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DONALD ALEXANDER MACDONALD FONDS

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**DONALD ALEXANDER MACDONALD FONDS. – 1927-1938. – 12 cm of textual records.**

Rev. Donald Alexander MacDonald (1883-1938) was a Presbyterian/United Church minister and missionary to Korea. He was born in Glenarm, Ontario. He studied at Knox College, and served a Presbyterian charge in Fort William, Ontario. He was a missionary in Korea from 1912 until his sudden death in 1938. While in Korea he held key positions on mission councils.

Fonds consists of diary of travels in Asia, North Africa, and Canada, 1927-1929; correspondence to his sister, 1929-1938; and memorabilia.

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| 86.297C         | 1-1             | Letter of Catherine M. MacDonald, Mary (Fotheringham)                            | 1909           |
|                 | 1-2             | Diary of Donald Alexander Macdonald  | 1927-1929      |
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|                 | 1-15            | Bachelor Divinity thesis, Emmanuel College                                       | 1937           |
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**APPENDIX A: ITEM LEVEL LISTING OF FILES**

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Personald Papers

- File 1. Letter of Catherine M. Macdonald, Mary [Fotheringham] dated West Fort William, June 8, 1909. Mrs. Macdonald, the widowed mother of Donald Alexander, describes her trip to West Fort William to the manse of her bachelor son, Donald Alexander. There is a description of the First Presbyterian Church building, the Manse and the congregation.
- File 2. a. Diary of Donald Alexander Macdonald, May 24, 1927 - January 1929
- Trip to Japan, China (Shanghai), Hong Kong, Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Djibouti, Suez, Port Said, Cairo, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Smyrna, Hellesport, Istanbul, Athens, Naples, Pompeii, Rome, Florence, Bologna, Milan, Lausanne, Paris, Boulogne, Calais, London, Liverpool, Quebec City, Montreal, Renfrew, Ontario, Toronto (August 30, 1927-August 24-1928) deputation work.
- Return trip through Northern Ontario, Winnipeg (September) Calgary, Vancouver (September 5) sailing September 8-18 Kobe, (September 19), Pusan and Seoul (October 4).
- From October 4, 1928-January 20, 1929 diary records events in Korea.
- b. Diary 1929, April 17-1931, May 4, Korea.
- File 3. Letters to his sister Mary Macdonald -
- May 8, 1929 -  
Wousan, Korea to 64 West 96 St., New York.  
Did tour of his district last week.
- July 7, 1919 -  
Wousan Beach, Korea to 23 Spadina Road, Toronto.  
Mission executive meeting; sons home from Canadian Academy, Kobe, Japan for summer.
- July 14, 1919 -  
Wousan, Korea to 23 Spadina Road, Toronto.  
Mission executive meeting over; too near home base for a rest at Wousan Beach; wishes to take his sons camping; general family news.
- August 24, 1919 -  
Wousan Beach, Korea to 23 Spadina Road, Toronto.  
Probably last Sunday at the beach; days are getting shorter and it feels like fall; July was very hot and wet; he is very negligent about correspondence; they have had a good summer at Wousan Beach; sons return to Kobe September 9.

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September 15, 1929 -

Seoul, Korea to 23 Spadina Road, Toronto -- Arrival in Seoul with wife and sons September 13. Presbyterian General Assembly meeting there. Koreans control church. Annual mission meetings in session, in Seoul, Korea more western than she realizes.

October 28, 1929 -

Wousan, to 23 Spadina Road, Toronto - Bells of R.C. and Methodist ring at 5 a.m. for church. Weather similar to Southern Ontario - description of markets, harvest, country congregations.

November 12, 1929 -

"In the country", Korea to 23 Spadina Road Toronto - Writing this letter sitting on grass mats on the mud floor of a Korean house. Description of a Korean house - asks for magazines. Christmas is approaching, the boys will be home. Off to the funeral of first Christian convert between Wousan and Hamheung. His house was the halfway stopping place for the first missionaries. Pioneer missionary days are pretty well over in Korea. First snow a few days ago.

December 22, 1929 -

Wousan to 23 Spadina Road, Toronto - Sunday evening 7 p.m. the R.S. bells are ringing. In Seoul last week for executive meetings, his wife with him. Son Ross injured his knee at Kobe.

