BUSINESS AND ORGANISATION COLLECTIONS
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The Cadbury Research Library at the University of Birmingham holds over 4 million archives and manuscripts. This A-Z guide list the records we hold from a wide range of organisations. These include missionary societies, Christian and other youth organisations, local authority associations, political organisations and trade associations. Other organisational archives include a number relating to Christian education and training and special education and to British athletics. Business records, mostly relating to the West Midlands and records of publishers and records of publishing presses are also represented.

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A


Amalgamated Society of Anchorsmiths, Shackle and Shipping Tackle Makers: records, 1901-1924. Finding No: MS57/B/1


Amphlett Scholarship Trust: records, 1979-83. Finding No: DA3


Association of District Councils: records, 1974-87. Finding No: ADC

Association of Metropolitan Authorities: records, 1974-97. Finding No: AMA

Association of Special Education: minutes, 1903-63. Finding No: MS181

Baptist Missionary Society: missionary collecting box, mid 20th cent. Finding No: MS832

Barnstaple YMCA: minutes, 1949-54. Finding No: YMCA


Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society: records, 1922-90. Finding No: MS47

Biblelands [now called Embrace the Middle East]: records, 1854-2014. Finding No: MS203

Birkenhead & District Sunday School Union: minutes and other records, 1915-55. Finding No: LCEC


Birmingham Ear and Throat Infirmary: minutes, 1844-78. Finding No: MS130

Birmingham Institution for the Relief of Deafness see Birmingham Ear and Throat Infirmary
Birmingham Religious Study Circle: minutes, 1913-60. Finding No: MS792

Birmingham Repertory Theatre: programmes for performances held between August 1933 and April 1934. Finding No: MS934

Birmingham Shakespeare Reading Society: minutes, 1917-19. Finding No: MS825

Birmingham Sunday School Union see Birmingham Council of Christian Education

Bishop Tugwell Diocesan Fund: minutes, annual reports and other papers, 1874-1948. Finding No: CMS/ACC343; financial records, 1905-63. Finding No: CMS/ACC410


Blackett & Howden of Newcastle-on-Tyne, organ builders: estimate, order and wage books, 1902-16. Finding No: BOA

Block Chainmakers Association: records, 1890-1918. Finding No: MS57/B/2

Blockley Silk Mill: records, 1824-38. Finding No: MS84

Bombay Guardian newspaper: Notes on the history of the 'Bombay Guardian' newspaper, c 1908-1949. Finding No: MS880; and Scrapbook of letters dating mainly from 1899, the majority addressed to Henry Stanley Newman, proprietor, 1891-1905. Finding No: MS882

Brighton and District Sunday School Union: minutes, 1846-1962. Finding No: LCEC


British Association of American Studies: records, 1959-2016. Also includes papers of Heidi McPherson as BAAS Chair 2007-2010 and Professor Martin Halliwell as BAAS Chair 2010-2013. Finding No: BAAS
British Association of Settlements and Social Action Centres: Finding No: BAS

British Association of Teachers of the Deaf: records, including those of predecessor organisations. Finding No: BATOD

British Book Trade Index: papers relating to its administration, management and finance; and papers and printed materials of related organisations including History of the Book Trade in the North, the Book Trade History Group and the Birmingham Bibliographical Society. Correspondence between Knott and Isaac. 1983-2007. Finding No: MS803


British Institute of Organ Studies: Finding No: BOA


British Medical Association, Birmingham and Midland Counties Branch: minutes, 1854-73. Finding No: MS129

British Medical Association, Birmingham Branch, Pathological and Clinical Section: minutes, 1901-47. Finding No: MS706

British Union of Fascists: newspapers, 1933-40. Finding No: MS784

Bulgarian Bible School: minutes and other papers, [1870s]-2004. Finding No: MS203/C

Bury YMCA: minute book 8 February 1927-3 August 1933. Finding No: YMCA Section D 234

C

Cadbury Brothers Limited: papers mainly relating to the cocoa trade in West Africa, 1884-1970. Finding No: CADBURY

Cadell and Davies, booksellers and publishers: correspondence, 1776-1887. Finding No: CD

Cannock Chase Colliery Co: records, 1859-1929. Finding No: MS35

Cannock Chase Colliery and Wolverhampton Railway Co: records, 1852-1946. Finding No: MS36

Cape Coast Council of Merchants: transcripts of minutes, 1829-44. Finding No: MS679

Carey Hall United Missionary Training College for Women, Selly Oak: records, 1911-66. Finding No: CH

Cast Iron Hollow Ware Manufacturers' Association: minutes, 1872-1926. Finding No: MS53

Central Literature Committee for Moslems: records, 1932-42. Finding No: DA7

Central YMCA: records, 1848-1980s. Finding No: CYMCA

Chainmakers' and Strikers' Association: records, including those of associated and superseded chain trade associations 1857-1983. Finding No: MS57

