Cuban Educational Association of the United States of America Records

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**Collection Summary**

**Title:** Cuban Educational Association of the United States of America Records  
**Span Dates:** 1897-1954  
**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1898-1901)  
**ID No.:** MSS17384  
**Creator:** Cuban Educational Association of the United States of America  
**Extent:** 1,500 items ; 5 containers ; 2.0 linear feet  
**Language:** Collection material in English and Spanish  
**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.  
**Summary:** Educational association founded in 1898 to assist Cuban and Puerto Rican students securing an education in the United States. Correspondence, application forms, rosters, scrapbooks, financial records, photographs of students, and other records concerning the activities of the association and, after its dissolution in 1903, the Cuban and Puerto Rican students it had aided.

**Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

**People**  
Astor, John Jacob, 1864-1912--Correspondence.  
Butler, Nicholas Murray, 1862-1947--Correspondence.  
Conger, Laura D. (Laura Darby)--Correspondence.  
Harroun, Gilbert K. (Gilbert King), 1835-1901--Correspondence.  
Low, Seth, 1850-1916--Correspondence.  
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.  
Shaw, Albert, 1857-1947--Correspondence.  
Wheeler, Joseph, 1836-1906--Correspondence.  
Wood, Leonard, 1860-1927--Correspondence.

**Organizations**  
Cuban Educational Association of the United States of America.

**Subjects**  
Cubans--Education--United States.  
Education--United States.  
Puerto Ricans--Education--United States.  
Students, Foreign--United States.

**Administrative Information**

**Provenance**

The records of the Cuban Educational Association of the United States of America, an organization founded to promote educational exchanges between Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the United States, were transferred to the Manuscript Division from the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in 1956.

**Processing History**

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings in the records of the Cuban Educational Association is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The records of the Cuban Educational Association of the United States of America are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Cuban Educational Association of the United States of America Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the Cuban Educational Association of the United States of America span the years 1897-1954 with the bulk of the material dated 1898-1901. The association, founded in 1898 to aid Cuban and Puerto Rican students in securing an education in the United States, was dissolved in 1903. The records include correspondence, application forms, rosters, scrapbooks, financial records, and photographs of students.

The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence of the association’s secretary-treasurer, Gilbert K. Harroun. Harroun corresponded with representatives of schools, colleges, and universities throughout the country. Among his correspondents were John Jacob Astor, Nicholas Murray Butler, Seth Low, Theodore Roosevelt, Albert Shaw, Joseph Wheeler, and Leonard Wood, as well as numerous Cubans and Puerto Ricans seeking the aid of the association. Following Harroun’s death in 1901, the association went into decline, and the remaining correspondence is primarily addressed to his assistant, Laura D. Conger.

The collection also contains lists and photographs of students, financial records, applications, and scrapbooks documenting the establishment and accomplishments of the association.

Arrangement of the Papers

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