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Minutes, working papers of Executive Committee, correspondence, and miscellaneous records of the Dublin University Mission to the diocese of Chota Nagpur [DUMCN], Bihar Province, North India

1891-2004

From the DUMCN Committee, Trinity College Dublin, 1980; from Revd N.T. Ruddock, Castlepollard, 1986; Canon David Moynan, 2005; Canon Patrick Harvey, 2007; St Canice's Cathedral Library, Kilkenny, 2007, and transferred to this collection in 2010

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Introduction to the collection

This collection relates to the work of the Dublin University Mission at Hazaribagh in the diocese of Chota Nagpur, in the province of Bihar, in northern India. It contains materials deposited in the RCB Library on four separate occasions by personnel of the Mission's operating body in Ireland, its Executive Committee. Some of this material originated in India, mostly in the form of correspondence, but most of it was created in the course of the Executive Committee's administration and support of the Mission from Ireland. An additional, fifth deposit extracted from papers that originated in St Canice's Cathedral Library, Kilkenny, consists of the correspondence and related documents accumulated by the Revd Canon Denton C. Green of Killiney Rectory, Dublin, in his role as Honorary Foreign Secretary of the Mission from 1911.

In 1980 the Executive Committee deposited the minutes, accounts and related correspondence and loose papers created by the Women Associates who served in the Mission in Harazibagh. These women were doctors, nurses, teachers and others all of whom served as missionaries engaged in bringing the message of Christ to local people, and they operated their own internal administrative structure. These items which cover the period from 1897-1965 reveal that over the course of time the working arrangements, rules and regulations under which the women managed were changed and modified in the context of changing times in India and the service of Indian as well as Irish women in the Mission, including the dedicated service of Dr Bindu Porh, Medical Superintendant during the 1950s and '60s. This initial deposit also included materials created in Dublin, including the earliest volume in the collection, a gift book for the period 1891-1934, recording gifts received for various purposes for use in the Mission with corresponding donors or provenance information (section 1/); a run of printed annual reports and monthly letters from 1893 onwards (section 2/) which provide an excellent overview and starting point for any in-depth study of the Mission; the out-letter book of the Foreign Secretary of the Executive Committee for the period 1912-19 now in the main correspondence (section /5); and some miscellaneous loose correspondence between Mission officers and other personnel in Chota Nagpur, 1945-65, now listed separately as section /6.

More recent deposits of a single minute book of the Executive Committee for the period 1952-65, from the Revd Norman Ruddock in 1986, and a sizeable quantity of administrative material from Canon David Moynan, Chairman of the Executive Committee in 2005, subsequently added committee minute books, correspondence and working papers to the collection. This deposit, incorporating the materials in sections /4, /5, 7/, 8/, 9/, 11/; 12/ and 13/ provide rich detail about the support and administrative oversight provided by the Executive Committee and officers in Dublin, mostly for the period from the 1950s onwards.

These latter materials include minute books and related administrative papers (mostly detailed correspondence) from 1940 to 2004, created by successive chairmen and secretaries of the Executive Committee, beginning with Canon Raymond Jenkins, chairman in 1940, and concluding with the papers created during the chairmanship of the Revd Kenneth Kearon, who served in that position between 1985 and 2004. The early letter book of the Foreign Secretary, covering the period 1912-19 is the first item in the main correspondence

section (see item /5.1) but there is a gap before subsequent runs of correspondence being in 1940. This absence of correspondence for the years 1919-40 has been remedied by the acquisition of Canon Denton C. Green's papers, which contain correspondence pertaining to his role as Foreign Secretary for the Mission, covering the period 1912-40. (His papers are held separately from the main correspondence section, and can be found at section 10a/.)

Separate sections have been created to cover the workings of St Columba's Hospital (8/) and the two girls' schools that were supported by the Mission – St Kirnan's and St Elizabeth (9/). A further section devoted to photographs and visual material /11 should be consulted in conjunction with another RCB Manuscript collection, being the photograph albums of Dorothy Jenkins (RCB Library MS 617) in five volumes which were compiled whilst she worked in the Girl's School in Hazaribagh, 1926-34. The collection of printed materials (12/) will provide a useful starting point for exploring the history of the Mission, and its association with Dublin University. The final section (13/) is devoted to personnel files, mostly covering the appointments and service of individual missionaries who served in India, and will remain closed for 100 years.

Section 10/ is devoted to the personal papers of the Ven. Brian 'Peter' Harvey compiled or accumulated during this time in service at the Mission, first as a missionary 1948-51; as acting head of the Mission, 1951-55 and finally as the Archdeacon of Hazaribagh, 1960-63, before his return to Ireland to take up the role as Canon Theologian in St Anne's Cathedral Belfast, in 1963. Following Dean Harvey's death in 2005, his son Canon Patrick Harvey, deposited his father's papers, a sizable quantity of which related to his father's life in the Mission in India, which have been extracted and added to the Chota Nagpur collection proper as they contain much of relevance to the Mission, and also provide rich insight from the perspective of one long-serving and highly regarded missionary, even after his return to Ireland, as India and the Mission remained very close to his heart.

Section 10a/, which was added in 2020, contains the papers of Canon Denton C. Green, covering the years 1912-40. These papers chiefly consist of correspondence generated in his role as the Mission's Foreign Secretary based at Trinity College Dublin, where he was an Assistant Lecturer in Divinity (1911-46). The Revd Green's papers provide a source of information about the administration and staffing of St Columba's College in Hazaribagh, and about the activities and experiences of male missionaries in Chota Nagpur; in particular, their recruitment to the Dublin University Mission, their health, travel to India, wages and pensions, and periods of furlough. The papers also offer some insights into the Mission's fundraising initiatives.