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January 5, 1930 -

Wousan, Korea to 23 Spadina Road, Toronto - Wife Hazel gone to Kobe with his son Bruce. Son Ross still in hospital. Went hunting with Bruce in vacation time, had a good Christmas.

January 29, 1930 -

Sugin, Korea to 23 Spadina Road, Toronto - Went to Sugin two weeks ago to teach in an Institute. He leaves for Wousan tonight. He thinks his wife Hazel is still in Kobe, Japan.

March 2, 1930 -

Wousan, Korea to 23 Spadina Road, Toronto - Has not been feeling well. Has loafed on Sundays for past two months. Farmer's Institute on in Wousan, 174 registered. He was chairman of the committee for it. At evening meetings, as many as 1,000 present. Delays caused problems for the evening meetings, date of first printing in Korean pushed back by Bishop Trollope. Trollope (Anglo-Catholic) has the finest private library of Korean books in existence - 6,000 volumes. Macdonald visited him in Seoul last fall.

April 7, 1930 -

Wousan, Korea to 23 Spadina Road - Missionary life in Korea dull compared to China, no bandits, no armies fighting, no occupation. Sons home from Kobe for a visit. Deplores her attitude towards

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Canada and G.M. Grant's Picturesque Canada. Discusses magazine article he has written and Toronto preachers.

April 24, 1930 -

Wousan, Korea to 23 Spadina Road, Toronto - Discusses magazine article Leta's written on Seoul. Two publishers have returned his manuscript and he is rewriting it. Wishes to do an article for National Geographic.

June 6, 1930 -

"In the country" to 123 D. North Chevy Chase, Glendale, California. Left Wousan yesterday in a dirty little launch and is now in a little village of 30 houses on the edge of a great harbour. Describes harbour. Visited a boy's reformatory presided over by a "kind old Japanese gentleman". Describes reformatory which is twenty years old. Will arrive home June 8 and then leave to visit more churches. Discusses future education of his son Ross.

August 24, 1930 -

Wousan Beach to 123D. North Chevy Chase, Glendale, California. Regrets the length of time since he has written. Discusses his son Ross' education.

September 27, 1930 -

Wousan to 123D. North Chevy Chase, Glendale, California. Has been in Seoul for a week for annual meeting and Federal Council. Will pursue his Korea literary interests. Christian Literature Society is very conservative in theology. Koreans like to speak but few can, or will. Write readable articles. Ross back at Kobe.

November 2, 1930 -

Wousan to 123D. North Chevy Chase, Glendale, California. It is a cold Sunday evening all the fall has been good. Preached in the a.m. Goes to Seoul for a meeting Thursday with \_\_\_\_\_ Butterfield, an American mission executive in Korea in connection with the movement farming and village conditions. Had a Hallowe'en party at their house for the foreign community. Dorothy Grierson, daughter of Dr. R. Grierson, lived in Glendale, California.

November 15, 1930 -

"In the country" to 123D. North Chevy Chase, Glendale, California. It is snowing. Went by train 15 miles, then walked 2 hours to first appointment. Stopped at Aupyan, a country town. Church owns a small mountain. Met lay preacher, aged 60, his travelling companion - his problems relating to the Korean's fundamentalist theology - predicts a showdown someday. Account of country church, worship and accommodation. Son Bruce and School.

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December 9, 1930 -

Wousan to 123D. North Chevy Chase, Glendale, California.  
It is 7 a.m. Had a good trip in the country into the mountains where no foreigner had ever been before - magnificent scenery - away 10 days, walked 8 days, some days 80 li - travelling companion an old, illiterate man of 65 - the old man always arranged for Macdonald to have a room to himself at night - description of a wedding; Ross in hospital in Kobe.

File 5. . January 1, 1931 -

Wousan to 123D. North Chevy Chase [Drive], Glendale, California. Sons are home. Ross in hospital at Kobe in December for two weeks. Questions many aspects of Christmas celebrations. Absent in Singjin for a week at meetings. Have had an active Christmas season; Christmas gifts from America.

March 28, 1931 -

Wousan to 123D. North Chevy Chase [Drive], Glendale, California. Caroline Macdonald and \_\_\_\_\_ Murphy visiting Korea; hard times in Canada; missionaries' salaries may be cut; does not know what to do re education of his son Ross because of his young age; Mary has written a play; change is so quick in the modern world.