Chainmakers Providential Association: minutes, 1890-1893. Finding No: MS57/B/3

Chance and Homer, of Birmingham, hardware factors: stock books, 1771-1880. Finding No: MS67/1

Chance Brothers and Co of Smethwick, glassmakers: accounts, 1838-75. Finding No: MS67/3


Chelmsford and District CMS Association: minutes, 1956-75. Finding No: CMS/ACC483

Christian Frontier Council: minutes, 1951-75. Finding No: DA8

Church Missionary Society (now Church Mission Society): records arising from the work of the administrative departments at the Society's headquarters in the UK including extensive correspondence with its overseas missions, predominantly dated 1799-1959. Finding No: CMS

Over the years CMS absorbed three other missionary societies, and their archives are also held as part of the CMS collection - see under Church of England Zenana Missionary Society, Society for Promoting Female Education in China, India and the Far East, and Loochoo Naval Mission.

Church Missionary Society, Lay Workers' Union for London: committee minutes, 1911-22 and other records 1911-66. Finding No: CMS/ACC346

Church Missionary Society, St Michael's Children's Home and School, Limpsfield, Surrey: 'Home Notes', a monthly newsletter, 1906-14; Church Missionaries' Children's Home Old Members' Magazine, 1909-32. Finding No: CMS/ACC922

Church Missionary Society, Southampton Auxiliary Committee: records, 1943-90. Finding No: CMS/ACC593


Church Missionary Union for Mid-Kent: records, 1885-1972. Finding No: CMS/ACC598

Church of England Scripture Readers' Association: minutes, 1844-47. Finding No: CPAS

Church of England Scripture Readers' Friendly Society: minutes, 1872-84. Finding No: CPAS


Church of England Zenana Missionary Society, Doncaster Branch: minutes, 1941-74. Finding No: CMS/ACC387
Church of Sweden Mission: copy minutes, 1973-84. Finding No: DA9

Church Pastoral Aid Society: records, including records of auxiliaries and of the Church Pastoral Aid Society Trust, 1836-1990s. Finding No: CPAS

College of Teachers of the Deaf and Dumb see British Association of Teachers of the Deaf

County Accountants Society see Society of County Treasurers

County Councils Association: records, 1891-1974. Finding No: CCA


Crosslinks see Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society

D

A. E. Davies Ltd of West Drayton, Middlesex, organ builder: records, 20th cent. Finding No: BOA


Droitwich Cottage Hospital: minutes 1877-98. Finding No: MS719

Durham University CMS Fellowship: minutes, 1955-81. Finding No: CMS/ACC507

E

East Herts Sunday School Union: minutes, 1880-1965. Finding No: LCEC

Ebenezer Sabbath School, Coleshill: minutes, 1835-45. Finding No: MS177

Edgbaston Steam Laundry: inventory and valuation of machinery and plant, 1900-1910. Finding No: MS932

Embrace the Middle East: These papers primarily comprise the records of Embrace the Middle East, previously the Turkish Missions Aid Society, the Bible Lands Society and then BibleLands. Embrace the Middle East is a non-governmental ecumenical charity supporting humanitarian projects primarily, but not exclusively, in Turkey, Syria, Egypt, the Balkans, Lebanon, Palestine, Bulgaria and Cyprus. Finding No: MS203


Enfield and District Sunday School Union see Lea Valley Christian Education Fellowship

English Association, Birmingham Branch: minutes, 1913-43. Finding No: MS397

Evesham Friendly Literary Society: circulating magazine, 1842-46. Finding No: MS594

Female Education Society see Society for Promoting Female Education in China, India and the Far East:


Friends of the Church in China: Various papers, including correspondence relating to the inception of the Friends of the Church in China, its charitable status and other general correspondence. Finding No: DA14

Fulham YMCA: Minutes 1879-81. Finding No: YMCA/ACC28

G
German YMCA in London: published history to celebrate 150th anniversary. Finding No: YMCA/ACC40


Grant, Degens & Bradbeer of Northampton, organ builders: drawings, contract files and other papers, 1960-81. Finding No: BOA


Hayloft Press: examples of printing, 1980s-90s. Finding No: MS180

Hereford YMCA: records, 1868-1934. Finding No: YMCA

Herefordshire District Review: papers relating to the review of districts in Herefordshire, 1960-66. Finding No: MS219


H. M. Inspectors of Factories: registers relating to the Midlands, 1923-61. Finding No: MS101

Hope-Jones & Co of Norwich, organ builders: estimate and order books, 1889-1901. Finding No: BOA

Hubble, H. D. (fl early 20th cent): illustrated specification notebooks, compiled c 1918. Finding No: BOA

