

Ronald Owen Hall papers

Hall, Ronald Owen (何明華會督), 1895-1975

Record Group: HALL

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Ronald Owen Hall papers: 1925-1979

Series: HALL-A to HALL-F

(Boxes THE001 /HALL01– THE004/HALL04)

5.36 cubic feet (4 archives boxes) of files, folders, correspondence, lectures and preaching note books, newspaper clippings, photographs, books and journal issues,

Restrictions:

All researchers must ask for the permission of the Director of the Divinity School to use the Papers.

Upon approval of the said Director, the researcher must sign an Agreement before using the R.O. Hall Papers.

Duplicating of the material in the Collection by any means must get the approval of the Director of the School.

Biographical information of Ronald Owen Hall (何明華會督), 1895-1975

1895	July 22	Born in Newcastle, England. Father, Cecil Gallopine Hall Mother, Constance Gertrude Hall (Maiden name: Upcher)
1909		To Bromsgrove School
1914	September 4	Joined up for Army service
1920	September	N.E. Secretary of SCM and Ordination as deacon in Newcastle
1921	September	Missionary Secretary of SCM and ordination as a priest in Southwark
1923	April 24	Marriage to Nora Kathleen Suckling Baron
1925	June 1	Children, Joc was born (June 1, 1925 – May 6, 1955)
1925-26		Halls in China
1926		Vicar of St. Luke's, Newcastle
1929	January 13	Judith born
1932		Became Bishop of Hong Kong
1935	October 10	Christopher born
1936		Purchased Home Farm, Lewknor
1938		Fall of Canton
1940	December	Nora and children to Singapore and England
1941	Autumn	To U.S.A.
	December 25	Fall of Hong Kong
1942		To England To Kunming

1945		On leave in England with family
	October 9	Back to Hong Kong
1955	May 6	Joc killed in motor-cycle accident
1956		Visited mainland China
1966		Retirement
1975	April 22	Death

Summary:

The records are divided into 6 Series. Series 1 is his correspondence with Victoria Diocesan Association; Series 2 is letters to his relatives and family members, newspaper clippings about him. While series 3 was originally marked "F.D. Maurice". It includes mainly sermons and sermon extracts of Maurice. And Hall's correspondence about Maurice. Series 4, is mainly reference material for Paton, D.M. to write his book *R.O. The life and times of Bishop Ronald Hall of Hong Kong*, 1985. It includes Paton's correspondence with other people when collecting material for his book, draft copies of individual chapters of the book. And many first hand material about Hall's life. The series 5 is a number of Hall's note books for his sermon and lectures, 1943-1948. Series 6 is the last record series of the Hall's papers. It contains 36 numbers of books, journals and articles on various subjects collected or written by Bishop Hall.

Note

Many of the papers, when received, were already not in their original order. Thus a sorting by chronological order was taken. However, some of the papers are without the dates. In such circumstances, estimation according to the content of the papers was made. No matter how much efforts have been used to sort the papers in chronological order, mistakes are unavoidable.

RECORD SERIES

Series One: Victoria Diocesan Association (Hall – A)

(Box THE001/HALL01)

Correspondence with Victoria Diocesan Association (VDA)

Folders:

1. Correspondence with VDA 1932 addressed mostly to Miss Margaret Knight.
2. Correspondence with VDA 1932-1936 addressed mostly to Miss Margaret Knight.
3. Correspondence with VDA 1937 – 1941 addressed to Miss Margaret Knight.
4. Correspondence with VDA 1941-1943 addressed mostly to Miss Margaret Knight.
5. Correspondence with VDA 1945 -1948 addressed mostly to Miss Margaret Knight
6. Correspondence with VDA 1949-1951 addressed mostly to Mrs. Dorothy G.. Overell.
7. Correspondence with VDA 1949-1963 addressed mostly addressed to Mrs. Dorothy G. Overell.

