Interim Handlist

Collection reference  MS OLD or GD 2
Collection title  Papers of Joseph Houldsworth Oldham (1874-1969)
Shelfmark(s)  Analysis MS OLD 11 to material held elsewhere
About this handlist  Scan of an older typescript list

There are eight separate PDFs for the catalogue. The first five form a basic index to material with the remaining three forming an ‘analysis’ of the records, drawing out major topics and themes. The PDFs use the shelfmark MS OLD rather than the later collection reference GD 2.

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11/1/4 On Woolwich’s book. Preference for immanence over transcendence Bonhoeffer goes too far. Comments on Tillich and Huxley. Two copies

11/1/8 On evolution, ultimate questions, and Ground of Being. Oldham needs to write a book for unbelievers such as Vickers.

11/1/12 Promises to write to Woolwich. Thanks for letter and visit.

11/1/13 Still too weak to write properly or to read. History has moved on past the period of the Church and its writings and is governed by secularism. On Woolwich’s book and his support for it.

11/1/17 Sorrow over Mrs Vicker’s continuing troubles.

11/1/18 On Moot minutes in his possession. He will pass them along to Bliss.

11/1/19 General state of personal peace mentioned. Grief at problems of Mrs Oldham and Mrs Vickers. Strength to be found in some of the values of traditional Christianity.


11/1/21 Has called off book project. Even contemplating it was a sign of “incipient senility.”

11/1/22 On book cancellation. Doctrine of revelation needs radical, critical re-examination. Opposed to course taken by WCC which he sees as against the views of Ernst Michel. Reality of God and Christ the important question. Very foundation of Christianity has to be re-formulated in the light of scientific discoveries. Vickers the most important influence in Oldham’s life at present.

11/1/30 Had a good Christmas. Mrs Oldham’s memory is failing, resulting in confusion.

11/1/31 Agrees somewhat with Tillich but less with Barth. Christology, as a topic must be dealt with.

11/1/37 On Maudaley Lectures, norms, Gestalt, Royal Commission on Capital Punishment.

11/1/43 Vicker’s book longed for. “I want to die in the unshaken faith that life is good and has a meaning.” Richard Niebuhr had a deeper mind than his brother, Reinhold.

11/1/45 The philosophical problem of the day is the claim of objective reality. Vickers is concerned only with morals while Oldham is with religion.

11/1/47 Thanks for the letter. Mrs Oldham has mild pneumonia.

11/1/48 Thanks for long letter (11/1/37?). Objections are an abstraction from relationships.

11/1/50 Seeking advice on sheltered accomodation. Details on personal finances and health, esp., Mrs Vickers. Prostate surgery required.
11/1/53  Reply to two previous letters. Pleased that comments were useful. Does not expect to see 1965. Housing possible at Briers but more discussion necessary.

11/1/54  On the workers at the Briers. Mrs Ashcroft, director/owner, is a wonderfully loyal person. Detailed discussion of the pros and cons of the Briers.

11/1/58  Ibid.

11/1/60  Serious difficulties in writing. First part of Vickers’ book received.

11/1/62  Mrs Oldham suffering from the effects of her previous stroke. Oldham expects that she will not live much longer.

11/1/63  Oldham has problems with balance. Mrs Ashcroft and Simon Fraser have signed a business deal.

11/1/64  More about his health problems. Both unable to walk without support of two other people. 66th wedding anniversary celebrated (married 1898).

11/1/65  Has given up letter writing to concentrate on his book.

11/1/66  No Christmas remembrances to be sent out. Please about memorial garden in Geneva (Bliss’ idea), as well as Erickson’s quotation. Confesses to having no satisfactory Christology.

11/1/69  Reply to comments made in 11/1/66.

11/2/1  Arranges to best time to be called and passes along plans for the immediate future.

11/2/2  Pleased with Birmingham paper, detailed comments on same, esp., I-It conception of reality.

11/2/5  Humanist attitude towards the world and the human condition.

11/2/7  On Lance Martin’s desire to complete a PhD Thesis on Oldham’s life and thought.

11/2/8  Health matters.

11/2/9  Major Ashcroft has died. Mrs Vickers has been hospitalized.

11/2/10  Commends Rosenstock-Heussy and Bernard Towers to Vickers.

11/2/11  No biography should be done while Oldham lives. Who is working on Oldham’s work/thought.

11/2/12  Wants to stop any biography, esp., by an American as it would be distorted. Oldham was opposed to a biography. Bliss feels she could never write a biography but Perham could.

11/2/13  Recounts death of Betty Gibson’s sister.

11/2/14  Question of a biography was raised by PM Minus of Wesleyan Theo. Institute, Delaware, Ohio.

11/2/15  Agrees that the biography must be entrusted to the right person.

11/2/16  Attempt to arrange a rendezvous.

