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The Woodstock Theological Center Library, formerly the library of Woodstock College (now closed), has been moved to the campus of Georgetown University in Washington, D. C. and is housed in the Lauinger Memorial Library. Part of the Woodstock Theological Center, an independent research institute, the library is an entity separate from the university library in which it is housed. The Woodstock collection, devoted to theology and associated disciplines, contains numerous titles related to Roman Catholic missions. Among the missionaria is a substantial collection of materials pertaining to Jesuit missions and many publications of the Jesuit mission presses. It is within the collection of Jesuitica that one finds most of the items of interest to scholars of Asian history.

The Woodstock Library does not present itself as having a collection of Orientalia. Scholars interested in the 16th and 17th century encounters between Europe and Asia, and in the history of the Christian missions themselves, should find the Woodstock collection worthy of note, however, because its holdings tend to compliment the far larger collections in the Library of Congress or the Catholic University. Those interested in the 19th and 20th century European presence in China will find works in woodstock, such as those of Henri Havret Louis Hermand, Joseph Hugon and Louis Pfister, which are not available in many much larger collections. In addition, the library has letters from the missions, periodicals and reference works pertinent to mission history including the Lettres edifiantes et curieuses, the Annales de la propagation de la foi, and the Relations de Chine. Among the modern reference works available are such various types of material as that included in the Catalogus Defunctorum in Renata Societate Jesu ab a. 1814 ad a. 1970, and the recently published Monumenta Historica Japonicae.

Among the work on China, Woodstock's Special Collection* contains one of the

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rare surviving examples of the blockbooks printed under the direction of
the Jesuits in 17th century Peking. This volume, the *Innocenta Victrix, sive Sententia Comitiorum Imperii Sinici pro Innocenta, 1669*, by Giovanni Lobelli, S. J., gives an account (both in Chinese and in Italian) of the accusations made against Adam Schall by Yang Kuang-hsien, and of Schall's trial and condemnation. It includes a petition to the K'ang-hsi Emperor by the Jesuits, requesting a reconsideration of the measures taken against Christians in China together with a copy of the Emperor's reply.

Most of the works related to Japan pertain to the Jesuit mission of the 16th and 17th centuries. They include early accounts of the Japanese, histories of the mission and celebration of famous martyrs. Especially interesting among these are the *Fasciculus e Iaponicis Floribus suo adhuc Madentibus Sanguine* (Rome: Corbellette, 1646), by Antonio Francisco Cardim, S. J. (especially for its maps); and a rare edition of letters from John Rodrigues and Matteo Ricci, addressed to the General of the Society of Jesus Claudio Aquaviva in 1611. The eight-volume *Histoire et description générale du Japon* (Paris: J. M. Gandouin, 1736), by Pierre Francois Xavier Charlevoix, S. J., presents Japan in all aspects of its culture and life and is replete with plates, maps and plans of castle towns.

The Woodstock Library collection is not large enough or extensive enough to qualify as a major center for the Asia specialist. Such is not its purpose. But for the scholar who may be visiting the Washington, D. C. area to make use of larger facilities, the Woodstock holdings might well be of interest.

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Omitted from this paper for reasons of space are a number of selected lists of books and periodicals contained in the Woodstock Collection.