Series Two: Others (Hall – B)

(Box THE001/HALL01)

Folders:

1. Letters, etc. preserved by Miss Isobel Hall, Aunt of R.O. Hall, May, 1942- September 1960, (Including his school report from Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne 1909 (Summer Term); from the Bromgrove School: 1st half of 3rd Term 1909; 2nd half Autumn Term 1909, June, 910, November 1910, November 1911, June 1912, November 1912.)
2. Letters to Christopher Hall 1948-1958. With R.O. Hall's birth certificate.
3. Newspaper clippings about R.O. Hall 1942-1945 (17 clippings and 1 article "Why I am not reunionist" Reprinted from *The Chinese Recorder*, April 1941; one Programme of Service of Remembrance and Prayer in St. Paul Cathedral, April 14, 1942.)
4. Women and Holy Orders. Including 11 pamphlets and one article.
5. Bishop Baker's sermon on R.O. Hall's memorial service, 1975 (Audio Cassette)

Series Three: F.D. Maurice files (Hall – C)

(Box THE001/HALL01)

Originally there were 4 files marked "F.D. Maurice"

Folders :

1. Miscellaneous I
Mainly sermons and sermon extracts of sermons on Doctrines of Sacrifice (1838-1875).
With some of Hall's sermon scripts and notes on Maurice.

2. Miscellaneous II
Mostly extracts from Maurice's sermons on sacrifice, and the Prince of sufferers.
3. Doctrine of Sacrifice lectures
Contains copies of lecture notes from a series of 20 lectures he delivered on Maurice in 1957, and other notes from 1957- 1961.
4. Sermons, sermon extracts and letters of Maurice mostly from 1849 to 1859... Hall's correspondence about Maurice, 1956-1959.

Series Four: Reference material of R.O. *The life and times of Bishop Ronald Hall of Hong Kong* (Hall – D)

(Boxes THE002/HALL02 for folders 1-22, THE003/HALL03 for folders 23-43)

Reference material for writing Paton, David M.(1985) *R.O. The life and times of Bishop Ronald Hall of Hong Kong*. Hong Kong: The Diocese of Hong Kong and Macao.

Folders:

1. Chapter I The making of the man. David Paton's correspondence with people relating the content of this Chapter. And with drafts of chapters I, II and III.
2. Chapter II Students, China and the world church. Draft of this Chapter
- 3a Chapter III Newcastle and the poor pt. 1. Correspondence between David Paton and others relating to the content in this chapter. Also with manuscript of the drafts of this chapter.
- 3b Chapter III Newcastle and the poor pt. 2. Correspondence between David Paton and others relating his collection of material for writing Newcastle.
4. Chapter IV Prewar Hong Kong Containing correspondence between David Paton and others regarding the subject matter. Newspaper clippings, programme sheets regarding Bishop Hall's enthronement and consecration on 30 December, 1932, and Bishop Hall' letters to his father and mother.
5. Chapter V Wartime China including photocopies of articles "Letters from the Bishop" in *The outpost* 1941-1945; R.O. Hall (1941) *Inasmuch: a letter to all churchmen and churchwomen in Hongkong*. [n.p.]; *South China* 5:2, August, 1941. Correspondence of David Paton regarding the chapter
6. Chapter VI Chinese Deaconess. Including draft of the chapter, correspondence regarding the content in the chapter; reference material for the chapter, including *The outpost* April, 1977; "Church ordains women priests" *Canadian Churchman*, vol. 103, no.1, January, 1977.
7. Chapter VII After World War II. Draft of the chapter and material for the drafting the chapter

8. Chapter VIII Building the new society. Reference material for writing and the draft of the chapter. Some material is relating to St. James Settlement.
9. Chapter IX Last years in Hong Kong including the draft of the chapter ix Last years in Hong Kong and chapter vii After world war II of Paton's book
10. Chapter X Encounters. Correspondence and reference material for writing the chapter
11. Chapter XI Letters. Mostly with his family members 1956-1975.
12. Chapter XII Addresses and sermons. Included 4 pieces of sermon texts entitled: Planting oases in the desert.; Imagination-and-mind contact with Jesus; [The kingdom of heaven]; Address at the opening service in the Hoare Building in the Chinese University of Hong Kong, March 4th, 1954.
13. Chapter XIII Old age in Lewknor. Correspondence between David Paton with other people regarding Bishop Hall's old age life. With news about his death, and program of his funeral.
14. Chapter XIV Inextinguishable Blaze: A life considered. David Paton's correspondence with other people in relation to his collection of material for this chapter.
15. Bishop of Hong Kong, "A new world in the making" *The Listener* vol. 28, no. 709, 13 August 1942
16. Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong, "The Chinese soldier" *The Listener*, v.28, no. 704, 9 July 1942
17. British United Aid to China (including 2 pamphlets on Sino-British Fellowship Trust) 1976.
18. Charles Long, Hong Kong Jesuits, etc. (with copies of correspondence between R.H. Hall and Charles Long) 1957-1983.
19. Correspondence about heating services, 1966-67
20. Correspondence mostly with Sir Noel Hall, some David Paton's correspondence with other people regarding the book., 1941-1974.
21. Correspondence regarding medical services in Hong Kong and the relationship between C.M.S. and the Diocese, 1949-1976.
22. Correspondence regarding ordaining woman to the priesthood., 1944-1978.
23. Correspondence with various people from 1957-1977, and some copies are typed copies of Bishop Hall's hand written letters.
24. Correspondence, speech texts, etc. regarding Chung Chi College, Ming Wah Theology School, St. John's College, and DBS. 1956-1976
- 25a Documents and correspondence regarding selling of land and other financial matters, 1972 - March 1973
- 25b Documents and correspondence regarding selling of land and other financial matters, April 1973-1974
- 26 Farewell 1946-1979 (for contents see attachment)

