The China collection of the Finnish Missionary organization (FELM) at Finnish Heritage Agency

Discussion on digitization and curation of missionary collections in Europe

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FELM Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission

- Agency of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland for its international work
- Founded in 1859
- First missionaries to Southwestern Africa, in Amboland, today Namibia, work started in 1870
- Difficulties
- First missionaries to China (Hunan) in 1902
- Today, FELM has partnerships in 30 countries
- [https://felm.org/what-is-felm/history/](https://felm.org/what-is-felm/history/)
- FELM collections at the Finnish Heritage Agency

”National Costumes”, August Penttinen 1893-1896. VKKLS734:1651 CC BY
King Kambonde III Kangula with his wife, in the middle Maria Wehanen. Maria Wehanen 1912. VKKLS734:562 CC BY
Opening the Finnish mission in China 1902, pastor Hannes Sjöblom

Jinshi (Hunan province)

"To find an area where no missionary work had yet been done"
Missionaries and their daily life in China

➢ Hospital
➢ Schools
➢ Kindergarten
➢ Social services

• Finnish teachers and pupils. Hannu Haahti 30.3.1914, VKKSL1234:
• Finnish Missionaries at Tsingsi station, 1906, VKKSL2261:
• Nurses at the Tshinshi hospital, 1930s. VKKSL151:
• Aino Ahde taking care patients in Jinshi Hospital, probably 1930s. VKKSL2902:
Thank You!

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