May 19, 1931 -

H<sup>o</sup>iryoung, Korea to 119½ North Chevy Chase, Glendale, California.  
Back in his old stamping ground; assigned a month's work there at the last annual meeting; description of mission compound; spring plowing time; 12 acres of land in mission property; 3 houses, all 2 storey grey brick, 8 room, full sized basements which we helped to build, houses where Bruce and Ross were born; questions infant baptism and all sacraments and ritual; questions suitability of weaker church organizational structure for Korea; invites her to Korea for the summer.

July 16, 1931 -

Wousan Beach to 1801 Bonnie Brae Street, Los Angeles, California. Write of his visit to Hamheung; Ross has malaria in Kobe; comments on the "younger generation"; feels his family lacks frugality.

September 4, 1931 -

Wousan to 1801 South Bonnie Brae Street, Los Angeles, California. Bruce leaving for Kobe; comments on Stephen Leacock; no rest at Wousan Beach so doctor has recommended a vacation elsewhere for 2 summers; Ross staying at home this year; partly to recover from the effects of the malaria.

November 9, 1931 -

Pukchung to 1801 South Bonnie Brae Street, Los Angeles, California. Written from Pukchung, a large and important old Korean town. Spent the night in a Korean hotel there; describes trip; show by singers and dancers.

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January 31, 1932 -

Wousan to 1801 South Bonnie Brae Street, Los Angeles, California. Sends birthday greetings; Ross teaching in the foreign School in Seoul; Donald just back from Singjin, where he landed when he first came to Korea, February 7, 1932. He has been teaching in institute; was accused of interpreting the Bible in a very materialistic way; not affected by the Sino-Japanese war.

February 25, 1932 -

Wousan to 1801 South Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, California. He is at Pongsudong, about 2 miles from his house, at annual men's institute. He teaches about 2 hours a day; big snow storm; Ross has a cough; Ross determined to go to Canada next year; father says he must go to Toronto; Ross wishes to go through Panama to New York; does not know how they will finance him in Toronto - how is she managing financially? is she working; mission salaries cut 10% for 1932 and expense budget 15%.

April 9, 1932 -

Wousan to 1801 South Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, California. White Russian refugees in World War I who came to Seoul; author Stella Anderson; he is doing little reading; spring has arrived.

August 28, 1932 -

Wousan Beach to 1801 South Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, California. Ross is sailing for Vancouver, then on to Victoria College, Toronto.

September 6, 1932 -

Kobe, Japan to 1801 South Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, California. Saw Ross off on the NYK liner "Hiye Maru" from Kobe yesterday; discusses prices exchange rate of Canadian dollar, cost of ticket.

October 7, 1932 -

Wousan, Korea to 1802 South Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, California. Much rain; a large crop of apples, pears, persimmons, chestnuts available; sweet potatoes waiting for a letter from Ross; Bruce back at Kobe; in U.S.A. talking about the Lytton Report; what about the election there; the Manchurian situation difficult; does she think Roosevelt is a good choice; Donald A. favours Hoover; thinks Britain in spite of her faults, does more for civilization than U.S.A.

December 4, 1932 -

Wousan, Korea to 1801 South Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, California. It is Sunday, he has preached in Korean and English. Two letters from Ross; Donald must now wear his glasses all the time; he goes to Tokyo about New Years for Japan Mission annual meeting; weather still good.

December 26, 1932 -

Wousan to 1801 South Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, California. Describes Christmas festivities.



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January 13, 1933 -

On board ship to Pusan, Korea to 1801 South Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, California.  
Boat starting to roll; Japan Mission meetings held in the new girls' mission school. Has arrived in Pusan. Majority of U.C. Japan missionaries Victoria University graduates. Canadian legation in Tokyo; Hon. and Mrs. Marler sympathetic to missionaries.

February 1, 1933 -

Wousan to 1801 South Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, California.  
Saw several new movies in Tokyo; will be 50 on his birthday; life not altogether pleasant for him although he has plenty to do.  
Reading Rethinking Missions and For Sinners Only (an account of the Oxford Group movement).