11/2/17  Wants to stop anything on Oldham getting into publication.

11/2/18  Agrees to write to Minus in Ohio and to discourage him.

11/2/19  Wants letters by Oldham limiting access to his papers for 4 years to Bliss and Perham. Papers she holds to go to Oxford Univ. Colonial Records Project then to the Bodleian.

11/2/20  Possibility of collaboration on biography suggested.

11/2/21  On letter to Oldham (11/2/19).
11/2/22 Attempt to arrange a rendezvous to discuss collaboration. Bliss not competent to handle the Africa section of Oldham’s life.


11/2/25 Unable to get Moot papers duplicated. Off to America.

11/2/26 Wants Oldham to withdraw his resignation as honorary chairman as it would send the wrong signals at that point in time.

11/2/28 On faith, immortality, science, existential psychology, and Oldham’s loss of vision.


11/2/33 Ibid.

11/2/34 On the biography and Moot papers. Oldham mentioned as a great ‘destroyer’ of papers. Perhaps’s materials came from Lugard and government papers.

11/2/35 Unable to keep rendezvous. Will pass along Moot papers.

11/2/36 Proposes meeting at Bliss’ London house for dinner.

11/2/37 Unable to make dinner. Moot papers to be delivered.

11/2/38 On papers of T Jones (1916-30) which were not published in 1954. Who has them now?


11/2/40 Bennett has the Perham papers on Oldham but Gibson has more. Mrs Eirene White, MP, has Jones Papers (her father) which are at Nat. Lib. of Wales, Aberystwyth.

11/2/41 Moot papers and minutes have been collected. Darrill Ford, International African Institute, should be consulted. Financial issues a concern in selecting a publisher.

11/2/43 Wants to discuss Oldham’s papers and biography.

11/2/44 Papers located at Chatham House, Inter. African Inst., and Bodleian (Pilgrim Trust). Gibson should be consulted.

11/2/45 On desire to help/work on biography project.

11/2/46 Offer to assist project as a researcher.

11/2/48 Attempt to set a rendezvous.

11/2/49 Desires information on the correspondence of Mott, Leiper, Cavert, Van Dusen, HS Coffin, E Ross, Löwe, Rostenstock-Heussy.


11/2/52 Willingness to meet but schedule very full.

11/2/53 Suggested rendezvous acceptable.

11/2/54 Meeting was a success. Ehrenström a source of information.

11/2/55 Master’s student under Ehrenström interested in Oldham.

11/2/56 Reply to above. No papers available until biography published.

11/2/57 Desire to discover what sources in Boston Burgess proposes using. Explanation of biography project.

11/2/58 IMC material at Edinburgh House were sent to Geneva. Africa documents still at Edin. House. Suggests Bliss visit Gibson to examine papers she has. Oldham not well, lingering with some lucid days.

11/2/61 Leiper destroyed most of his correspondence. Rockefeller Foundation papers not open for research.
Request for details on how the Oxford Conf. was organized.
11/2/64 Detailed memorandum on negotiations between OUP and Bennett. Bliss to get royalties of 10% and Bennett 2.5%. Bliss opposed to 50:50 split.
11/2/67 Burgess meant Mott papers. Files of Van Dusen, JC Bennett, and WA Brown may be in Union Theo. Sem./NYC.
11/2/68 Oxford Conf. more involved than Hunter thought. Oldham assisted by 't Hooft, Fenn and Enrenström, the latter was the least useful.
11/2/69 On conf. organizing. Bliss should remain on governing Board of William Temple College.
11/2/70 Very busy on book on St Julian group but willing to help on biography.
11/2/71 Thinks Bliss should work alone. King wants to see papers on Negro Education.
11/2/73 On L Martin and his "poaching." Comments on a possible quarrel between Oldham and Tatlow years before.
11/2/74 Still concerned over proportion of royalties to Bennett. Wishes to respect Oldham’s request and produce nothing while he is alive.
11/2/75 Wants a general meeting with Bliss and Bennett to settle details.
11/3/1 Has "inches" of material. Suggests contacting Dr CH Hopkins, head of Mott biography project.
11/3/2 Suggest contacting Richey Hogg and Jim Roe (Bible House).
11/3/3 Suggest rendezvous with Bliss and Bennett.
11/3/4 Wants a brief synopsis of biography and information on readership, appeal, etc., for meeting of directors of OUP.
11/3/5 Memorandum of papers held by Gibson and those sent to Perham.
11/3/9 No time to prepare synopsis. Wants project delayed. Wants more of the royalty for Bennett.
11/3/11 Details on Every’s relationship with Oldham.
11/3/13 Jack Oldham’s address. Sympathy over apparent loss of interest by Bennett and general mess relating to papers given to Perham, thence to Bennett.
11/3/14 Report on Delegates’ meeting (OUP).
11/3/15 Official letter expressing interest in biography by OUP to assist Bliss in gaining outside funding.
11/3/16 Suggests Danforth Found. as a source of funding. Offers to give $1500 personally towards project.
11/3/18 Offers to assist. Has some papers which he will examine. Sends along a copy of his brother’s Memoir on their father.
11/3/19 Lists documents sent. Other letters on early years survive but not sent. Information on family connections.
11/3/22 Has above arrived?
11/3/23 Pleased that parcel has arrived safely.
11/3/24 Arranging a rendezvous.
11/3/25 More on notes he sent.
11/3/26 Comments on Oldham and family, esp., hereditary deafness.
On enclosed letters between Shepperson and Oldham 14 years previous.