- 27 Home Farm, Lewknor, Oxford. Bills, financial statements, and correspondence with agency regarding Home Farm 1958-1968
- 28 Introduction: Outline of a life and personal. Paton's correspondence and reference material for writing the Introduction of his book.
- 29 Leonard Wilson. Correspondence and material supplied by Leonard and Mary Wilson. 1944-1978
- 30 Letters to Humphrey Hall, Irene Grump, Paul, from 1964 – 1974 with a copy of "Bishop's diary" *Church Information Office, Diocese of Hong Kong & Macao Newsletter* June & July 1977.
- 31 Letters to Joc and J's about understanding Christianity with incidental biographical material. (total 8 letters) [n.d.]
- 32 Miscellaneous.[192;]-1966
"In Hong Kong" [n.d.]; A letter from R.O. Hall to J. B. Bentley asking for money
"Letter from America" A letter from Eugene E. Barnett to Mrs. Overell describing R.O. Hall' work in China in the 1920's
"The assizes sermon" preached by the Bishop on Thursday, 13th January 1966.
- 33 Oil agreement and hotel bills, 1967-1969
- 34 Photographs about life in Hong Kong, a project of the Hong Kong field office of the Lutheran World Federation, Department of World Service. (total no. 11, taken, developed and printed by students of the Kwun Tong Vocational Training Centre) size: 15.5cm x 13cm. [195-?]
- 35 Planning for the Book 1976. Correspondence between David Paton and others regarding planning of his book
- 36 R.O. Hall – articles, sermons, clippings etc., mostly from the 1930's
- 37 Bishop Hall's Personal file: tax and financial matters, 1953-1961.
- 38 Revolution.[194-]-1979. Including "General Synod in Shanghai: a report and commentary by Canon A.C. Warren" [n.d.]; [Journey to China] January 1948; [Hong Kong is now a haven of refuge] [1946]; A letter from Tregear to Noel Hall on 31st July 1979 recalling his first meeting with R.O. Hall in 1952; one photograph showing Seng Kung Hui delegation in China [n.d.]
- 39 The Council of the Church in South East Asia, 1947-1976
- 40 The Right Reverend Charles Ridley Duppy, 1925-1976(for contents see attachment)
- 41 Return to China, 1956 (for contents see attachment)
- 42 Social services: correspondence and papers. 1943-[197_]
- 43 Bishop Hall's letters written in China mainly 1925 to 1926..

Series Five: Sermon and lecture notes (Hall – E)

(Box THE003/HALL03)

Mainly sermon and lecture notes 1943 – 1968, arranged by dates otherwise by topics.

Unless otherwise marked, all notes are in red colour spiral booklets

Note books:

1. 1943 *Holy Week; Good Friday* [handmade booklet]
2. 1949
3. 1950
4. 1950-1951 *Lent; Love, Obedience, Fellowship; I am the Way etc.*
5. 1951-1952, 1960
6. 1951 *New Testament*; 1955 *Three Hours*
7. 1952-1954
8. 1953 *Forgiveness, Sacrifice*
9. 1954-1955 *The Meaning of Life according to the Bible*
10. 1957
11. 1957
12. 1958 [blue cover booklet]
13. 1959 *Various; Three Hours*
14. 1959-1960
15. 1960-1965 *Three Hours*
16. 1961-1962 [orange colour cover notebook]
17. 1962 [green cover notebook]
18. 1962
19. 1962-1963
20. 1963
21. 1964
22. 1964 [green folder]
23. 1965-1967, 1971 [orange colour cover notebook]
24. 1968
25. 1968 *Miscellaneous*
26. 1959 *Sermon Material*
27. *Clergy Retreats*
28. *The Hebrews*
29. [Missionary Conference]
30. *Old Testament*
31. [various]
32. [various, blue cover booklet]
33. Visitor's book