July 12, 1933 -

Wousan to 26 Bradford Blvd., Tuckahoe, New York.  
It is the "glorious twelfth". Moved to the beach, June 29.  
Mission Council Annual Meeting closed July 10. Hazel teaching in government commercial school. Letter from Ross May 21, saying his exams were over and he was going to England by cattle boat. Hitch-hiked to Ottawa, Montreal and Renfrew. Met Leslie Mackay of Formosa and they were given use of a summer camp in the Gatineau.

August 1, 1933 -

S.S. Chohakusan to 26 Bradford Boulevard Tuckahoe, New York, c/o Mrs. Pitts.  
On the high seas on his way to Japan to Karuizawa for a vacation by himself away from Wousan Beach. Furlough due in 1934 but may wait a year longer. Bruce finishes at Kobe in 1934 so Hazel may go with him to Canada.

August 24, 1933 -

Wousan to 576 Fifth Street, Brooklyn, New York c/o Mrs. Pitts.  
Returned from Japan on a cattle boat. Was 10 days in Japan at the famous Karuizawa Resort; Ross passed all of his examinations.

October 10, 1933 -

"In the Country" (Korea) to 576 Fifth Street, Brooklyn, New York, c/o Miss E. Robinson.  
Concerned about Mary; he is sure she is ill and very short of money. What about this Mrs. Pitts? How about coming to Korea for a year's rest.

November 24, 1933 -

"In the Country", Korea to 65 Bradford Boulevard, Tuckahoe, New York, c/o Mrs. Pitts.  
His 40's were very hard on him, can he take the 50's. Sitting on the floor 10 p.m. in a Korean house. It is Thanksgiving season in the Korean churches and he will arise 4-5 a.m. for a prayer meeting in their church; Ross was at Blue Sea Lake in the Gatineau Hills. He is now in second year at Victoria College, living in Middle House, Burwash Hall; the invitation to her to come to Korea still open.

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January 22, 1934 -

Wousan to 576 Fifth Street, Brooklyn, New York. Very cold, has done some skating. Mission Girls' Primary School to close for lack of funds unless Koreans can pay the shot; believes in missions but has difficult working conditions. He is concerned about what is happening to her (Mary), fears she is hungry, cold and ill-clad; come to visit them; does she need a loan.

March 8, 1934 -

Wousan to 576 Fifth Street, Brooklyn, New York. Sent a gift made by one of Hazel's school girls. Has finished one month at institute; one student died in his sleep, general family news.

April 19, 1934 -

Wousan to 576 Fifth Street, Brooklyn, New York. Hazel off to the Girls' School, of which she is principal. Donald spoke to a Korean minister friend; a Wousan Korean enquired about some mission property he thought was for sale; general news about his work and the Mission.

July 24, 1934 -

Wousan Beach to 576 Fifth Street, Brooklyn, New York. Still busy with his routine work; July has been wet and cold; people at the beach from Japan and Shanghai; Bruce is finished at the Canadian Academy, Kobe; he is booked to go to Toronto in August; Ross could not get a job and so is back at Blue Sea Lake again.

July 31, 1934 -

Wousan to 576 Fifth Street, Brooklyn, New York. It is still raining; he is busy with the work of the mission, has been doing a survey of all aspects of it; Ross passed his second; He hoped Hazel would go to Canada but she will not until next year. He looks forward to his furlough but fears the great depression in Canada; the international situation is also bad perhaps they will have to leave Korea. Dr. A.E. Armstrong to visit Korea for about 1½ months. Macdonald is a bit despondent.

October 14, 1934 -

"Out in the country" Korea to 65 Bradford Blvd., Colonial Heights, Tuckahoe, New York. Writing in a Korean room 20 miles from the nearest railway station; He would like to do for Korea what Pearl Buck has done for China; he must clear the floor of straw in case of fleas or lice; describes work and life in the country; Mary is having a hard time; Ross and Bruce are both in Toronto. Dr. A.E. Armstrong's visit.

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November 6, 1934 -

Wousan to 576 Fifth Street, Brooklyn, New York.  
Out to Hamheung on a 2 day visit, returned last night; saw attempted suicide; suicide common amongst both Koreans and Japanese; Ross in Toronto in 3rd year at Victoria College; Bruce is in Oshawa at "Flewellyn Hall" completing high school. Donald is poor but the depression has not really hit them. Salaries are reduced by 25% but the exchange rate has gained and more than makes up the reduction. The cost of living has not gone up much, but the expense of Ross and Bruce has been high and he has had to make up his pension. Is making plans for his furlough.