Details on Oldham’s early career. Suggests contacting Lady Ogilvie, dau. of ABMacaulay of Dundee.

Send last few letters from Oldham on the state of his and Mary’s health.

On mountain of material at Edin. House. Rockefelder Found. may open their files after all.

Stresses the need for an outline, with length guidelines.

Agrees to a rendezvous to set an outline.

Rendezvous set.

Bennett has had a lung abscess removed and cannot keep meeting.

Outline of work she would like done with details of Moot meetings.

Cover letter for 3 draft chapters sent to Bliss.

Cover letter and index on Lothian papers in Register House, Edin.

Wants to know the project’s current status.

Offer of a formal contract for a 100,000 word book with a £150 advance.

Has discovered records of Advisory Ctte. on Native Educ. at Colonial Office (Lugard-Oldham letters).

Decline to work on Public Morality Council. Asks that any letters on Oldham be kept for later consultation.

Wants to remove Bennett as co-author as he is behind on 2 other projects. Bennett reported that he had found Oldham papers in Colonial Office and the government’s confidential comments on Oldham’s efforts.

A rendezvous set. Colonial Office papers stress a lack of enthusiasm for educational enterprises in Brit. Colonies financed by American charities. They often considered Oldham’s ideas “woolly” but his ability to raise funds put him in a commanding position.

Wants to know the results of meeting with Bennett.

Research student on “British Reaction to the German Church Conflict: 1933-1939” writes about access to the Oldham papers. German Foreign Office contains references to the attitude of Brit. religious leaders. Some of Oldham’s letters and papers are in the Bish. Bell collection.

Bennett is to be dropped as a co-author and given a direct payment as a contributor only.

Cover letter for copy of draft letter for Bennett sent for Bliss’ approval.

Agrees to delay letter until Bennett recovers from his operation. Attempt to arrange a rendezvous.

Outline of a book on Protestant opposition to Hitler with a request for assistance. Lambeth has papers of Bishops Bell and headlam, Dorothy Buxton, while Lothian papers are in Edin., Gerstenmaier and Bish. Wurm’s papers in Stuttgart, and ‘tHooft’s papers in Rijks Inst., Amsterdam.
On a possible memorial to Oldham. Copy of ‘H Oldham-Missionary’ enclosed.

On an academic/teaching exchange between Bliss and Prof. Hill. Bliss is actually retired and only lectures ‘for fun.’

Book delayed by Bennett’s illness.

Bennett has died but his wife cannot find the 2, nearly 3, chapters he said he had written.

Sends some details on meetings in the interwar period and Löwe’s NY address.

Request for news on Oldham’s health.

Details on events before the Oxford Conf., 1937.

Agrees to keep arrangements made with Bennett. Thinks the matter should be left to Bliss to deal with personally.

Curious about project’s status. Needs information on educational institutions because of the impending visit of the principal of St Christopher’s Training College, Madras.

Reports on the copious supply of letters between Arch. Davidson and Oldham held at Lambeth relating to the Kikuyu controversy.

Uncertainty about the status of Bennett’s work. Sum of £150 has been sat aside for Mrs Bennett when and if the supposed chapters are located.

Information on Oldham’s Glasgow relatives.

Sorrow at the news of Oldham’s health. He was on the way to the House of Lords to vote on the euthanasia bill.

Suggestion of an academic exchange with S Hill. (cf., 11/4/5)

On Schönfeld letters held in Geneva. Names, places, etc., extracted but some information, esp., on the German Church struggle, considered unimportant.

Promises to send details on her father’s relationship with Oldham.

Some papers on Dougall went to the Nat. Lib. of Scotland.

Request for an article to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Edinburgh Conference.

Personal memories of Oldham.

Typed copy of 11/4/5.

Curious about project’s status, with an implied offer to help.

Will continue work in Schönfeld’s letters.

Cover letter for OUP contract with £200 advance and submission date of 1 Oct 1970.

Suggests using a PhD student as a research assistant.

Sadness at Oldham’s death.

Successful election of Bliss to Brighton branch of the William Temple Assoc.

Sorrow at Oldham’s death. Will make his set of letters, which are complete, available.