Whilst the early years of the Mission's work in India are covered by the papers of the Women Associates, and while Dean Harvey's personal material provides some insight about the life of one individual, in the main there is no corresponding archival material for the men workers associated with the Mission, which represents another gap in the series. Furthermore, whilst the minutes and working papers of the Executive Committee are rich in detail from 1952 onwards, there are no minute books before that date. Perhaps in the course of time more material may come to light, which may be added to the collection and complete the rich archive now available. Canon Green's papers, added to the collection in 2020, partly fill the information gap regarding male Mission workers.

In addition to the important photographic collection of Dorothy Jenkins (MS 617) referred to above, which covers her time in India in general and in Harazibagh in particular between 1926 and 1934, two other manuscripts in the RCB Library should be consulted for background about Church of Ireland support of the work of the Mission in India. These are an account book of collections made in the diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, 1920-28 (RCB Library MS 303) and a rare volume of photographs, letters, press cuttings and printed material concerning A Pageant of Early Irish Saints; which was presented by the Ladies Committee of the Dublin University Mission to Chota Nagpur to Dr Eva Jellett, who had served as a doctor, in June 1921 (RCB Library MS 159).

1/ Gift Book

Small notebook recording gifts received for various purposes for use in the Mission, from its establishment until the mid-1930s, with corresponding donors or provenance information.

1891-1934

2/ Annual Reports and Monthly Letters

Note that further reports covering the 1940s in details are included in correspondence files, see 5/2 below.

1. Bound volumes, as follows:-
 1. 1893-1900
 2. 1901-05
 3. 1906-10
 4. 1921-25
2. Loose reports, miscellaneous bundle including the first report to be published in India, 1894
1894-1987 [incomplete set]
3. File of monthly letters sent by members of the Mission committee to Ireland
1962-65

3/ Minutes & miscellaneous papers of the Lady Associates – the Fellowship of the Risen Christ, 1897-1965

The Fellowship appears to have had its own record keeping structure and internal arrangements for organisation within the general context of the Mission. The records here are some of the earliest available in the collection as a whole.

1. Minute books of the Lady Associates (monthly and general meetings)
 1. 1897-1903
 2. 1906-19
 3. 1919-26
 4. 1927-38
 5. 1938-43
 6. 1943-61
 7. 1962-69
2. Minute books of Lady Associates House Chapter
 1. 1911-30
 2. 1930-36
3. Misc. loose agenda and minutes of the Lady Associates
1955-65

4. File of miscellaneous accounts including the 'Chitarpur account' being balance sheets detailing payments to individual women members; scales of salaries for women teachers and other balances and statements of accounts. 1930-64
5. Miscellaneous Loose Papers, 1906-70, as follows:-
 1. File of papers concerning rules of life and regulations of Women Associates and those signing up for service as candidates for the Fellowship of the Risen Christ, including the Rules of Life, and various amendments and re-wording of these defining documents over time, reflecting changing personnel and needs within the Mission. 1906-63
 2. Two summary reports sent to Dublin on Women Associates' Work, under the following heads: 'Evangelist and Pastoral'; 'Educational'; 'Medical'. 1959; 1960
 3. Reports of the Head of the Lady Associates, sent to Dublin, with related statistical information, some of which subsequently were published in the *Light and Life* magazine, in which progress in the hospital and the schools is covered. 1960-63; undated
 4. File of printed reports and some related correspondence mostly with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in London detailing furlough rules and other matters concerning missionaries, including some handwritten notes on conditions for women members and general working conditions in Hazaribagh Undated, 1956-70

3a /Accounts & account-related correspondence, 1923-1985

1. Ladies' Auxiliary Children's Fund, detailing donors and sums given. 1923-85
- 1a. From the papers of Canon Denton C. Green (see section 10a/): Mission accounts for the year 1928.
 1. Annual balance sheet for 1928, authenticated by Head of Mission A. O. Hardy. 1929
 2. General Mission expenses account for 1928, authenticated by A. O. Hardy. 21 February 1929
 3. School accounts for 1928, authenticated by A. O. Hardy. 21 February 1929

4. St Columba's School Hostel balance sheet for 1928,
authenticated by A. O. Hardy.
21 February 1929
2. No. 2 Account Book with the Royal Bank of Ireland, Dublin
1951-70
3. Income Account Book
1952-68
4. Outward payment book recording bank transfers between Dublin and
Calcutta banks
1969-73
5. Honorary Treasurer's file of papers, including correspondence received,
much from St Columba's Hospital, Hazaribagh, by Mr G.R.G. (Reg)
Downs, Honorary Treasurer of the Executive, copies of other letters and
reports, and annotated versions of the annual printed reports,
1961-84
6. Similar file of correspondence detailing payments and costs associated
with the hospital, St Michael's School for the Blind, and various other
diocesan hospitals and schools, which seems to cover the period of the
"break" between the Mission and diocesan-run administration and thus
reveals some tensions and difficulties.
1969-85

4/ Minutes and Attendance Books of the Executive Committee

This collection seems incomplete as the volumed minutes are recent in date. Sections 5/, /6 and 7/ (on pp 7-12 below) help to flesh out the information contained in the minutes.