Indian Church Aid Association see South Asian Church Aid Association


Institute of Rural Life at Home and Overseas: records, 1949-83. Finding No: DA22

International Bible Reading Association: records, 1886-mid 20th century Finding No: NCEC


J


John Feeney Charitable Trust: scores of works by composers commissioned by the Trust and first performed by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, 1955-97. Finding No: FCS
Josiah Mason Orphanage, Erdington: architects' plans, 1860. Finding No: MS648

Julian Meetings: financial records; printed materials including newsletters, pamphlets and promotional literature; and prayer leaflets issued under The Julian Meetings Postal Group scheme, 1973-2016. Finding No: MS903

K

Kendal YMCA: records, 1950s-60s. Finding No: YMCA

Kinver Grammar School: accounts 1774-1880. Finding No: MS612

Korean Mission: records, 1900-87. Finding No: DA24

L


Lea Valley Christian Education Fellowship: minutes and other records, 1844-2004. Finding No: LCEC

Leeds Central YMCA: winter syllabus for 1936/1937. Finding No: YMCA Section C (AccNo: 2012/77)

Leicester, City of, YMCA: handbook for 1950/1951. Finding No: YMCA Section C (AccNo: 2012/77)

Leicester Medical Missions Committee (known as Leicester Medical Association): minutes and financial records, 1951-83. Finding No: CMS/ACC509


Liddiatt & Sons of Leonard Stanley (Glos), organ builders: account books, 1919-1940. Finding No: BOA

Liverpool YMCA: Compilation volumes of Liverpool YMCA annual reports 1897-1904 and monthly journal October 1888-September 1889. Finding No: YMCA/ACC54

London College of Divinity see St John's College of Divinity, Nottingham


Lovell Society: minutes, financial records, annual reports, publications and other papers, 1904-2003. Finding No: MS203/B

Lowestoft & District YMCA: minutes, 1971-79. Finding No: YMCA

M

Macclesfield YMCA: minutes, 1923-42. Finding No: YMCA

Malvern and District Church Missionary Association: minutes, 1911-25. Finding No: CMS/ACC373


Mid Africa Ministry: records, 1914-95. Finding No: MAM


Midland Masters Athletic Club: Finding No: ATH/Z/5/97

Midlands Mathematical Experiment: correspondence and papers, 1962-66. Finding No: MS218
Midland Union of Conservative Associations: correspondence of officers, 1888-1944. Finding No: MUCA

Missionary Leaves Association: records, 1871-1920. Finding No: MLA

Monumental Brass Society: records, minutes, publications and other records, 1887-2015; collections of rubbings of brasses in the UK and elsewhere and associated papers, late 19th-20th century Finding No: MBS

National Association of Girls Clubs and Mixed Clubs see UK Youth

National Association of Teachers of the Deaf see British Association of Teachers of the Deaf

National Association of Youth Clubs see UK Youth


National College of Teachers of the Deaf see British Association of Teachers of the Deaf

National Council of Girls’ Clubs see UK Youth

National Organisation of Girls Clubs see UK Youth

National Sunday School Union see National Christian Education Council

New Shakespeare Company: records, 1937-2013. Finding No: DSH1


Norman & Beard of Norwich, organ builders: order books, drawings, pipe scale books, 19th-20th cent. Finding No: BOA

Norris & Sons, solicitors of Liverpool: papers principally relating to the title to Matacong Island, West Africa, 1825-1901. Finding No: MI

North Liverpool YMCA: minutes, 1888-1936. Finding No: YMCA
North London Auxiliary Sunday School Union: minutes and annual reports, 1845-1923. Finding No: LCEC


Northern Women’s Track and Field League: records, 1982-1983. Finding No: ATH/NWTFL


Nurses' Missionary League see Nurses Christian Movement

Nurses' Missionary Union see Nurses Christian Movement

O

Osmond & Co of Taunton (formerly J. E. Minns & Co), organ builders: accounts, 1890-1934. Finding No: BOA

Oxford YMCA: YMCA

P

Paignton YMCA: minutes, 1946-70. Finding No: YMCA


Penrith YMCA: minutes, 1889-1964. Finding No: YMCA

Pinder House, Skipton: photographs, cuttings and ephemera relating to Pinder House events and holidays, 1995-2013. Finding No: YMCA/ACC59
Pipecraft of Norfolk, organ pipe makers: pipe scale charts, 1967. Finding No: BOA

R


Rochdale YMCA: minutes, 1942-52. Finding No: YMCA

Rotherham and District Sunday School Union: records, 1946-63. Finding No: LCEC

Royal Institute of Public Administration: records, 1923-83. Finding No: RIPA


S

St Albans YMCA: printed leaflets, 1916. Finding No YMCA/ACC42

St Andrew’s College, Selly Oak: records, 1948-66. Finding No: SAC


St John’s College of Divinity, Nottingham: records, including those of its predecessor, the London College of Divinity. Finding No: SJC