December 28, 1934 -

Their 23rd wedding anniversary; both of them had completely forgotten it. Went to Seoul alone, went to Severance Hospital there, stayed a few days with the Martin family, then back to Wousan; describes Christmas.

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January 29, 1935 -

Wousan to 576 5th Street, Brooklyn, New York.  
It is early morning and the man servant is busy. They have not determined their route home yet. Ross and Bruce spent Christmas in Renfrew; Birthday wishes to her.

March 7, 1935 -

Wousan to 576 5th Street, Brooklyn, New York.  
Suntis' almost up; golf and tennis now being played; making plans for trip home; comments on their strange childhood; son Bruce not doing well at school in Oshawa.

April 21, 1935 -

Wousan to 576 5th Street, Brooklyn, New York.  
It is Easter morning; they leave in a few days; sailing from Kobe on the CPR liner "Empress of Russia" to Vancouver, then on to Renfrew; will take a house in Toronto

May 20, 1935 -

On Board "Empress of Russia" to 576 Fifth Street, Brooklyn, New York.  
Sea was rough first 4 days. Now at Victoria, B.C. and leave in half an hour for Vancouver.

May 24/26, 1935 -

Spokane, Wash. to 576 Fift Street, Brooklyn, New York.  
Met by wife's brother and sister-in-law of Spokane, Washington; taken to B.C. Conference meeting; staying at the Devonshire Hotel; visited the Jacks, former Korea missionaries; went to Spokane.

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September , 1936 -

Between Chapleau and White River to 103 Gloucester Street, Toronto. They are on their way to Sudbury.

September 16, 1936 -

Calgary to 103 Gloucester Street, Toronto, Ontario. Had 2 good days in Fort William. Meeting at Central Church this evening; due to arrive in Vancouver Friday a.m.

September 19, 1936 -

Vancouver to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto.  
Staying at the Devonshire Hotel.

September 23, 1936 -

"Empress of Japan" to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto, Ontario. Afternoon tea is being served - very opposed to overeating; describes life on board ship. Will dock in Honolulu for 24 hours.

October 6, 1936 -

Kobe, Japan to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto, Ontario. Describes the trip from Honolulu to Korea. Now at Hamheung, where they hope to live, trying to decide in which house

November 9, 1936 -

Hamheung, Korea to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto, Ontario. Letters from Mary, Ross and Bruce; living in the McRae house; detailed description of the house and plans for redecoration.

November 22, 1936 -

Hamheung to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto. Refers to typhoon which did not affect their ship, trying to get his Bachelor of Divinity work tidied up; will send B.D. thesis to Toronto to be typed; describes church life in the district over which he is to preside.

December 18, 1936 -

Pukchung to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto, Ontario. Out touring his district; mentions Dr. McRae.

File 11.

January 16, 1937 -

Sungjin, Korea to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto, Ontario. Letter of Hazel Macdonald to Mary Macdonald. Donald here for a month to teach in a men's Bible Institute and she is with him. This was their first station 25 years ago; then there were 4 families, 1 single man and 1 single lady. Now there are only 4 single ladies due to financial situation; description of the town; describes Christmas and silver wedding anniversary; reference to Elda Daniels; Ross writing Canadian Federal Civil Service examination.

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January 17, 1937 -

Sungjin, Korea to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto, Ontario. Letter of Donald. Only a few students in the institute and he teaches only a few hours a day; teaching in Korean makes it more difficult for him; last Sunday they went out into the country to a little Korean village church; Dr. Grierson's hospital and house are closed, as well as the other mission house where they lived; only the WMS house remains. Dorothy McBain and Elda Daniels are newcomers; Jennie Robb will soon retire; Miss Cass is principal of the girl's school; Ross may get his M.A. this year; Donald may get his B.D. but he dislikes the hood. The Globe and Mail and Empire are united. He would like an occasional copy, and also The Toronto Star.

