

Guide to the William Richard Johnson Papers

RG 6



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 6

CREATOR: Johnson, William Richard, 1878-1967

TITLE: William Richard Johnson Papers

DATES: 1836-1966

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 17.5 linear feet (52 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers detail the life and work of William Richard Johnson, most significantly documenting the years he spent in China, 1906-1942. William Richard Johnson was born in 1878 in Cornell, Illinois. He received a B.A. degree from Northwestern University in 1905 and an M.A. degree from Columbia University Teachers College in 1937. In 1906, Johnson sailed for China to serve as a missionary for the Methodist Episcopal Church. In China, he served as a pastor, educator and school administrator. He was active in famine and flood relief work, 1931-1936, and proposed a Rural Reconstruction Program adopted by the central government in 1933. Shortly after becoming the assistant director of the American Red Cross China Relief Unit, Johnson was taken prisoner by the Japanese in 1941. He was exchanged and returned to the United States in 1942. He died in Polo, Illinois on July 19, 1967.

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Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.006>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Johnson family.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

William Richard Johnson Papers (RG 6), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

Processing Information

Place names were modernized in the description, with the name originally used in the collection material or in an older version of the finding aid in parenthesis: e.g. "Beijing (Peking)" or "Benin (Dahomey)".

Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1849-1914	○ Sarah Esther Husted, mother of William Richard Johnson, born in Indiana and came to Illinois at an early age.
1851-1908	○ Benjamin R. Johnson, father of William Richard Johnson, born in Ruyville, Ohio; came to Illinois at the age of 2 in a prairie schooner; was a general storekeeper and banker in Cornell, Illinois. (The following are children of Sarah Esther and Benjamin R. Johnson: Estella, b. 1872, d. 1874; Franklin, b. 1874; Sidney Elmer, b. 1881; William Richard, b. 1878, d. 1967; Harry, b. 1883, d. 1950; Marcia (Lowell), b. 1886; Edward Amer, b. 1889; Lucille (Jones), b. 1892.)
1882	○ Ina Buswell Johnson, wife of William Richard Johnson, born in Illinois. Her parents were Joel Battie Buswell (1834-1905) and Laura Shoemaker Buswell (1843-1936). (The children of Joel Battie and Laura Shoemaker Buswell are: Clark, Emily (Thorpe), Elizabeth (Antrim) and James.)
1894	○ William Richard Johnson finished ninth grade in Cornell public school.
1897	○ Graduated from Pontiac High School, Illinois
1898-1899	○ Taught district school in Illinois
1899-1901	○ Worked as a cashier in the Cornell bank
1901	○ Entered Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
1905	○ Ina Buswell Johnson and William Richard Johnson graduated from Northwestern, both with degrees in Liberal Arts.
1905-1906	○ William Richard Johnson worked as a fund raiser for the building campaign of the Y.M.C.A. at the University of Illinois.
1906	○ Laura Lillian, b. 1920 in Polo, Illinois, graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University, served in the Navy in World War II, awarded M.A. degree from University of Michigan, taught school, married Lt. Col. Clifford L. Woodliff, lived in Polo, Illinois with WRJ at the time of his death. ○ William Buswell, b. 1908 in Guling (Kuling), later became a Methodist minister in California. ○ Joel Benjamin, b. 1910 in Nanchang, later became a lawyer in Princeton, New Jersey.

Date	Event
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Clark Husted, b. 1913 in Nanchang, later named Foreign Director for McNeil Laboratories, then purchased the Zemmer Company in 1964 and sailed for China (Dec. 9) as a missionary for the Methodist Church.○ James Bashford, b. 1915 in Nanchang, graduated from Western Reserve Medical School, served in World War II, eventually practiced medicine in Greencastle, Indiana.
1907	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Arrived in Shanghai and was ordained to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church; began to study the Chinese language.
1908	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pastor and District Superintendent, Nanchang, Jiangxi (Kiangsi) Province.
1913	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ James Whitford Bashford writes about William Richard Johnson: "one of the ablest representatives of our church in central Asia or in the entire nation." (James W. Bashford was a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in China, 1904-1915. See George Richmond Grose, <i>James W. Bashford: Pastor, Educator, Bishop</i>, (New York: The Methodist Book Concern, 1922).
1915-1918	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Principal, Nanchang Academy
1918-1919	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Furlough. Secretary for Foreign Missions and Stewardship in the Methodist Centenary Movement, Denver, Colorado area.
1919-1920	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Assistant Secretary of the Stewardship Dept., Methodist Committee on Conservation and Advance, New York City.
1921-1927	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Principal, Nanchang Academy
1922	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Red Cross refugee work
1924-1927	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Executive Secretary, Kiangsi International Famine Relief, Jiangxi, directing dike repair, famine relief program.
1927-1929	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Furlough. Studied at Columbia University; Executive Secretary, China Famine Relief (New York City) during its first financial campaign.
1929-1936	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Director of Religious Education, Nanchang Academy
1931-1936	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Famine and flood relief work, directed part of the dike repair program financed by the American Wheat and Cotton Loan, 1931-1932.
1933	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Made a survey for Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, outlining a Rural Reconstruction Program for Jiangxi (Kiangsi) Province which was adopted by central government and provincial authorities and put into operation. For Johnson's involvement in the Rural Reconstruction Program see <i>While China Faced West</i>, by James C. Thomson, Jr. (James C. Thomson, Jr. <i>While China Faced West: American Reformers in Nationalist China, 1928-1937</i>. (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1969.))
1933-1936	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Chairman, Board of Trustees of the Kuling Estate, participating in the rendition ceremonies January 1, 1936. (Kuling Estate was a summer resort which was administered by the British as a part of the Concession of Kiukiang, but not returned with the Concession, under the Chen-O'Malley Agreement.)
1936-1937	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Furlough. Columbia University Teachers College, M.A.