Sorrow at Oldham’s death and some personal memories.

Confirmation of Dougall’s agreement to write an article on Oldham and some general comments on Oldham’s death.

Cancellation of planned rendezvous.

Cannot locate chapters of “large black box files” requested by Bliss.
11/4/44 Oldham’s books and furnishings given to Mrs Ashcroft along with some notes on Oldham.
11/4/46 Notification of next Wm Temple Assoc. meeting.
11/4/48 Directions to the Bennett’s home.
11/5/1 Initialled contract returned from OUP.
11/5/7 Possibility of Dougall writing something on Oldham at length.
11/5/8 Chapters still missing. Unsure whether to accept the £75 Bliss has offered for Bennett’s notes as they seem of little value and are extremely hard to read.
11/5/10 Martin’s thesis can be borrowed through inter-library loan.
11/5/12 Some memories on Barth’s first UK visit which involved Oldham.
11/5/14 Enclosure of Church Miss. Soc. minute after Oldham’s death at the request of Mrs Ashcroft.
11/5/17 Van Dusen’s pre-Oxford papers are in UTS/NYC, the rest at his Princeton office.
11/5/18 Information on relatives.
11/5/20 Ibid.
11/5/22 On papers at Lambeth. Davidson’s are available. Lang’s on the Council on the Christian Faith and the Common Life covered by the 30 year rule and not yet open.
11/5/23 Some information on printed works by Oldham.
11/5/24 Wants his Capricorn papers returned so they can be set along with his other papers to the Colonial Records Collection which J Tawney is making at QE House, Oxford.
11/5/25 Thanks for article on Oldham.
11/5/26 Suggests writing directly to Hudson about his papers.
11/5/28 Cover letter for an enclosed letter.
11/5/29 On the problem of Bliss writing on Africa and request for the return of his papers.
11/5/31 On pre-Oxford papers the WA Adams Ecum. Lib. at UTS/NYC is better than Geneva. Letters between Van Dusen and Oldham for 1934-38 (3 inches thick stack) are also there. Mott’s papers are at Yale. Suggests contacting the Phelps-Stokes and the Rockefeller Foundations. Debate on co-option at the Oxford Conf. dismissed.
11/5/33 On a proposed visit of the Queen Mother to celebrate the 1st anniversary of the Lamp of Lothian Collegiate Centre.
11/5/36 Favorable comments on Bliss’ recent book.
11/5/37 Report on the frail health but excellent memory of Mrs Fraser.
11/5/38 On Oldham’s early career.
11/5/40 On relationship between Oldham and her father.
11/5/41 Notes on a talk by KJ King on “American Negro as Missionary to East Africa.”
11/5/44 Interested in project as it relates to ecumenical topics.
11/5/45 Grants permission to keep and use his papers but wants them returned eventually.
11/5/46 Names of persons working on Africa. PRO Office papers on Africa covered under 30 year rule but readily available in Kenya where rule does not apply.

11/6/1 Thanks for offer of assistance. Interested in Oldham’s ideas on African education.
11/6/2 Instructions on gaining access to the India Office. Offer of a rendezvous.
11/6/3 General comments on Oldham’s approach to African education.
11/6/7 Some people who should be contacted.
11/6/12 ODCC entry received but must be shortened. Suggests a meeting.
11/6/13 Thanks Bliss for return of Capricorn papers which were deposited in the Col. Records Project.
11/6/14 Edited and shortened draft of ODCC entry sent for checking. Fee of 3 guineas of £4 of Oxford books proposed.
11/6/16 Very annoyed at inaccuracies in the ODCC draft.
11/6/17 Broadly supportive of Bliss’ complaints about ODCC entry and mentions the editor’s autocratic and anti-ecumenical style and bias.
11/6/19 Bliss welcome for a visit.
11/6/20 Papers on Mrs Creighton were sent, during the war to either: Lambeth, Middelsax Archives Office (County Hall) or Guild Hall Lib.
11/6/21 On Oldham’s relatives and their opinion of him.
11/6/24 On Oldham’s missionary letters (1900 onwards) which were sent from the YMCA Office.
11/6/25 Ibid. Details on Oldham’s Indian friends.
11/6/27 Still pursuing YMCA material.
11/6/28 General memories, esp., of Mary Oldham.
11/6/29 On the International Ist. of African Languages and Culture.
11/6/33 Wants his letters with Oldham returned.
11/6/34 “Drew a blank” at the Nat. Lib. of Scotland on YMCA letters. General anecdotes on Oldham in India.
11/6/37 Still pursuing, unsuccessfully, the YMCA letters. More anecdotes on India.
11/6/39 Ibid.
11/6/40 Pleased that project is nearing completion. Encloses details on maternal connections.
11/6/42 On last draft of the ODCC entry.
11/6/44 Re-states offer of $1500 towards the project originally made in 1967.
11/6/45 Anecdote on Oldham.
11/6/48 Wants a progress report on the project.
11/6/49 Details on work in Genevan archives on German papers relating to Oldham’s paper on the church.
11/6/53 Initial reactions to the King book which was unfair to Tuskegee, Hampton and Dr Jones.
11/6/55 Wants a rendezvous. Comments on Memoirs of ‘t Hooft offered for publication but too long.
11/6/56 Frontier Office in London should be consulted for papers.
11/6/58 Frontier Council papers in storage but available.