January 27, 1937 -

Sungjin to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto, Ontario. Miss Robb is "in" the country so he<sup>s</sup> using her study; the weather is good. Miss Robb, Miss Cass, Elda Struthers, Dorothy McBain all live in this house.

February 13, 1937 -

Hamheung to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto, Ontario. Writing letter at midnight. Institute opening in Hanheung; he will teach 2 hours a day; were at a Valentine's party this evening in the ladies' mission house, big supper with some silly games afterward; mailed his thesis to Toronto February 9, fears last part is not too good; will send her a dress if she wishes.

March 15, 1937 -

Kanko (Hamheung) to Mary Macdonald, M.A., 90 Charles Street East, Toronto, Ontario.

It is snowing; building a new hospital this year; men's institute. Kanko is the largest station of the Canadian Mission; graduation exercises of the girl's high school; Japanese was the language used; a very formal affair. Dr. McRae back from Manchuria where he spent 3 months; party for upper classes of the institute at Knechtels; next night (Tuesday) same at Macdonalds for junior classes; teachers (6 Koreans, 6 Canadians) had dinner Thursday at Macdonalds. Farewell for Rev. William Scott, Friday at a Korean club. St. Patrick's day party and farewell for William Scott at Knechtels. Sang a song in his honor (specially composed for him by missionaries); looked at 8 acres of orchard as part of a real estate deal for the Girl's High School.

May 5, 1937 -

"Somewhere in the country" to 222 2nd Street, Owen Sound, Ontario. Out into the country at 9:30 a.m. with his servant. He arrived home Thursday. Walked part of the way; questioned baptizing an illiterate; saw a bad case of leprosy.

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May 24, 1937 -

Hamheung to 222 2nd Avenue, Owen Sound, Ontario.  
Has been in the old cemetery all day where he was working at removing graves of Dr. Kate MacMillan, Mrs. D.W. McDonald and Mrs. L.L. Young; Miss Elizabeth McCully celebrates her 75th birthday to-morrow; has received positive word from Chancellor Wallace and Dr. A.E. Armstrong re B.D. degree; very disappointed in the Emmanuel B.D. hood; he will now start work on an M.A. degree; Ross has won a Clarke University scholarship he now has a history M.A. from University of Toronto; perhaps should go on for a Ph.D. but can he afford it; he needs practical experience working; he hopes that Bruce passed his examinations.

June 19, 1937 -

Hamheung (Kanko) to 222 Second Avenue East, Owen Sound, Ontario. Rice farmers are busy transplanting their rice; news of Ross and Bruce; he received his Emmanuel B.D. diploma; their house is being redecorated; house will be very fine, suitable for a R.R. president; had an outstanding motor ride through a big mountain pass; the annual mission council meetings at Wousan Beach, June 29; mission buildings under construction in Lungching, Wousan and Hamheung; will spend the summer at Wousan Beach.

June 16, 1937 -

A family letter.  
Has taken Dr. Hennigar to the r.r. station; General Church business and life in Korea.

July 19, 1937 -

Wousan Beach to 222 Second Ave., East, Owen Sound, Ontario. Has been at the beach 3 weeks; 50-60 cottages there; Mission Council meetings; a retreat-round table discussion on God, Jesus, Bible, Prayer, World problems; Macdonald, chairman of Council, Burbidge, secretary; Macdonald is also chairman of the Wousan Beach Association; better roads and many more cars, so problems; many more cottages also; beach is not private but some cottagers act like it and object to strangers coming in.

August 12, 1937 -

Hamheung to 222 Second Avenue East, Owen Sound, Ontario. They are back home, it is 9:30 p.m.; Hazel is making tomato pickles; excellent crops; they will return to Wousan shortly; played golf this morning. due to troop movements, train schedules altered; their garden has produced so much they cannot keep ahead with it all; (he gives a detailed description of his vegetable garden, fruit trees and flower garden); mosquitoes; Dr. Florence Murray and Mrs. Robb are here; Dr. Murray is supervising construction of the new hospital; Wousan beach association; full-time policeman now; more and more Koreans and Japanese on the beach; Bruce passed with a "B"; he is at Blue Sea Lake for the summer; Ross completed his M.A. course; Robert Laird elected president of the Pan Presbyterian Council; his election should silence those who say the United Church is not Presbyterian; China-Japan conflict looks bad.