1. Minute Book: Joint committees of the Mission, Dublin
1952-65
2. Minute Book: Executive Committee
1956-75
3. Rough Minute Book: Executive Committee
1956-58
4. Attendance Book: General Committee
1955-67
5. Attendance list for the Executive Committee meeting held on 3
February 1976
1976

5/ Correspondence and Working Papers of the Executive Committee concerning general administrative business

1. Damp press out letter book of D. C. Green, Foreign Secretary of D.U.M. Chota Nagpur in Dublin, covering a range of the Mission's business. Indexed.
1912-19
2. File of correspondence and related papers from officers in the DU Mission in Hazaribagh, Chota Nagpur, to contacts in Dublin, principally Canon Raymond Jenkins, chairman of the Executive Committee, All Saints Vicarage, Grangegorman, Dublin and Canon Denton C. Green, secretary, Killiney Rectory, county Dublin, which give colourful insight to the challenges facing the Mission during the Second World War period. A series of typewritten letters from C[handler] Stevenson at the Mission (1940-44) are particularly detailed; while there are a few also from the Rt. Revd F.R. Willis (1944-45) and one typewritten report from Miss Elizabeth Ferrar, missionary, while on holiday in Murree, in the Punjab, in May 1945. Some of Canon Jenkins' draft replies are also interleaved in the series. Refer to section 10a/ for additional correspondence of Canon Denton C. Green.
27 items
1940-45
3. General correspondence file relating to administration of the Mission from Dublin, including changes to the regulations and byelaws for candidates to work in the Mission; fund-raising efforts to provide a bursary for St Columba's school and erect a memorial to Canon J.B. Murray, initiated by Canon Raymond Jenkins, in 1942.
66 items
1940-48
4. File of general correspondence received from people at the Mission reporting to various members of the Irish Executive Committee, principally Revd F.C. Parkes, Acting Head of Mission, 1955-56; Brian 'Peter' Harvey, Acting Head, 1956-60; Elizabeth Ferrar, secretary of St Kiran's School, 1960; and the bishop of Chota Nagpur; with copies of replies and other correspondence, mostly sent by honorary secretary, Canon Brian Handy, The Rectory, Sallins, county Kildare. The file is rich in detail about prevailing conditions and the ongoing work in the field.
1955-60
5. Correspondence between Canon Brian Handy, secretary, and various diocesan secretaries in the Church of Ireland, concerning Executive Committee's efforts to initiate interest and financial support for the Mission in India through fund-raising and public events. There was

also a drive to encourage diocesan people to consider vocation as missionaries in support of the work of the Mission.

1955-65

6. File of papers concerning a proposed change in the constitution of the Mission in Chota Nagpur, eventually considered by the Executive AGM of 1968, in which the authority of the bishop of Chota Nagpur was elevated and integrated to govern the local administrative workings of the Mission. Thereafter, staff employed at the Mission became accountable to the bishop; although missionaries continued to be recruited for and paid by the USPG. The correspondence reveals the efforts made locally by Revd R.S. Peters Acting Head of Mission in Hazaribagh 1953-57 and his successor, Canon Brian 'Peter' Harvey, from 1957. It also includes a typescript copy of the draft constitution and a memorandum on same.

1957-68

7. Miscellaneous papers, mostly copies of outgoing correspondence sent by Canon Brian Handy, chairman 1960-68, St Michael's Vicarage, Sallins, county Kildare, and correspondence received by Revd R. C. Armstrong, secretary, The Rectory, Finglas, Dublin, together with agenda papers for the annual meeting of the Executive Committee, 1959-67. A feature of the AGM was that it would be addressed by a guest speaker – usually someone who had served in India.

1957-67

8. Miscellaneous correspondence from the 1960s including copies of outgoing letters sent by the Executive secretary, the Revd Robin C. Armstrong, The Rectory, Finglas, county Dublin to the bishop of Chota Nagpur; three memorandums by Elizabeth Ferrar for the information of the Committee, 1963 and 1964; and notes on the distribution of the annual report, sent by DU Press Ltd, 1964.

1962-65

9. Miscellaneous correspondence received by various members of the Executive, with each other, and in particular from staff at the Mission in Hazaribagh. Correspondents include the Rt. Revd Dilbar Hans, who had assumed headship of the Mission; Elizabeth Ferrar; Revd David Corfe, and Revd Billy Marshall. One of the main correspondents in Ireland on behalf of the Executive Committee is returned Brian 'Peter' Harvey, writing from the Rectory, Elmwood Avenue, Belfast, who maintained a close personal interest in the workings of the Mission, and appears to have acted as an intermediary when relationships with the bishop became difficult following his elevation as Head of Mission, especially in relation to a proposal to send Revd Billy Marshall to work away from Hazaribagh district in another part of the diocese at Murhu. The file also reveals the efforts of the Friends' School, Lisburn, led by Mr Sydney Stewart, headmaster, to raise funds for an ambulance and other essential requirements for St Columba's Hospital. Mr Stewart was later responsible for bringing the ambulance to India.