11/7/1 Contract for biography cancelled. Advance need not be returned.
11/7/2 Acknowledges above with thanks.
11/7/3 Does not feel that a work on Paton’s theology will conflict or undercut Bliss’ project. A rendezvous desired.
11/7/4 Bound for Lambeth thence Geneva.
11/7/5 Rendezvous desired to discuss collaboration.
11/7/6 Suggested sources for papers: India Office (Irwin-Halifax), Anti-Slavery papers (Rhodes House, Oxford), J Harvis, C Jones (both Rhodes House), LMS papers (School of Oriental and African Studies), A Schweitzer Found. (Oldham was a correspondent).
11/7/7 On her bad health, rheumatism. Has been to NYC, Phelps-Stokes, Edinburgh House, Geneva. Unable to gain access to Rockefeller Found. papers. Off to Basel soon and SOAS and India/Colonial Offices.
11/7/8 Advice on Edinburgh sources: MS Movement at Register House with annual reports of the Youth Ctte of the United Free Church.
11/7/9 Attempts to arrange a place for Bliss to stay in Geneva.
11/7/10 On German missions in India in WWI in the SPG (?) in black box labelled “Bish. Montgomery’s Papers.” On Oldham’s errors over Kenyan government in 1920s.
11/7/11 Progress report. Papers on Oldham’s work with the SCM in Bodleian.
11/7/13 Has written to wrong Dundee church about Oldham’s work. Should have written to St Johns (now Roseangle-Ryehill) not St Johns (Cross).
11/7/14 No luck in Register House but Missionary Record of the UF Church in New College Lib. of interest.
11/7/15 Request for information on Fountainbridge Sunday School at Free (now West) St George’s, Edinburgh.
11/7/17 Acknowledges above and research has commenced.
No success with Dundee or Edinburgh churches. Suggests contacting Dr Ruth Young, Women's Medical Officer of the Foreign Mission Ctte. of the Church of Scotland (aged 91 years).

Back from Basel and Geneva. Still unable to locate YMCA reports from 1898.

Attempt to elicit information on interned German missionaries (WWI), Basel missions, and Kenya Asians (1923).

Cover letter for 2 pp from Private Office List.

No success on Scottish leads.

Files reported lost (18 May 1973) on the Christian Faith and the Common Life have been found. List included.


On book by J Cells' "By Kenya Possessed: The Correspondence of JH Oldham and Dr Norman Leys."

Allows her thesis (still unpublished) to be used in a general way. Touches upon Oldham and Germany.

Thank-you note for a visit to Bliss.

Appreciates Bliss' assistance and understanding.

Official permission to consult thesis ("The British Response to the German Church Struggle") in Bodleian.

Bliss appears not to have responded to (the late) Hunt's letter on cancellation of the project by OUP.

Apologies for having lost Bliss' response to Hunt's letter.

On his work on the Edin. Conf.

Recommends E England at Hodders on publication.

Extension granted to entry in Dict. of Nat. Biography.

Entry's receipt (Dict. of Nat. Bio.) acknowledged.

Detailed overview of conclusions to date.

General memories and anecdotes on Oldham.

Details of India Mission, esp., Basel. Files of CBMS may be at Edin. House (Commonwealth Trust) or SOAS.

On materials, esp., copies of pamphlets and records of Nat. Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Ibid.

Request to examine papers of Godfrey Phillips, missionary to India.

Mott papers at Yale not Princeton.

Index of Mott papers.

Request for copies of Mott/Oldham letters.

Copies of Mott/Oldham papers being made.

Disapproves of Paton biography. Comments on Frank Northam's death.

List of letters copied and sent.

Bill for copies: $74.17.

List of letters copied and sent.

Bill for copies: $15.00.

Payment to Yale must be in US$.

Ibid.

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to remain loyal to denominationalism
in spite of going to Edin Conf. A response
to criticisms

269/80-83 Montgomery to David and Lang 9 Jun 1910
Private advice on proposed
joint ctte. "We simply cannot
afford to stand out."

