. May)	<u>The Message</u>
1917 Jan.-Nov.	<u>The Message</u>
1918 Jan.-May.	<u>The Message</u>
1919 May-Dec.	<u>The Message</u>
1920 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Message</u>
1921 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Message</u>
1922 Jan.-Dec.(ex. Apr.)	<u>The Message</u>
1923 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Message</u>
1924 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Message</u>
1925 Feb.-Aug.	<u>The Message</u>
1925 July-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1926 Jan.-Dec. (ex. Mar., Aug., Sept.)	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1927 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1928 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1929 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1930 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1931 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1932 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1933 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1934 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1935 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1936 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1937 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1938 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1939 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1940 Jan.-Dec.(ex. Mar.)	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1941 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1942 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1943 Jan.-Dec.(ex. Mar., Apr.)	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1944 Jan.-Dec.(ex. May)	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>

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1945 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1946 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1952 Oct., Nov.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1954 Jan.-June	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1955 Apr.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1956 Jan.-Aug.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1958 Apr.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1959 Feb., July-Oct., Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1961 Oct.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1962 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1963 Jan.-Dec.(ex. Apr.)	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1964 Jan.-Nov.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1965 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1966 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1967 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1968 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1969 Jan.-Dec.(ex. Nov.)	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1970 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1971 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1972 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1973 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1974 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1975 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1976 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian message</u>
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1980 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1981 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1982 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1983 Feb.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1984 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1985 Jan.-Dec.(ex. Mar., Aug.)	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1986 Jan.-Dec.(ex. June)	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1987 Jan.-Mar.	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>
1988 May-	<u>The Presbyterian Message</u>

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Publications

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| 1988-7005-3-1 | 1926 | <u>Fifty Years of Woman's Missionary Work</u>
1926; 48pp. |
| 1988-7005-3-2 | [ca. 1906] | <u>Manual for Mission Bands and Young People's Societies</u> [ca. 1906]; 62pp. W.F.M.S. of the Maritime Provinces |
| 1988-7005-3-3 | 1976 | <u>The World for Christ: Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada: Eastern Division</u> 1976; 78pp. |
| 1988-7005-3-4 | [192-] | Pamphlets
<u>Why I am Remaining a Presbyterian</u>
Miss Wardlaw-Taylor; Halifax, n.d. (c. 1926); 11pp.
<u>A Message for You Today</u> n.d. (c. 1940)
10pp. |
| 1988-7005-3-5 | 1938 | <u>Martyrs of the South Seas: The Story of the Gordons of Erromanga</u> 1938; 32pp.
W.M.S.(E.D.), 2 copies |