Series Six : Books, Journals, and Articles (Hall – F)

(Box THE004/HALL04)

Books, journal and articles on various topics collected or written by Bishop Hall

Books:

1. Alley, Rewi (1973) *Travels in China 1966-71*. Peking: New World Press.
2. Bertram, James (1961) *The Young Traveller in China Today*. London: Phoenix House.
3. Chao, T.C. *et al.* (1927) *China Today through Chinese Eyes: Second Series*. London: Student Christian Movement Press.
4. Endacott, George B. & She, Dorothy E. (1949) *The Diocese Of Victoria, Hong Kong: A Hundred Years of Church History 1849-1949*. Hong Kong: the Standard Press.
5. Fehl, Noah Edward (1971) *Rites and Propriety in Literature and Life: A Perspective for a Cultural History of Ancient China*. Hong Kong: The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
6. ---- (ed.) (1971) *Sir Herbert Butterfield, Cho-yun Hsu & William H. McNeill on Chinese and World History*. Hong Kong: the Chinese University of Hong Kong.
7. Greene, Felix (1962) *The Wall has Two Sides: A Portrait of China Today*. London : Jonathan Cape.
8. Hall, R.O. (1925) *A Family in the Making*. London: Student Christian Movement Press.
9. ---- (1927) *China and Britain*. London: Edinburgh House Press.
10. ---- (1950) *T.Z.Koo: Chinese Christianity Speaks to the West*. London: Student Christian Movement Press.
11. ---- (1952) *Hong Kong: What of the Church?* London: Edinburgh House Press.
12. Hamilton, Michael P. (ed.) (1967) *The Vietnam War: Christian Perspectives*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company.
13. Hung, William (ed.) (1932) *As It Looks to Young China: Chapters by a Group of Christian Chinese*. London: Student Christian Movement Press.
14. Legge, James (trans.) [1959] *Four Books* 《華英對照: 四書》。 Hong Kong: Hop Kuen Book Company.
15. Ryan, Thomas F. (1959) *The Story of A Hundred Years: the Pontifical Institute of Foreign Missions in Hong Kong, 1858-1958*. Hong Kong: Catholic Truth Society.
16. Shepherd, Massey Hamilton (1956) *The Liturgy and the Christian Faith*. Hong Kong: Hong Kong Diocesan Press.
17. Shillito, Edward (ed.) (1929) *The Purpose of God in the Life of the World*. London: Student Christian Movement Press.
18. Student Christian Movement (1921) *Religion & Life in the Colleges*. London: Student Christian Movement.
19. ---- (1922) *Christianity and the Colleges*. London: Student Christian Movement Press.
20. ---- (1923) *Our Work in the Colleges*. London: Student Christian Movement Press.

21. ---- (1924) *A Fellowship of Student*. London: SCM
22. Wong, Man (trans.) (1966) *Poems of Mao Tse-Tung*. Hong Kong: Eastern Horizon Press.

Journals

23. The Ecumenical Review, July 1977: 29 (3). Geneva: World Council of Churches.
24. The Outpost: the Magazine of the Hong Kong Diocesan Association, October 1975, October 1976, October 1977, April 1978, Spring 1983, Autumn 1984, Autumn 1985. Hong Kong: Hong Kong Diocesan Association.
25. St. John's Review, February 1977: 44(1). Hong Kong: St. John's Cathedral.

