

## Reference Copy of the Mission Albums

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The images in these albums, for the most part, are the product of professional photographers. They were hired to do photographic essays on various institutions, projects or needs which the denomination felt important at the time. In a few cases there are images from actual missionaries. These images were then later re-used in denominational newspapers, quarterlies and other publications. Some were also turned into lantern slide shows which could then be requested by the public for use in local churches. There were, for example, shows on missionary work in India and another on the denomination's women's colleges around the world. Although the images range in date from the 1880s until the 1930s most of the images were taken during the first three decades of the twentieth century. The albums were assembled during the 1930s. The titles of the albums, as well as the captions, are those of the original editors and are reflective of their time, place and language.