1967

10. Large file of working papers, including reports and correspondence reflecting the transfer of committee work following the resignation of Canon Brian Handy as chairman in 1968. No meeting was held in that year, but thereafter Rt. Revd F.R. Wills, who had retired as Bishop of Delhi in 1966, became chairman of the Executive Committee, with the Revd Mervyn Searight serving as Honorary Secretary.
1968-69
11. Two rough note books recording Executive Committee business, including drafts of outgoing letters and summaries of actions taken.
Undated [1960s?]
12. File of correspondence in two separate bundles being letters received by the Revd Mervyn Searight, Honorary Secretary of the DU Mission Executive, Killermogh Rectory, County Laois, with a few copies of replies and other outgoing letters. The file contains several exchanges of correspondence with the chairman of the Executive Committee, Rt. Revd F.R. Wills.
1970
13. File of working papers, mostly correspondence to Rt. Revd F.R. Wills, chairman, All Saints' Vicarage, Phibsborough, Dublin, which is concerned about deteriorating financial situation at the Mission in India; some direct correspondence with the Bishop of Chota Nagpur, Rt. Revd Dilbar Hans about this situation and the deteriorating condition of the hospital; problems with superintendence of the nursing students and other matters. There are also copies of the Executive Committee's reports for 1970-71 and 1971-72.
1970-72
14. File of working papers, mostly correspondence to Rt. Revd F.R. Wills, chairman, All Saints' Vicarage, Phibsborough, Dublin, concerning finances and other matters. There is a copy of the treasurer's report for 1973; and amended copies of the printed report for the year.
1973
15. File of working papers, mostly correspondence to Rt. Revd F.R. Wills, chairman, All Saints' Vicarage, Phibsborough, Dublin, concerning routine administrative matters but also a proposed scholarship supported by the Executive for orphan and poor girls at St Kiran's School.
1974
16. File of working papers, including Annual Reports (typewritten) for 1975 and 1976, a news letter from Miss Isobel Ruby, 1976, and various financial papers and agenda papers for the 1976 AGM.
1975-76
17. Correspondence file of letters received by Canon Brian Handy, Mountain View Park, Greystones, county Wicklow, honorary treasurer of the Executive Committee with his draft and typewritten replies. The file includes an interesting exchange with Mrs Mercy

Simms, See House, Armagh, who took an active interest in the Mission in India.

1976

18. Typewritten report of the state of the diocese of Chota Nagpur, compiled by Elizabeth Ferrar, with additional extensive report of the needs of both diocese and mission in the future, in the context of the centenary celebrations to take place within two years, written by Bishop Dilbar Hans, Ranchi, December 1988.
1988
19. File of papers created during the chairmanship of Revd Dr W.J. (Billy) Marshall (1981-85), and including some older inherited papers from 1977 onwards detailing the “Diocesan Office Debacle, 1978-79” when due to financial irregularities, and a mysterious fire in the diocesan office in Chota Nagpur - when many administrative papers were destroyed - a USPG-led investigation was set up to get to the bottom of difficulties; as well as a report and related correspondence about the collapse of the roof in St Stephen’s Church, 1980. In addition, the file includes detailed correspondence from the Revd B. K. Soy, Principal of St Columba’s College with Dr Marshall about the scholarship at the college and other academic matters, 1983-85; some material about the visit of the Very Revd John Paterson, Dean of Kildare, to India in 1984; as well as minutes, balance sheets and other working papers, 1983-85.
1977-85
20. Files of papers created during the chairmanship of Revd Kenneth Kearon (1985-2004), including agendas, minutes circulated, balance sheets and financial reports, and other working papers as follows:
 1. File created during the tenure of Mr K. Porter as honorary treasurer. File contains routine papers and also detailed correspondence about developments in St Columba’s Hospital, Hazaribagh.
1987-91
 2. File including routine papers but also correspondence concerning arrangements for the centenary celebrations in 1992.
1992-96
 3. Further extensive file while Canon Kearon was as Director of the Irish School of Ecumenics, where most of the meetings during this period were held. This terminates at his resignation as Director, when he was appointed General Secretary to the Anglican Communion, and moved to London.
1997-2004

6/ Loose correspondence between Mission officers and other personnel in Chota Nagpur, 1945-65

This material was originally filed with Lady Associates' papers and has been organised chronologically by correspondent, as follows:-

1. Correspondence between Margaret Kenworthy-Browne and Mary White, 1945-61.
2. Correspondence between Elizabeth Ferrar and Mary White, 1953-54.
3. Letters from the Revd Brian Harvey, 1954-62.
4. Correspondence between Margaret Kenworthy-Browne and Elizabeth Ferrar, 1955-57.
5. Miscellaneous letters from Margaret Kenworthy-Browne, 1955-1960.
6. Letters from bishops of Chota Nagpur, 1956-65.
7. Correspondence between S.P.G. and Dr B. Porh, 1956-65
8. Correspondence between Margaret Kenworthy-Browne and Canon B.L. Handy, 1957-60
9. Correspondence between Margaret Kenworthy-Browne and Agatha de Sausmauez, 1957-62.
10. Correspondence between D.U.M. and C.O.R.S.O., 1959.
11. Correspondence between the Revd Brian Harvey and Margaret Kenworthy-Browne, 1959-61.
12. Correspondence between Margaret Kenworthy-Browne and Dr Veronica Thres.
13. Letters from S.P.G. to the Revd Brian Harvey, 1960-62.
14. Correspondence between Mary White and Dr B. Porh, 1961-65.
15. Misc. correspondence of Dr B. Porh, 1963-65.
16. Letters from Elizabeth Ferrar to Dr B. Porh, 1964
17. Misc. correspondence, 1921-63

7/ Other Correspondence of the Executive Committee dealing with specific issues

USPG

1. Correspondence file consisting of three related series of letters with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG) which became the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG Ireland) and which supported the diocese of Chota Nagpur and the Mission's activities therein, mainly concerning missionary salaries and other financial issues for the Mission and other USPG-supported programmes.
1955-61; 1956-61; 1960-65

