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## Guide to the Venn, Henry: Collection

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### Overview of the Collection

**Collection Title:** Venn, Henry: Collection

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### Administrative History:

Henry Venn (February 10, 1796 - January 13, 1873) was honorary secretary of the Church Missionary Society from 1841 to 1873. He was an early exponent of the principles of indigenous Christian mission leadership.

Venn and Rufus Anderson of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were the first to use the term "indigenous church" in the mid-nineteenth century. They wrote about the necessity for creating churches in the mission field that were self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating (Venn used the term "self-extending"). Venn is quoted by Wilbert Shenk, among others, as encouraging the "euthanasia of missions," meaning that missionaries should be considered temporary workers and not permanent.

### Access Terms

This Collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

### Corporate Name:

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions

Church Missionary Society

### Personal Name:

Shenk, Wilbert R.

Venn, H. (Henry), 1725-1797

### Topical Term:

Indigenous church administration

### Acquisition Information:

The Gift of Wilbert Shenk

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### Scope and Contents

This collection consists of thirteen bound volumes of Church Missionary Society correspondence by Clerical Secretary Henry Venn, from 1835 to 1873, including Indexes; and photocopies of the Collected Writings of Henry Venn in nine bound volumes.

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