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Finding Aid for

Netherlands Missionary Society Papers, 1825

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Summary Information

Creator: Netherlands Missionary Society, unknown author
Title: Netherlands Missionary Society Papers, 1825
Inclusive dates: 1825
Abstract: Manuscript notebook describing the activities of the Netherlands Missionary Society before/through 1825
Size: 1 folder in MRL12 Box G Folder 1
Storage: Onsite storage
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Administrative Information

Provenance: Originally part of the independent Missionary Research Library, these records were moved with the MRL to the Brown Memorial Tower of Union Theological Seminary in 1929. In 1976 the records were accessioned to the Burke Library with the closure of the MRL. This notebook was transferred into The Burke Library archives in July 2008

Access: Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by phone, fax or email archives@uts.columbia.edu, as far in advance as possible.

Access Restrictions: The notebook is unrestricted to readers.

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Organizational History

The Netherlands Missionary Society was founded in 1797 as a Dutch Protestant (Reformed) mission board in Rotterdam by Johannes Theodosius van der Kemp. Van der Kemp was influenced by the then recently formed Societies of Great Britain, and had earlier travelled to Africa under the auspices of the London Missionary Society. The Society was active in South America as well as in Asia through much of the 19th century. Among the more famous missionaries to be associated with it was the Reverend Karl Gützlaff, who was active with the Chinese communities in the Dutch East Indies and China from 1826. The Society, however, was not the only one of its kind; its perceived rationalistic character led to the origination of other Missions by the Evangelical Churches of Holland.¹

Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of one 46 page bound manuscript in English, author unknown, which describes the activities of the Netherlands Missionary Society. The description is divided by geographic regions and sub-regions and primarily covers the years 1823-25.

Processing

Folded pages were flattened. The manuscript was placed in a new acid-free folder and box.

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Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Account of the Netherlands Missionary Society, English, ms, 1825: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Indian Archipelago: Amboina, Timor, Ceram, Banda, Celebe, Boono, Java II. Hindostan: Palliacatta, Sadras, Chinfunab III. South Africa IV. Suriname

¹ Based primarily on information drawn from: *A Handbook of Foreign Missions Containing an Account of the Principal Protestant Missionary Societies in Great Britain with Notices of those on the Continent and in America; Also an Appendix on Roman Catholic Missions*. London: The Religious Tract Society, 1888. pp. 248