Resources On China and Japan Among the Jesuit Publications In the Woodstock Theological Center Library, Georgetown University

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The Woodstock Library does not present itself as having a collection of Orientialia. 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 Iapponicis 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
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.

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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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lists of books and periodicals contained in the Woodstock Collection.