269/85-88 Montgomery to Oldham 14 Jun 1910
Concern of approval of resolutions

269/95f Tatlow to David 20 Jun 1910
Wants advice on Contin Ctte.
Comments on Oldham’s and
Mott’s roles and goals

269/98f David to Tatlow 20 Jun 1910
On possible High Churchmen
for Continuation Ctte. Letter
can be shown to Oldham privately

269/199f ? to David 28 Jun 1910
Humourous criticisms on
circumlocutions used by N.
Soderbloom and WC Brown

349/19-39 Translation:  (Berlin, 1915)
Martydom of the Evangelical
Missionaries in Kamerun 1914

349/47-60 Report:
POWs on Hired Transport "Obvasi"
by Capt FC Goulden

349/175 F Siegmund-Schultze to David 11 Nov 1915
mentions letter he and Mott
took to Dryander in Germany
for David

349/199-205 Report:
On Ger missions in India 15 Dec 1915

350/3f Oldham to David 12 Apr 1917
Fraser and Oldham saw Hertz
and Seton about missionaries in India

350/5-8 Oldham to Seton (draft letter) 12 Apr 1917
On Ger missions, American
views on freedom of missionaries, etc.

350/14 CCB Beardsley to David 16 Apr 1917
David should contact Oldham
who has been so heavily involved
with Steel-Maitland

350/15-22 Various brief letters:
On Ger missions

350/35-39 Oldham to David (cover and trans)
German "declaration"

350/42-45 Oldham to David 25 Sep 1917
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Indian church. Some notes on situation there and copy of Mott's address

Lang Papers:

25/1 Temple to Lang 30 Sep 1937
Oldham must be "agent" for new "machine" in follow-up to Oxford Conf

25/16-32 Oldham to Lang 4 Nov 1937
On "Order" in detail

25/33-36 JS Lidgett to Lang 25 Nov 1937
Oldham "so given to over-elaboration as rather to put off plain men, to say nothing of the length of his addresses. On finances "Oldham said nothing about it, for he appears to move in a plane high above such practical consideration. " Iredale must stay on to help Oldham who is "hopeless in regard to finances."

25/37 Lang to Lidgett 1 Dec 1937
Mostly agrees with above views

25/59f Eliot to Lang 17 Dec 1937
Declines to join Lambeth group

25/65 Ibid 30 Dec 1937
"I fear that Oldham overrates my usefulness: I am all the more apprehensive of anything that he asks me to do, as experience tells me that I am never able to refuse him."

25/81-84 Members of Lambeth meeting 14 Jan 1938

25/234 Temple to Lang 5 Apr 1938
Agrees with Oldham's suggestion that scheme (WCC) should be suggested at Assembly by both of them

25/235 Lang to Temple 7 Apr 1938
Oldham misunderstood. Lang will not be a joint-sponsor

25, 26/all General remarks:
an excellent collection on the Christian Faith and the Common Life and preparations for the WCC. Most of the letters are cover letters only but the collection of memoranda, etc., on the ideas seems to be complete

26/209-211 Demant to Oldham
Lengthy justification of war and how to stir up the British fighting spirit
26/247  Temple to Lang  2 May 1941
"The immense impression made
by this last memorandum of Joe’s
upon some people of real importance
(eg., C Dawson)

26/7  Paton to Lang  18 Dec 1941
mentions critique of “The Church
and the New Order” by ‘t Hooft and
Bonhoeffer passed to him by the Swiss embassy

46/25-28  Oldham to Lang  30 Dec 1932
Native rights in Kenya after
gold find

46/45f  Ibid  3 Jan 1933
Ibid

46/60f  Ibid  15 Jan 1933
Ibid

46/100-102  Dougall to Oldham  13 Jan 1933
Ibid

46/143f  J Harris to Lang  15 Mar 1933
Wants a conf on above of 20-25
people (incl., Lugard, Oldham, et al.)

46/148,152  Full proposed list on above
46/157f  Oldham to Lang  5 Apr 1933
Private views on Kenya

46/167-169  Ibid  21 Apr 1933
On letter to “Times” (enclosed)

46/193f  Ibid  19 Jul 1933
On new Kenyan gov’r, perhaps
Guest or Scott

46/275  Notes on interview with Oldham  1 Jun 1934
On Morris-Carter report

46/278-282  Oldham to Lang  21 Jun 1934
Native Land Rights

46/290-292  Ibid  6 Jul 1934
Ibid

46/293-300  Ibid  9 Jul 1934
Ibid

46/312f  Ibid  16 Jul 1934
Ibid

46/314f  Oldham to Don  17 Jul 1934
Ibid

46/317-320  Oldham to Lang  18 Jul 1934
Ibid

76/4f  Bell to Lang  23 Mar 1935
Group gathered through “the
confidence felt in JH Oldham”

76/31-33  Bell to Don  30 Jul 1936
Draft of letter for Lang “under
the wise leadership of JH Oldham”
76/78 Lord Cecil to Lang 15 Sep 1936
Should not attend Oxford, not qualified: amazed at amount of preparation Oldham requires

76/? Iredale to Lang 13 Oct 1936
Brit Christian Council "does not provide an adequate basis for a further appeal of any kind in Britain"

76/297f Oldham to Lang 1 Jul 1937
On Lord Nuffield's gift of £5000 to aid the Oxford Conf

76/439 Paton to Don 14 Nov 1940
On BBC program on World-Wide church. Fenn and Paton totally opposed to including Canon Douglass or the bish of Gloucester

76/all General remarks:
the volume provides a full set of papers relating to the Oxford conf and the moves towards establishing the WCC.