2. Papers, mostly correspondence, concerning links established by D.U.M. with the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG Ireland) with the aim of cementing Anglican commitments to the Mission in general and improving Irish support in particular in the light of declining links between Trinity College Dublin and the mission, and that people from Ireland were no longer going out to work in the diocese. The file includes a report of the first meeting of a new joint steering committee (held on 15 December 1971) as well as earlier USPG executive committee minutes and related letters. The initiative seems to have been largely due to the determined commitment of the Very Revd Brian Harvey, who formerly worked in Chota Nagpur, the Revd Professor F.E. Volkes, Professor of Divinity at Trinity College Dublin (with whom there is detailed correspondence from 1968) and the Rt. Revd F.R. Willis.
1968-72

Visits to Ireland by Mission personnel

3. Correspondence between various officers of D.U.M. and USPG concerning the visit to Ireland of the Venerable John A. Cable, Archdeacon of Chota Nagpur.
1967
4. Correspondence mostly from Canon Billy Marshall, chairman of Executive Committee, Rathmichael Rectory, Shankill, county Dublin, organising the visit to Ireland by the Revd James Teron presbyter from the diocese of Chota Nagpur, in 1981. Teron's visit involved several speaking engagements and preaching at services throughout the Church of Ireland.
August-October 1981

Centenary

5. Papers relating to the D.U.M. Tour to India to celebrate the centenary of the Mission, 1992
File includes all of the pre-planning correspondence, itinerary and travel arrangements, and lists of participants, and an amusing postcard from Mrs Edna Burrows at the Taj Mahal in Agra, to Revd Kenneth Kearon, rector of Tullow parish, Dublin, and chair of the Executive Committee, who was unable to travel.
1991-92

8/ Records Relating to St Columba's Hospital

For further account-related correspondence see section 3a/ above

1. Record book of St Columba's Hospital, recording events as they occurred in life of the hospital, commencing with the arrival of Dr Eva Jellet and Miss Hewson.
1905-17
2. Correspondence relating to administration of the hospital between the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in London and Dr Bindu Porh, Medical Superintendant relating to medical mission grants and hospital personnel [note that there is additional correspondence with Dr Porh in section /3 above]
1956-61; 1963; 1965
3. Typewritten reports to the Executive of the progress of the hospital during successive years, with undated note on hospital administration, staff and patient statistics and outlining the links between it and the Dublin University Mission and USPG.
1958-64; undated
4. Typewritten annual reports including the narrative of the Medical Superintendent, with audited accounts and statistics annexed.
1975-85
5. Miscellaneous correspondence between the hospital and Executive, including the visit of Dr Pushpa Dass to Ireland in April 1978; a memorial fund in memory of the late Dr Bindu Porh; an account [by Canon Billy Marshall?] about the re-opening of the hospital building in November 1979, and subsequent routine administration.
1977-85
6. Printed materials as follows:
 1. Service regulations for St Columba's Hospital, Hazaribagh, being a working manual for medical staff and officers, in English and Hindi.
[1960s]
 2. History of St Columba's Hospital, 1892-1963 written to celebrate the opening of the main block of the Women's Hospital. Two copies.
1963
 3. A Brief History of the Nurses Training Hospital, 1922-72.
1972
 - 3a Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the St. Columba Chotanagpur Diocesan Hospital Society, registered at Patna, 3 May 1973
1973
 4. Facsimile of article from the *Irish Medical Times*, entitled 'Trinity College medical graduates' gospel mission in India' by Prof. Denis Coakley.
1989

5. Centenary Souvenir History of St Columba's Hospital 1892-1992, with preface by the bishop of Chotanagpur, Rt. Revd James Terom, including a picture of the bishop, Ranchi, July 1982, and printed greeting card with an image of the hospital 1992
7. Photographs showing model of new buildings at the hospital, and of the boards recording names / donors of private wards within it. Undated.

9/ Mission Schools

1. St Kiran's Girls' High School

- 1a. File of typescript reports outlining developments at the School and throughout the Mission, by various lady wardens and other staff, including: E. Margaret H. Scott, E. Ferrar, B. McCabe, J.V. Barker, A.F. Greene, M. Richards. 1951-68, undated
1. Correspondence relating to the grant for the school, including support from USPG. The file includes a B&W photograph of young children outside a brick building entitled 'house builders' which was obviously used for promotional purposes in Ireland. Sent by a member of the Executive Committee: Bishop Willis in Kenilworth Square, Dublin, to Canon Harvey, in Handy in Sallins, county Kildare, 3 May 1956
1956-61
2. Routine correspondence between the school and the Executive Committee in Dublin much of it relating to funding of the school, and the Children's Fund for those with special financial needs of support.
1972-75
3. Plan of proposed school building for St Kiran's School, being detailed architectural drawings of the court yard and classrooms; first floor and a typical design for a septic latrine in three sheets, with typewritten estimate of the costs of same. Sent by the bishop of Chota Nagpur to Bishop Willis, with dispatch notes and envelope for further information about dispatch.
1972
4. Plan and detailed cost estimate for the proposed construction of a hall attached to the school. Two copies.
1980

5. Correspondence between the school and other Executive members with Canon Billy Marshall, chairman, about funding and developments for the school including the proposed new hall building.
1980-83