Pamphlets

26. *A Brief History and the 1974 List of Churches, Primary and Secondary Schools, Social Welfare Centres*. Hong Kong: Diocesan Office.
27. *Annual Report of the United Christian Hospitals, 1st April, 1974- 31st March, 1975*. (《香港基督教聯合醫院年報：一九七四年四月一日至一九七五年三月卅一日》)。 Hong Kong: The United Christian Hospitals.
28. *Hong Kong in Figures*. 1976 Edition. Hong Kong: Census & Statistics Department.
29. *Hong Kong: the Facts*. [1975] Hong Kong: The Government Information Services.
30. *Memorial and Thanksgiving Service for Martha Levering Sherman Baker*. 15 January 1977. Hong Kong: St Nicolas' Church, Great Bookham.
31. *The Five-Year Plan 1970-1975: Report of The Bishop's Commission on Diocesan Development Presented in Oct 1969*. Hong Kong: Diocese of Hong Kong & Macao.
32. *The United Christian Hospital, Kwun Tong, Hong Kong*. 1976. Hong Kong: United Christian Hospital.
33. *Twelve Illustrations from the Book of Kells*. Dublin: Trinity College.
34. 通用版最新大地圖：九龍。1976年增訂版。香港：通用圖書有限公司。
35. 通用版最新大地圖：香港。1976年增訂版。香港：通用圖書有限公司。
36. 通用版最新旅遊圖：新界。1976年初版。香港：通用圖書有限公司。

APPENDIX 1

Content List of individual folders

Series 4 (Hall - D) Folder no. 26: Farewell

Contents:

1. Six pages of handwritten records composed around 1946/1947, of data and stipend of ministers and other paid workers.
2. Three large pages and four smaller pages of a list, of articles written between 1922- 1940 and between 1955 -1966, by ROH in *St. John's Reviews*.
3. A copy of 'A Tribute from the Roman Catholic Church', dated 23rd October 1957, on Bishop Hall's Jubilee in October 1957. An editorial in the SCMP paying tribute to Bishop Hall could also be found on the same page.
4. Monthly Newsletter of *Christ Church Kowloon Tang*, October 1965.
5. University of Hong Kong *Gazette*, 18th November 1965: 8(2), announcing the Sixty-fourth Congregation to confer honorary doctorates to Sir Lindsay Tasman Ride and the Rt. Rev. Ronald Owen Hall.
6. A two-page letter dated 11 May 1979 from Paul Gibson to David M. Paton, on Gibson's acquaintance with Bishop Hall. It is noted that Gibson had two letters from Bishop Hall enclosed for Paton's reference.
7. Copy of a two-page, undated letter from ROH to Paul [Gibson?].
8. A four-page type-written account titled *Some Recollections of R.O.H.* by Gilbert Baker.

Series 4 (Hall - D) Folder no. 40: The Right Reverend Charles Ridley Duppy, 1925-1976.

Contents:

1. A two-page copy of *The Bishop of Victoria Incorporation Ordinance, 1925*.
2. *Constitution of the Hong Kong Bishopric Fund Trustees, 1958*.
3. A three-page type-written account titled *Bishop R.O. Hall and the Franciscan Studium Biblicum, Hong Kong: the Bishop's friendship with Fr. Gabriel M. Allegra* by Theobald Diederich, O.F.M. Hong Kong in 29 October 1976.
4. A three-page copy of ROH's letters to Edward C.C. Johnson from 1971 to 1974, given to David Paton with a hand-written note from Johnson on 4 November 1976.
5. A three-page copy of *Bishop of Victoria Incorporation (Amendment) 1972*, given to David Paton with a hand-written note from Edward Johnson on 11 November 1976.
6. A three-page copy of readings of *Bishop of Victoria Incorporation Bill 1972*.
7. Copy of a page in an unspecified book, on the Duppuoy Fund.
8. A telephone message memo for Alan Paton from Betty Beakaney for a Sunday supper at the United Christian Hospital.

Series 4 (Hall – D) Folder no. 41: Return to China

Contents:

1. An undated note, possibly by Paton, on major activities of Bishop Hall 1954-1964, titled *Hong Kong Christian Council - Talk with William Tung and T?* [name of the latter to be identified.]
2. Two pages of a COPY, marked *From RBH [ROH?] China Trip 1956*.
3. A two-page letter, dated 18 June 1956, from Charles H. Long, Jr. to Bishop Bentley, a forward of part of Bishop Hall's letter.
4. Four pages of a copy of *The Outpost*, August 1956 issue, featuring 'Bishop Hall's Visit to the Church in China'.
5. A six-page report by Bishop Hall, dated August 1956, on his trip to Japan and China in April-June 1956, titled *An Overwhelming Experience and an Attempted Interpretation* and marked for private circulation only.

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