101/295f Maclennan to Lang 24 Sep 1929
On Mott's visit

101/297 Haigh to Maclennan 11 Oct 1929
Will host Mott's meeting

101/299-308 Mott to Lang 15 Mar 1930
Detailed report on Mott's Balkan tour

117/260 Oldham to Lang 1 Mar 1933
On the treatment of Protestants in the Belgian Congo

117/261f Notes on interview with Oldham 10 Mar 1933
Ibid

117/263-265 Oldham to Lang 21 Mar 1933
Ibid

117/266 Oldham to Belgian Col Minister 1933
(draft) Ibid

117/279-329 General remarks:
Details on Congo situation

126/249-251 Temple to Lang 23 Feb 1934
Includes Lord Merrivale's findings on atrocities in Germany

126/255f Lang to Temple 7 Mar 1934
Disquiet over appeal to Hindenburg

151/6 Mott to Lang 7 Dec 1937
On Paul Alexandrovitch Florensky

151/7-12 P Anderson to A Don 23 Dec 1937
Ibid

152/108-121 Lothian's memorandum on Berlin German demand, at present, reasonable "national socialism is
fundamentally a popular movement. Hitler's power rests upon popular support."

152/122-131  Notes: Lothian's meeting with Hitler  4 May 1937
152/132-140  Ibid (with Göring)  4 May 1937
152/141-144  Ibid (with Schacht)  5 May 1937
171/338-340  Paton to Lang  11 Jan 1939

Detailed account of Tambaram with stress on intensified need for growing closer together. Problems with Japanese delegation in relation to Korean and Chinese

Temple Papers:

1/300  Oldham to Grubb  nd
Praise for Iredale on Anglo-Amer Institute

2/104-106  Iredale to Temple  18 Jan 1936
In a joking style: Oldham's manner compared to that of a 'Pope'

2/133f  Oldham to Temple  24 Feb 1936
On York's Ctte

2/148f  Ibid  20 Mar 1936
Ibid

2/103-357  General remarks:
Complete set of papers, incl., interim reports of the unemployment ctte

6/3-6  Moberly to Temple  28 Jan 1938
Extremely detailed views on relationship between Oldham and L Hunter on proposed BCC

6/7-10  Temple to Oldham  3 Mar 1938
On above

6/32f  Oldham to Temple  18 Apr 1938
On Moot meeting

6/58f  Ibid  2 Sep 1938
Ibid (aims if war comes)

6/78-83  Ibid  7 Mar 1941
On "Fraternity of the Spirit"

6/220  Ibid  25 Nov 1942
Need to avoid the obvious domination of the BCC/WCC by the C of E

6, 7/all  General remarks:
Excellent for the WCC/BCC. Oldham is noticeable by his absence. The prominent figures are Paton, Leiper, and Craig

7/138  Representatives of the C of E on the BCC
(Oldham is one)
11/245f  Curtis to Oldham  12 Feb 1944
Strong criticism of Arch’s supplement and Oldham and his “school.” Contrasts ‘gamma’ and ‘alpha’ men.

11/251-262  Follow-up to Supplement. Sets out nd most of the issues which will concern Oldham for the rest of his life

11/208  Temple to Leiper  1 May 1944
Social Gospel often “was frankly twaddle” and Christian Century keeps proclaiming it

11/190-274  General remarks:
Excellent collection relating to Christian Frontier, Christian News-Letter, goals, etc.

25/?  Rougemont to Mott  2 Feb 1915
On YMCA, Red Cross, work among POWs (esp., French) in Germany

25/87f  Oldham to Temple  2 Nov 1934
On Ribbentrop’s visit to bish of Chichester

59/250-252  Lists of donors for World Conf on Faith and Order with amounts received (Oldham not listed)  Dec 1933

59/262f  Ibid nd
59/273-277  Ibid nd
59/279  Ibid nd
59/299  Bell to Don  23 Dec 1935
On 1937 Faith and Order Conf. AJ Macdonald proposed as a representative: “very able man, very learned and with considerable Nazi sympathies.”

59/372  Temple to colleagues  15 Oct 1937
World Conf’s council of 14 wants Oldham made a joint secr to assist Canon Hodges and Dr Cavert.

59/375  Adams-Brown to Temple  19 Oct 1937
Supports above plan but concerned that Henrid not be insulted.