2. **St Elizabeth's Girls School**

1. Correspondence between the Executive and the secretary of the St Elizabeth's school, and the Revd K.M. Philip, St Stephen's Parsonage, Hazaribagh.
1973-74

10/ Papers of the Venerable Brian 'Peter' Harvey

This collection of papers were compiled or accumulated the Ven. Brian or 'Peter' (later Dean) Harvey's time in service at the Mission or subsequently after he returned to Ireland, where he was actively involved in supporting and promoting its work. He served first as a missionary 1948-51; then became acting head of Mission, 1951-55 until the bishop of the diocese took over this role, but he continued in India, being appointed as the Archdeacon of Hazaribagh, 1960-63, before his return to Ireland to take up the role as Canon Theologian in St Anne's Cathedral Belfast, in 1963. His associations with India and the Mission continued as he made several subsequent return visits, revealed by these papers. Some miscellaneous photographs, together with printed books and official reports extracted from Dean Harvey's papers have been integrated into the main collection listed above. Separate items of correspondence between Harvey and various other Executive officers appear in the extensive correspondence sections, 5/, 6/ and 7/, whilst a copy of his published history of the Mission is available as /12/9 below.

1. Undated resolution concerning the acceptance of Mr Harvey's offer of further service, in this context of him being married, proposed by Canon Barker, seconded by Revd W.L. McCormick and carried without dissent.
Undated, 1950s?
2. Collection of printed histories of various cathedrals and missions in India; some correspondence; press cuttings; handwritten notes compiled by Harvey concerning the dates of building etc, of various churches and cathedrals in India, with some caption notes which appear to have been used for an exhibition on the history of cathedrals in India, again compiled by Harvey.

1950s

3. Materials principally in Hindi, and mostly translated worship services or historical materials as follows:
 1. Volume entitled 'Talks and Lectures', containing handwritten notes much of them in Hindi, which Canon Harvey delivered at St Columba's College, with related smaller notebook of 'Short Talks' and a vocabulary of useful words with Hindi pronunciation.
c. 1957
 2. Volume entitled 'Sermons' most of them in Hindi, includes handwritten notes on biblical references for various topics, written on the back of receipts for endowments of graves in Hazaribagh.
Undated [undated 1950s]
 3. Printed service of the ceremony of consecration of the Rt. Revd Sadanand Avinash Wishram Dilbar Hans as the sixth bishop of Chota Nagpur diocese, held in St Paul's cathedral, Ranchi, Sunday, 13 October 1957
 4. Order of Service for Holy Communion
undated [1950s]
 5. Printed history of the Anglican Church in India.
undated [1950s]
 6. Printed order of service held in St Stephen's Church, Hazaribagh to mark the centenary, at which the Venerable Brian Harvey 'former missionary and archdeacon of Hazaribagh' was the preacher.
6 December 1992
 7. Facsimile of the 'Protestant stations of the cross' with accompanying letter from Elizabeth Ferrar, dated 16 November 1996, who comments to him that she 'cannot make up [her] mind whether you are a Protestant Catholic or a Catholic Protestant'.
1992
 8. Two adult literacy story books, used for training, as follows:
 1. The story of a girl called Hali and the Guava tree
 2. The story of a poor farmer
4. Handwritten note books containing working notes (possibly for lectures or sermons) on various subjects, compiled by Harvey, as follows:
 1. Cathedrals in India; The Indian situation; How important is moral goodness; The pastoral situation in India; What is it like to be a missionary in another land; The colour question; Can reason replace faith?
 2. The transition of the Mission in the 30-year period leading to the centenary 1962-92, including the handing over of the Mission to the diocese of Chota Nagpur.

3. Notebook entitled: 'Individual confirmation class summaries', being notes on individuals preparing themselves for confirmation. All of the candidates appear to be Indian, and under the tutelage of Harvey.
1958-62

5. Order of service and cover letter with historical notes compiled for the Thanksgiving Eucharist to mark the centenary of the diocese of Chota Nagpur, held in Dromore cathedral, from Andrew Doloughan, Hon. Secretary of the cathedral church of Christ the Redeemer, Dromore,
1992

6. Other printed materials:
 1. Copies of the diocese of Chota Nagpur directory, listing office bearers and contacts, 1970-95
 2. Typewritten note on 'How it all began' the history of the mission, 2pp, by E. Ferrar
1989
 3. Brief report of the diocesan secretary, submitted at the diocesan conference, 1993
 4. Copy of report on the use of MDT in combating leprosy, with cover letter, from the Leprosy Mission Ireland.
1993
 5. Copy of the address to the nation by Shri K.R. Narayanan, President of India, on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Indian Independence, New Delhi, 15 August
1997
 6. Typewritten notes entitled: 'Bible studies on community development'
undated.

10a/ Papers of Canon Denton C. Green

This collection was compiled or accumulated by the Revd Canon Denton Charles Green (1872-1965), incumbent of Coolock (1911-1914) and later of Killiney Ballybrack (1914-46). The Revd Green, an Assistant Lecturer in Divinity at Trinity College Dublin (1911-1946), served as Honorary Foreign Secretary of the Dublin University Mission to Chota Nagpur from 1911. His papers consist of handwritten and typewritten correspondence and related items from the years 1912-1940, offering insights into the administration of the Mission between and during the two World Wars. Some photographs belonging to Canon Green's papers have been extracted from the present section and placed in section 11/ ('Photographs and visual material'). Similarly, four loose leaves of accounts from the year 1928 have been moved to section 3a/ ('Accounts and account-related correspondence, 1923-

1985'). The Revd Green's correspondence principally concerns the staffing of the Mission in Chota Nagpur. Regular correspondents include Head of Mission, the Right Reverend Alec O. Hardy (1926-1935), and his successor the Revd G. C. P. Stevenson.

