

Finding aids

A detailed inventory is available supplemented by *AJCP Handbook, Part 8*, and a *Catalogue of the Papers of the Missions of Africa [Group Three], Vol. 7, New Zealand Mission, 1809-1914* compiled by the University of Birmingham Library.

Research value

The collection continues to be used by researchers working on the nineteenth century Anglican missionaries in New Zealand. Their letters and journals, received by the CMS committee, provide valuable information on their activities, the progress, or otherwise, of their missions and local conditions.

SACRA CONGREGAZIONE DE PROPAGANDA FIDE, ROME. Micro MS Coll 12

Le scrittture originali riferite nei Congressi: Oceania, 1816-1878. 38 reels.

Provenance

The original records are held by the Archive of the Sacra Congregazione de Propaganda Fide, Rome. With the Congregation's permission, microfilm of selected records relating to New Zealand was obtained in 1973 from the set held in the Mitchell Library, Sydney.

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The Sacred Congregation was established in Rome by Pope Gregory XV on 22 June 1622 for the defence and diffusion of the Catholic faith throughout the world. All correspondence and reports on missions at home and abroad were dealt with at the meetings of this Congregation.

'Le Scrittture originali riferite nei Congressi' (S.C.) is a series of registers from 1622-1892. They comprise 1,346 volumes, classified according to country or region and contain reports from the missions not referred to the full Congregation, but considered and acted upon by the Cardinal Prefect and Secretary. For 'Oceania' there are 17 volumes, 1816-1892, which reflect the daily life of the missions in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

The reels in this collection contain the first 11 volumes, 1816-1878.

The records are written in a number of Romance languages.

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There is an inventory available. Researchers should also consult *Calendar of documents: Spanish voyages in the South Pacific from Alvaro de Mendana to Alejandro Malaspina, 1567-1794 and the Franciscan missionary plans for the people of the Austral Lands, 1617-1634* by C. Kelly (Madrid: Franciscan Historical Studies (Aust.), 1965).

Research value

This is a useful collection concerning the activities of Catholic missionaries and clerics in New Zealand which is worthy of further investigation by researchers having the necessary language skills.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL Micro MS Coll 17
Records, 1701-1958. 135 reels.

Provenance

The original records are held at the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, 15 Tufton Street, London. They were microfilmed in 1977 by the AJCP and the microfilm was purchased by the Library in 1980.

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This organisation is comparable in stature with the London Missionary Society and the Church Missionary Society. Besides spreading the gospel throughout various countries in the Pacific, the SPG worked for better education, established libraries and promoted prison reform. In 1965 the name was changed to the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.