59/all  General remarks:
These folios (182-375) only mention Oldham at 372 and 375.

60/282f  Hartenstein to Paton  5 Sep 1939
Touching letter on personal regard for Brit and Amer friends at the IMC on the outbreak of the war

61/185f  Oldham to Temple  4 Sep 1943
Supports Van Dusen
Bell Papers:

226/1-3 Oldham to Bell 27 Jan 1933
Comments on draft chapters on biography of Davidson

MS 2251/1-11 Memorandum of JJ Willis, Bishop of Uganda
"nothing could be more obviously sympathetic to native interests that this report" "the report does unmistakenly put native interest in the forefront of its programme" "the report is, in effect, as I have said, a Charter of Liberty" Report is opposed by Buganda who fear they will loose their special treaty privileges; they want direct access to the Col Off.

MS 3235/125f Papers of ER Morgan 29 Sep 1933
Oldham on church union at belief that time is not ripe

MS 3301:

3301/1 Oldham to Collins 23 Jan 1947
"Gloucester seems to me almost senile"
Private views on H Martin (negative) and Burlingham, Cockin, L Sheffield (all positive)

3301/2 Ibid 28 Jan 1947
"I do not believe that there are any 'Christian principles' to be 'applied' in national and international affairs, nor do I think that it is possible for the gov't to formulate 'a positive Christian aim' for our national policy, or that it would be wise for them to attempt it."

3301/3 Ibid 10 Feb 1947
On working with present BCC:
"You might find yourself bogged down in a mass of inertia, complacency and overburdenedness, against which the forces of life would flap their wings in vain."

3301/4 Collins to Oldham 17 Feb 1947
Declines BCC offer, quoting Oldham above

3301/8 Collins to Oldham 10 Jun 1947
Problems over pamphlet. Head of the Press and Publ Board of the Church Assembly a "very
stupid man” His proposed title “the King’s Call to You” elicited this response from Collin’s porter: “the average man like myself would say ‘bugger the King’”

Public Record Office:

CO 822:

(Box)13/(folder)4/(folio)5-10
Hilton-Young Comm did not take, or want, legal advice on the constitutionality of its ideas.

13/2/3-38
Supports Comm on native affairs but rejects fundamental proposal of a central authority (ACC Parkinson, 18 Dec 1928)
Ibid (JFN Green, 2 Jan 1929)
Ibid, more favorable but says assertion of ‘paramountcy’ repudiated by detailed proposals in report. Opposed to Grigg’s pro-settler stance (WC Bottomley, 4 Jan 1929)

13/1
Church of Scotland and Free Church want a Joint Parliamentary Ctte to study proposals of H-Y Comm (23 May 1929)

13/10
Ormsby-Gore says the Comm’s suggestion of a closed E Afr civil service a ‘retrograde proposal’ (5 Feb 1929)

1/8/8-13
Lugard on the constitution of Kenya and possible federation

9/6/44-46
Importance of keeping H-Y report secret as long as possible

9/7/8-34
On India’s response to E Afr problems

9/8/9-11
Hilton-Young’s memornadum on Afr administration (9 Jul 1928) with Boyd’s response after meeting with Bottomley, Green, Parkinson, and Flood

10/5/10,20
Oldham suggests survey of N Rhodesia for educ information (27 Sep 1928)

10/7/7-9
Oldham discussed new educ ordinance with gov’rs during recent tour and then in Edin and most issues resolved but some things still need consideration. Concern by missionaries over definition of ‘school’ possibly including their ‘purely’ religious institutions (22 Nov 1928)

11/5/1-13
Problems of loss of status of colonies (Kenya and Uganda) merged with a Mandat (Tanganyika) esp., as regard customs preferences.

16/8/1-18
Grigg’s proposals (secret) on E Afr before the H-Y Comm which took up most of his ideas.

19/1/2-6, 41-48, 60-67
On Sastri’s views on H-Y Comm, common electoral role, report to India, reaction to same (with original and final drafts)

CO 533:

351/268-288
On gov’rs conf’s and the disagreements between Grigg and Cameron and the changes made to the final communique as a result.

355/234-254
Report of Joint E Afr Board (Lugard, member) with population (by races) statistics.

384/7
On Kenya Land Bill (very useful for seeing the settler’s views and those of their supporters, etc)

618/38-63
Pamphlets on Instit of Afr Lang and Culture (close connection between this instit and the Nat Educ Ctte of the Col Office: Oldham, Lugard, and Vischer on both bodies)

372/12
On the difficulties of the federation proposed by the H-Y Comm. Plans discussed in detail as though the idea was accepted for a time

622/63-112
Proofs with corrections of summary on gov’rs conf 1926

CO 628:

18
Oldham suggests (to Grigg) that Miss E Adamson be made Assist Headmistress at Jeanes school. Miss Adamson declines the offer.
On gov’rs conf with more insight into differences