China Through Western Eyes
Manuscript Records of Traders, Travellers, Missionaries and Diplomats, 1792-1942

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The seventh part covers the diaries of George Ernest Morrison (1862-1920) from the Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales. Morrison published one volume relating to his travels in 1895, but this is the first time that his private diaries have been made widely available.

Qualified as a doctor, Morrison travelled widely as a young man and published a narrative of his first journey across China. When he returned to London, the editor of The Times appointed him as secret correspondent in Siam. Morrison travelled throughout China during the next fifteen years, and his diaries contain details of his meetings and experiences in China. He was witness to the Boxer Uprising, the Russo-China war, and the internal political struggles after Shih-K’ai’s death in 1916.

Part 8 features the diaries, travel accounts and letters of Rewi Alley, a New Zealander who lived in China between 1927 and 1987. Alley became closely involved in politics in the 1930s, setting up the Chinese Industrial Co-operative Movement and working within the Second United Front. Alley was one of very few westerners allowed to stay in China after 1949, where he continued to promote Chinese policy at peace conferences. He became part of an elite group, ‘Friends of China’, and a close friend to Mao.

Alley wrote more than 60 books on ‘New China’. Much of the material in our collection covers his political activities, the industrial and social development of China, and his campaigns for world peace. Articles, reports and accounts feature the China Aid Committee, assessments of China’s industrial future, plus personal experiences of the country. Alley’s accounts of his rich experiences offer us a real insider’s view of China between 1920 and 1973.

Earlier Parts:

Parts 1-3 offer the diaries, journals, letters, photographs and scrapbooks of a host of American and British figures from the holdings of the William R Perkins Library at Duke University.

Parts 4-5 cover the manuscript diaries and papers from the China Records Project at Yale Divinity Library, mainly relating to missionaries active in China between 1871 and 1963.

Part 6 is devoted to the papers of Sir Ernest Satow (1849-1929) relating to China, from the Public Record Office Class PRO 30/33.

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