Date	Event
1937-1940.	○ Returned to China without his family. District missionary, largely engaged in war-relief administration: hospitals and relief camps with industrial work and cooperatives.
1940	○ Furlough
1941	○ Lay Superintendent of the Canossa Hospital (later the Majama Hospital), a British Government Hospital for civilian wounded, during the siege of Hong Kong. ○ Assistant Director, American Red Cross, China Relief Unit, in charge of Hong Kong office.
1941-1942	○ Prisoner of the Japanese, interned from January 5, 1942 until June 29, 1942 at Stanley Civilian Internment Camp.
1942	○ Exchanged at Lorencos Marques and returned to U.S. on the "Gripsholm."
1942-1949	○ Lectured for the U.S.O. in Army and Navy camps, in Rotary International Institutes, for Y.M.C.A. groups, crossing the United States four times. His lectures were arranged largely by the Redpath speakers' bureau.
1944	○ Speaker for the Community War Fund, Washington, D.C.
1946	○ Gave 361 addresses in twenty states.
1947-1952	○ Published various articles regarding China.
1954	○ Appeared before the Un-American Activities Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, eighty-third Congress.
1950-1966	○ William Richard Johnson debated this issue through letters, articles and speeches. ○ "During the course of the Kuomintang's decline, the reformers and their colleagues were soon torn by partisanship. In the war and postwar years, the Protestant missionary community became sharply divided--as did American officials and academics--on the question of loyalty to the Kuomintang regime. On the one side stood such indefatigable spokesmen for the Nationalists as Walter H. Judd ..., William R. Johnson... .Ranged against them were...other American missionaries, whose disillusionment with the Nationalists was intense..."(Thomson, <i>While China Faced West</i> , p. 242.)
1962	○ Presented with a medal by the Republic of China on behalf of Chiang Kai-shek. The award was given "in recognition of his meritorious contribution." (Box 50, Series V, Folder 19)
1963	○ Ina Buswell Johnson died in Polo, Illinois.
1967 Jul 19	○ William Richard Johnson died in Polo, Illinois.

Scope and Contents

The first series, CORRESPONDENCE, is divided into two sections:

CORRESPONDENCE: FAMILY
CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL

CORRESPONDENCE: FAMILY, dating from 1836 to 1966, includes the correspondence of many family members and gives detailed information about their activities. The letters, most of which are addressed to William and Ina Johnson, express the closeness of the family and in later years indicate an interest

in preserving family records. The lives of the Johnson children are particularly elucidated by the correspondence, including their reactions to events in which they were involved and their reactions to their father's activities. The completeness and honesty of the family correspondence is very notable. Letters written regarding the settlement of Mrs. Johnson's estate after her death in 1963 reveal the misunderstanding, bitterness, and complications which emerged as Mr. Johnson worked out an agreeable solution. The family correspondence is also useful for the insights and observations about China which it includes. For example, in the spring of 1920 when Johnson was in New York during their furlough, he wrote to his wife concerning his conversation with the son of Bishop W.S. Lewis of China, referring to the difficulties blocking their return to China and conflicts encountered in China in the past.

CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL (1852-1966) includes business as well as personal correspondence. Letters from college, missionary, and Chinese friends of William R. Johnson continue throughout. Johnson's work and involvements are highly visible through the correspondence. Perhaps the most significant period in the correspondence is the years spent in China (1906-1942). Johnson's detailed letters to his Bishops (in turn: James W. Bashford, L.J. Birney, Herbert Welch and W.E. Hammaker) describe financial, property, and mission matters, some relating to the annual conferences. Of particular interest is Johnson's involvement in the purchase of some land for the Methodist mission between the years 1912-1917 which eventually led to a court case. Johnson's relationship with Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek is also revealed in the correspondence. He receives correspondence from Madame Chiang Kai-shek in 1934 and 1938, as well as several notes from her secretary. Johnson writes of his Plan for Rural Reconstruction in June 1933 and in 1927, 1938 and 1939 writes describing war conditions and refugee work.