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September 1, 1937 -

Hamheung to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto.

Returned to Hamheung from Wousan yesterday. Received Mary's letter of September 3 and Ross' of September 6; it has been very west, describes garden; General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Korea meets September 10 in Taiku for one week and then the Federal Council of Missionaries September 18-21 in Seoul for one week. Both may be cancelled because of the international situation.

October 5, 1937 -

Hamheung to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto, Ontario.

Attended Korean Presbyterian General Assembly, went via Wousan where he stopped Friday to Sunday; went to the beach Saturday; Sunday at the beach, in evening went to Seoul; Monday meeting of Beach executive association re demands of the government that they vacate the beach; had interviews with the Government General and the U.S. and British Consuls on Monday; went to General Assembly Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, held under police supervision; quite a concession for it to be allowed at all; Taiken one of the largest mission stations in Korea, entirely under Northern Presbyterians, U.S.A.; visited leper colony here - 600 lepers; description of mission and leper colony; went to Kyung Ju, the old capital of the Silla Kingdom; description of the observatory, probably the world's oldest; huge bell, 10 feet high, 1 foot thick at the lip; Sukkwiam cave temple with a big stone Buddha, many stone figures on the wall; then back to Seoul to annual meeting of the Federal Council; received reply from the government re Wousan properties, fair payments for land and for removal of cottages; will report to a future cottage owners' meeting.

At Federal Council meeting he read his paper from which all the teeth had been drawn, due to police restrictions on the meetings; Tuesday afternoon attended a special reception given by Japanese Governor General; Tuesday p.m. Wousan Beach Association accepted the decision re property; out to Chosen Christian College; Dr. Horace Underwood of Underwood Typewriter family; had to go to Wousan Beach re cottager who landed on the fortified zone; spent all Friday with an appraiser evaluating 53 cottages; average value 1,500 yen, lowest 800, highest 2,300; Saturday cleared out furniture; some will be moved or rebuilt on a new site, others will be sold for what they will bring.

October 23, 1937 -

Wimpo to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto, Ontario.

He is seated on the floor of a Korean inn about 2-3 hours north of Hamheung on the main R.R. line, describes inn; to-morrow is Sunday; Sunday evening church service; a policeman present who took copious notes; ministers must be careful.

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December 8, 1937 -

Sin Pook Chung to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto, Ontario.  
On his way home to Hamheung; Pook Chung is the old city of 20,000  
about 10 miles from the R.R. where a new town has developed; P.C.  
county people are very oriented to education; he has been very cold.

File 12.

January 27, 1938 -

Wousan to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto, Ontario.  
Rural institute underway; long cold winter; Dr. and Mrs. Robert  
Laird visited them for Christmas; he may go to the new Wousan  
Beach site to see their rebuilt cottage on new site.

February 13, 1938 -

Hamheung to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto, Ontario.  
He has been ill for the past 3 days; thinks it is malaria; the Men's  
Institute has opened there and he has already lost 4 days of  
teaching. Misses Robb, MacKinnan and Rose in a taxi demolished  
by a train in Sungjin but they escaped with minor injuries; Ross  
has a permanent Canadian Federal Civil service job with internal  
affairs.

March 12, 1938 -

Hamheung to 90 Charles Street East, Toronto, Ontario.  
Mentions school days at Lindsay Collegiate Institute and "Mrs.  
McAlpine stalking majestically up the aisle of St. Andrews Church";  
sister sending him flowers seeds; will have a trip to Wousan in  
the near future and will go to Seoul at the end of the month on  
business; high school entrance examinations on (about 700 trying  
to get in to 110 places); not easy to implement in Korea; a  
Toronto decision to close a Korean school.

April 18, 1938 -

"In the Country" to 222 Second Ave. East, Owen Sound, Ontario.  
It is Easter Monday. He is visiting a country church interested  
in cottage industries; a man from Sungjin there on it; a good  
amount of silk raising there; in the big Japanese silk manufacturing  
centres, there is very modern equipment but in a small village it  
is very primitive; market day in Pook Chong; likes a simple life;  
in the village where he is almost everyone has the family name  
Kang (about 100 families named Kang; the Kangs have lived there  
about 12 generations and are nice people; he has been all over  
Chungjin County on this trip; he was away 12 days.