1. Letters and related documents, sent from correspondents in Chota Nagpur to the Revd Canon Green at Killiney Rectory. Topics include: the running of the Mission High School at Hazaribagh, and the resignation of Principal Pritam L. Singh in 1932; the recruitment of lecturers P. H. Geake and J. B. Kerr to teach at St Columba's College, Hazaribagh; furlough arrangements for Mission workers including G. C. B. Hilliard, F. C. Parkes, F. R. Willis, and [E. C.?] Murray; regulations for missionaries' expenses; pensions for Mission workers; efforts to recruit an unmarried priest to the Mission in 1936; the appointment of W. E. Thrift, former Mission Treasurer, as Provost of Trinity College Dublin in 1937; an appeal to Trinity College Dublin graduates for funds; the recruitment of German Lutheran pastors to the Mission in 1939; and the outbreak of World War Two and its effect on missionaries' travel plans. Correspondents include: A. O. Hardy; G. C. P. Stevenson; Stacy Waddy, Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (S. P. G.); and the Revd W. F. France, Overseas Secretary of the S. P. G.

48 items

9 March 1928-23 October 1940

2. Letters and related documents in an envelope labelled 'Regulations', originally addressed to the Revd Dr Newport J. D. White, who served as Deputy Chairman of the Mission Committee (1900-11), and subsequently as Chairman (1917-35). Contents include: a letter from Sushil Kumar Rudra, Principal of St Stephen's College, Delhi, enclosing a draft copy of the constitution of St Stephen's College, established by the Cambridge Mission to Delhi in association with the S. P. G.; a letter from V. H. Stanton and the Revd Newport White, enclosing two copies of the constitution of St Stephen's College; a letter from the Bishop of Chota Nagpur [Foss Westcott?] to the Revd Green, commenting on the constitution of the Dublin University Mission to Chota Nagpur; two typewritten copies of the Mission constitution, with handwritten annotations; and two typewritten copies of proposed alterations to the constitution of the Mission's Ladies Associate Chapter.

7 items

22 May 1912-20 April 1914

3. Letters written or forwarded to the Revd Green by: the Revd Stevenson, Head of the Mission in Chota Nagpur; A. F. Markham, Principal of St Columba's College (on furlough in England); and the Revd F. R. Willis, Principal of St Columba's High School. Topics include: the appointment of J. B. Kerr as a lecturer at St Columba's College in 1938; the ill health of missionary F. C. Parkes; Willis's furlough; missionaries' pensions; changes to the Mission regulations; the difficulty of recruiting new missionaries; a proposal to reconsider the obligation binding members of the Mission not to marry; and amendments to the Mission's Rules of Life.

6 items

1 March 1938-16 March 1939

4. Letters and related items (newspaper clippings, printed reports) concerning: the vacancy for a medical doctor following the death of Dr J. G. F. Hearn in 1912; the Language School for Missionaries in Lucknow; the dismissal of a Mission worker named Roche for disorderly conduct; alterations to the deed of St Columba's College; four Church of England men alleged to have joined the Roman Catholic Mission in the mistaken expectation of payment; the religious opinions of Mission worker Connolly Finch White; the situation of German Lutheran missionaries in Behar and Orissa in 1915; the recruitment of a missionary named Sankhar; a comparison of the experiences of Christian pastors in Ireland and India; the administration of St Columba's High School; regulations regarding furlough; clergy pensions; Mission funds; the new school building at Hazaribagh; the recruitment of the Revd E. C. Mack to the Mission; the appointment of P. H. Geake as mathematics lecturer at St Columba's College. Featured correspondents: J. C. Forrester, Head of Mission; R. S. Longworth Dames; H. H. Weir, Secretary for the Medical Missions Department of the S. P. G.; W. L. McCormick; P. S. Dan Raven, a Christian pastor in Chitarpur; George Carleton, temporary Overseas Secretary of the S. P. G.; Stacy Waddy, S. P. G. Secretary; the Revd A. MacLeod Murray, S. P. G. Overseas Secretary; Mission worker F. H. W. Kerr; A. O. Hardy; G. C. P. Stevenson; E. C. Murray; the Day Missions Library at the Yale University Divinity School.
32 items
4 July 1912-15 May 1940

11/ Photographs and visual material

Note that in conjunction with the material listed below, the photograph albums of Dorothy Jenkins (RCB Library MS 617) being five volumes of images of India in general and of the mission in particular, compiled whilst she worked in the Girl's School in Hazaribagh between 1926-34, should also be consulted.

1. Photographs extracted from the papers of the Revd Denton C. Green (see section 10a/), originally in envelope labelled 'J. C. F. views'. J. C. F. is likely the Revd Canon J. C. Forrester, Vice-Principal of St Columba's College from 1908 and Head of Mission 1912-1920.
 1. Six photographs, initialled on reverse by D. C. Green, and annotated in a different hand. Depicting: the Masters of the Mission High School at Hazaribagh; the new buildings at St Columba's College; a group of children afflicted by famine; people assembling for famine relief, including High School Principal Pritham Singh; a village fair ('mela') in Sitagarh; and the hospital at Chitarpur.
1907-1908
 2. Five black-and-white photographs, featuring: a group of six men, including medical doctors J. G. F. Hearn (d.1912) and Komal Tirki; a group of four men, two in academic regalia, including J. C. Forrester; a group of five men, including

Forrester in academic dress; a scene in a hospital, featuring in the background Dr Annie Harding (d.1909) of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; and a group of primary school pupils.