Sanders, Benjamin Hadley, of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, solicitors: day book, 1890-94. Finding No: MS13

Salisbury and Dorset (including Wiltshire) CMS Association: newsletters, promotional material and other records, 1918-72. Finding No: CMS/ACC463

Save the Children Fund: minutes, publications, records of its administration and officers including Director General, Finance Department, Publicity Department Overseas Relief and Welfare Department, Commonwealth and Foreign Department and Home Welfare Department; papers relating to its overseas programmes; papers of Eglantyne Jebb as
its Honorary Secretary and some personal papers of fieldworkers, 1915-2006. Finding No: SCF


**School of Night Theatre Troop**: DVDs of performances, promotional posters and fliers, [c 2005-2014]. Finding No: DSH30

**Sherborne Association**: papers of and relating to Veronica Sherborne and to the Sherborne Movement Programme, 1950s-90s. Finding No: MS48

**Slade Baker, solicitors of Bewdley, Worcestershire**: business correspondence, 1785-1842. Finding No: SB

**Slaithwaite & District YMCA**: minutes, 1934-38. Finding No: YMCA

**Smallwood, John and Daniel, rulemakers of Birmingham**: wages books, 1884-99. Finding No: MS49

**Smethurst, C. of Manchester, organ builders**: correspondence, late 20th cent. Finding No: BOA

**Society of Clerks of the Peace of the Counties and of Clerks of County Councils**: 1893-73. Finding No: SCP

**Society of Clerks of Urban District Councils**: official journal, 1924-37. Finding No: SCUDC

**Society of County Treasurers**: records, 1937-1980. Finding No: SCT

**Society for Promoting Female Education in China, India and the Far East**: records, 1834-99. Finding No: FES

**Society for the Relief of Poor Pious Clergyman**: records, 1811-1969. Finding No: CPAS

**Society of Missionaries of Africa**: photographs relating to missionary work undertaken by the society [also known as ‘The White Fathers’], [20th century]. Finding No: MS898

**Society of Town Clerks**: records, 1948-99. Finding No: STC
South Africa General Mission: missionary collecting box, mid 20th cent. Finding No: MS832

South Asian Church Aid Association: records, 1880-1980s. Finding No: DA39

South Oxfordshire Hunt: albums of the master of the hounds, 1902-07. Finding No: MS50

South London Auxiliary Sunday School Union: minutes and annual reports, 1855-1912. Finding No: LCEC

Southend and District CMS Association: records, 1949-73. Finding No: CMS/ACC553

Southend and District Sunday School Union: minutes, 1911-34. Finding No: LCEC


Sowerby Bridge YMCA: minutes, 1959-67. Finding No: YMCA

Spalding Sunday School Union: minutes, 1928-65. Finding No: LCEC


Sudan United Mission: missionary collecting box, mid 20th cent. Finding No: MS832

Sudbury YMCA: minutes, 1936-50. Finding No: YMCA

Survey Applications Trust: records, 1957-82. Finding No: DA41

Swindon YMCA: minutes, 1941-46. Finding No: YMCA

Sydenham College, Birmingham: minutes, 1851-66. Finding No: MS128

Turkish Missions Aid Society see Biblelands

U


Union Movement:
publications, 1948-73. Finding No: MS196; papers of National Secretary, 1960-79. Finding No: MS124


V


W


Warwickshire Justice of the Peace: copy instructions for mustering troops in Warwickshire and a formulary of legal precepts, 1573-1594. Finding No: MS627
Weoley Hill United Reformed Church: records, 1918-2013. Finding No: DA48


Wessex Road Club: records, 1924-30. Finding No: MS17


West Midland Group on Post-War Reconstruction and Planning: papers 1921-56. Finding No: WMG

West Midlands Liberal Federation: minutes and other records, 1894. Finding No: WMLF

Wheadon, John and Co, dyers of Chard, Somerset: records, 1787-1807. Finding No: MS58

Willis & Co of London, organ builders: order books, correspondence, accounts and glass slides, 1875-1933. Finding No: BOA


Y

Yates, Roger, organ builder: drawings, mid-late 20th century. Finding No: BOA

York YMCA: minutes, 1904-38. Finding No: YMCA

Yorkshire Mineworkers Association: minutes 1881-1930. Finding No: MS506

Young Men's Christian Association: minutes and other records of the National Council of YMCAs, subsequently YMCA England, and including records of local associations and district unions, YMCA Women's Auxiliary and the Association of YMCA Secretaries, and publications of the World Alliance, c 1840-2008. Finding No: YMCA

Youth Hostels Association: records of the Youth Hostels Association (England and Wales), 1900-2011. Finding No: YHA

Z