May 6, 1938 -

Hamheung to 222 Second Ave. East, Owen Sound, Ontario.  
He arrived home Monday (it is now Friday) from a 9 day trip into  
the country; he and his partner travelled by bicycle most of the way;  
has read article she sent him by Salem Bland (pen name, The Observer)  
he admires Bland; William Scott is back in Korea - glad he is back  
to size up the school situation.



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June 14, 1938 -

Hamheung to 222 Second Ave. East, Owen Sound, Ontario. Has been up north - Sungjin etc. and into Manchuria to get information before the Annual Mission Council meetings. He is the chairman this year; they will go to Wousan Beach, celebrate July 1 and July 4 both; now everything relocated at Wousan Beach; needs summer clothes; got letters; censorship probably delays it now; magazines withheld by the censor include New Outlook, Witness, Sunday School Times, Time, Readers's Digest; received the seeds she sent; Mr. & Mrs. Bott coming from Japan as fraternal delegates to the Korea Mission Council meetings.

July 7, 1938 -

Wha Jin Po (New Beach) to 222 Second Avenue East, Owen Sound, Ontario. Sitting in their "new" old cottage downstairs. It is wet and dull. Their cottage is far from completed and all the furniture is in crates; he arrived June 20, Hazel arrived last Friday; Mission Council started; Sunday, celebrated 40th anniversary of Canadian mission in Korea; Wousan detailed description of the cottage 20' x 20', big back porch 20' x 10', upstairs 2 bedrooms plus 1 large sitting room; downstairs etc...; new location beautiful.

July 29, 1938 -

Hamheung to 222 Second Ave., East, Owen Sound, Ontario. He is alone in their large house; he is hoping for rain; describes his cats; police were in attendance at all their mission council meetings, but no interference; he came home about 10 days ago because of his former involvement in the old Wousan Beach Association; probably return to the beach to-morrow; in September will have to move to Sungjin where their new home will be; Ross in Ottawa, Bruce in Tommins; Miss Rose gone home.

August 17, 1938 -

Kasimpo Beach to c/o Miss Cole, 103 Gloucester Street, Toronto, Ontario. Back at the beach; avoided being on the Beach Association committees; no troubles with police restriction but "lights out" as anti air-raid precaution; having daylight saving time; Scott's arrival Monday; in the ocean twice yesterday; beautiful surf; he is chairman this year of the Federal Council of foreign missionaries in Korea; meet in September; received letters from Ross in Ottawa and Bruce in Timmins, where he works in a mine; the new beach a great success.

September 3, 1938 -

Wousan to 80 Charles Street West, Toronto, Ontario. Hazel Macdonald to Mary Macdonald. Donald took ill earlier in the week and is now very ill. Dr. Florence Murray and Ida Sandell have come from Hamheung. Donald is now unconscious. Donald died Saturday night, September 3, 1938 at 9:30 p.m.

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September 14, 1938 -

Hamheung, Korea to [Toronto]

Hazel Macdonald to Mary Macdonald.

More details about Donald's illness and death; Hazel is returning to Canada on the C.P.R. liner "Gleaner"?; leaving Kobe October 6 and arriving in Vancouver October 17; Miss Robb is going with her; Donald's remains were cremated and his ashes will be buried in Canada.

File 13.

Death notices and tributes of Donald Alexander Macdonald in Canadian newspapers.

Tributes: in Korean

in UCC Board of Foreign Missions

Board of Foreign Missions

Service of Remembrance, May 10, 1939.

File 14.

Letter of tribute to Mr. Macdonald from Mr. and Mrs. K. Young Lee, Wousan, Korea, February 5, 1940.

File 15.

Bachelor Divinity thesis, Emmanuel College, Toronto, 1937. Rough draft (see library catalogue for completed thesis)

File 16.

Memorabilia -

a. Songs of Wousan

b. Twenty-fifth wedding anniversary song - Rev. and Mrs. Macdonald, December, 1936

Farewell song to Rev. William Scott, June 1936.

Farewell song for Dr. Duncan Murdock McRae, 1937.

File 17.

Testamur in Theology, Knox College, Toronto. 1908

File 18.

Testament lecture on "Jesus, Prophet, Priest and King". 2 pages handwritten [1930].