Undated [c.1908-1910]

2. Black and white photograph of unidentified bishop
Undated [early 20th century]
3. Smaller black and white photograph of the Revd C. Stevenson
Undated [1940s]
4. Large photograph of the General Council of the Church of India, Pakistan and Ceylon, which was the Anglican forerunner to the Church of North India (established in 1970). The image includes Irish clerics, the Rt. Revd F.G. Wills; the Revd Godfrey Day, later Archbishop of Armagh, who worked for the Cambridge University Mission in Delhi, before returning to Ireland, the Rt. Revd Herbert Paeknham-Walsh, who worked for the DU Mission before being appointed Bishop of Assam. Picture is annotated by Venerable B. Harvey, to whom it appears to have belonged.
1963
5. Small black and white photograph of an unidentified clerical group
Undated
6. Black and white photographs of various church interior and exterior views, some with caption notes, compiled by Brian Harvey.
Undated
7. Black and white photographs, with annotations on the reverse of St Elizabeth's School building and related negatives of same.
c. 1976
8. Series of photographs of various aspects of the mission, including one of Dr Pushpa Dass, Medical Superintendent interviewing a patient in the hospital, which were used for publication purposes in the *Church of Ireland Gazette* and elsewhere.
1970s?
9. Colour photographs of the centenary celebrations held at Dromore Cathedral, 23 March 1990
10. File of notes and correspondence relating to various photographs and also a list of slides [no longer present] depicting a whole range of activities at the Mission.
1970s
11. Postcards. (Files 2-6 below have been extracted from the papers of Canon Denton C. Green: see section 10a/ above):
 1. Series of eight postcards, with printed list of details they show, depicting various aspects of the Mission's work and outreach to local people.
Undated [early 20th century]
 2. Postcard of Bombay sent from J. C. Forrester to Denton C. Green, reporting his safe arrival in India.
22 November 1907
 3. Four black-and-white postcards with images related to the

- passage to India: the ship Cleopatra, Port Said, and Aden.
Undated [early 20th century]
4. Seven black-and-white postcards with images of Bombay.
Undated [early 20th century]
 5. Black-and-white postcard of Port Said, annotated on reverse: 'For the Children's Working Party'.
Undated [early 20th century]
 6. Two colour postcards, featuring a Hindu ascetic, and worshippers of Vishnu and Shiva at a High School in South India.
Undated [early 20th century]

12/ Miscellaneous Printed Material

1. Copy of Revd Eyre Chatterton B.D., *The story of fifty years' mission work in Chota Nagpur* (SPCK, London, 1901)
2. Copy of the *Dublin University Missionary Magazine*, being the organ of the Dublin University Missions to Fu-Kien and Chota Nagpur (Dublin, 1914), containing extensive report 'from the front' in India, in 1914, covering the work in Chota Nagpur.
3. File containing various information leaflets, produced in the 1940s, as follows: 'Chota Nagpur'; 'Dublin University Mission to Chota Nagpur (S.P.G.) Purpose and Principles'; 'Appeal for new missionaries, July 1945'; 'Chitarpur' being a brief history of the little mission church; Rules of life for the women associates'; and two leaflets on St Columba's Hospital.
1940s
4. Copy of Kenneth Kennedy, *Fifty years in Chota Nagpur. An account of the Dublin University Mission from its beginnings* (Dublin, 1939).
5. Miscellaneous leaflets concerning the diocese of Chota Nagpur; the Church of North India, including a copy of the *General Council of the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon: Proceedings and record of decisions*, Poona, 1953; literature for the annual sale in Dublin; the Friends of Chota Nagpur in the UK.
1953-94
6. *The cross over Chotanagpur, 1845-57*, being an analysis of missionary work, published by the Standing Committee of the diocese, with a foreword by the Venerable John A. Cable, Archdeacon, Ranchi, 3 October 1957.
7. Various advice pamphlets produced by the SPG for staff working overseas, as follows: 'The missionary teacher'; 'The medical missionary – the woman doctor'; 'The medical missionary – the nurse'; 'The why and wherefore of missionary training'; and 'Evangelists'.
1950s

8. Miscellaneous copies of the magazine *Light and Life*, being the official report of the Dublin University Mission, produced in Dublin, incomplete set.
1958-70
9. Brian Harvey, *India Chota Nagpur: The inspiring story of the Dublin University Mission* (Greystones, 1964)
10. Copies of promotional leaflet produced by the Executive Committee
1980s
11. Printed material relating to the Centenary, including, as follows: The centenary report; The welcome address by the bishop of the diocese; and *Diocese of Chotanagpur 100, 1890-1990*, including an image of St Paul's cathedral, Ranchi, and a foreword by the Most Revd John E. Ghose, Moderator of the Church of North India, bishop of Darjeeling and bishop of Durgapur.
1990
12. Printed reports of Dr Graham's Homes Kalimpong, India, submitted to the Executive Committee in Dublin, for 1999, 2000 and 2004.

13/ Personnel Files [Closed]

Files relating to agreements with missionary candidates; arrangements for work in the field (some with USPG); occasional termination of service; and arrangements for furlough leave for those on long service.

[14 files in total]

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