During the years after his return from China the correspondence reflects Johnson's deep commitment to fighting communism. His conservative political concerns are very evident in correspondence with congressmen, senators, to the President of the United States, to magazine editors and church dignitaries. Letters regarding Johnson's publications and efforts to find financial backing for the mailing activities related to his political concerns are included in the correspondence. Notable in this section is Johnson's correspondence with Alfred Kohlberg regarding the American China Policy Association, with which Johnson was associated from 1945-1960, serving on its Board of Directors for several years.

Johnson also exchanges letters with former students and friends in China such as C.K. Shaw, principal of the Nanchang Academy. Personal and printed newsletters from fellow missionaries are also included.

- Abraham Lincoln National Republican Club
- American China Policy Association
- American Friends of the Captive Nations
- American Friends of Vietnam
- American Jewish League Against Communism
- American Mercury
- American Way
- Association of Citizens' Councils
- China Bulletin
- Chinese News Service
- Christian Beacon
- Christian Children's Fund
- Christian Educational Association
- Christian Freedom Foundation
- Christian Herald
- Christian National Crusade
- Church League of America
- Circuit Riders, Inc.
- Citizens' Council
- Citizens' Foreign Aid Committee
- Committee of One Million
- Committee for Constitutional Government
- Committee for the Preservation of State and Local Government
- Congress of Freedom, Inc.

Constitution Clubs of Illinois
Cosmos Club
Council for Statehood
Defenders of the American Constitution
Embury-Heck Anniversary Committee
Everingham Company
Federation for Constitutional Government
For America
Free China Committee
Free Enterprise
Free Men Speak
Freedom Club
Freedom School, Inc.
"Heads Up"
Human Events
Independent American
International Cooperation Administration
International Council of Christian Churches
John Birch Society
Liberty Lobby
Methodist Challenge
National Conservative Party
National Economic Council, Inc.
National Review
New Leader
News and Views
Ohio Coalition of Patriotic Societies
Operation Brotherhood
Plain Talk
Public Action, Inc.
United States Flag Committee
We, the People
Young Americans for Freedom

The second series, WRITINGS AND PRINTED MATERIAL, is divided into two major categories: works by William R. Johnson and those written by others.

The first category contains a variety of material including translations, reports, bulletins, book reviews, published and unpublished articles and manuscripts, talks, sermons, and memoranda. Included also are some writings by other family members. The various dates of this material provide a key to the subject matter.

The second category contains those writings and printed material which were not written by WRJ, or his family members. This material includes minutes, reports, pamphlets, and journals, sometimes anonymous. Among the most interesting are the China Famine Relief news releases (1928).

The material of the third series, NOTES AND NOTEBOOKS, is varied and includes addresses, a card file, and diaries. The notes are class notes, rough drafts of writings, sermon notes, notes regarding current events, lecture and book notes. Some are written on individual sheets and others are in notebooks. Most of the material is dated. Included also are address lists, diaries, and notes by Ina Buswell Johnson.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL MATERIAL, the fourth series, is divided between personal and non-personal material. The first category is the personal material of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, and includes legal documents, bills, bank statements, canceled checks, receipts, tax forms, and daily accounts. This material provides information about the various philanthropic, political, and church-related organizations to which Johnson contributed.

The second category, non-personal material, contains financial and legal material regarding various groups, such as the Methodist Church and China Relief Work, with which Johnson was associated while in China. Budgets, reports, and financial agreements are included.

PERSONAL ITEMS AND MEMORABILIA, the final series, contains biographical and genealogical information regarding the families of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, as well as a variety of other commemorative material.

Arrangement

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Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1836-1966, n.d.

7 linear feet (26 boxes)

This series is divided into two sections:

CORRESPONDENCE: FAMILY

The material in this section is arranged chronologically with telegrams following in chronological order. Letters, telegrams and fragments with no date (n.d.) are filed alphabetically by author at the end.

CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL

This section is arranged chronologically with letters of importance listed on the folder headings. A few of the letters are neither to or from the Johnsons. When "Incl." is written on the folder heading, it indicates there are other letters included in the folder besides those that are mentioned. Almost every folder contains letters (usually carbon copies) from William Richard Johnson; this is not noted on the folder heading.

Letters with no dates are filed alphabetically. Fragments are filed by date when available, or alphabetically by author. Telegrams are filed at the end of the correspondence.

Correspondence: Family

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b. 4, f. 55-69	Letters to/from family	1936-1941
b. 5, f. 70-87	Letters to/from family	1942-1949
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b. 9, f. 130	n.d.: Buswell, Emma (Mrs. Clark)	
b. 9, f. 131	n.d.: Buswell, Laura (Shoemaker)	
b. 9, f. 132	n.d.: Buswell, Marion and Clara L.	
b. 9, f. 133	n.d.: Husted, Jean	
b. 9, f. 134	n.d.: Johnson, Edward Amer	
b. 9, f. 135	n.d.: Johnson, Elizabeth (Fink)	

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b. 9, f. 136	n.d.: Johnson, Franklin
b. 9, f. 137	n.d.: Johnson, Harry
b. 9, f. 138	n.d.: Johnson, Ina (Buswell)
b. 9, f. 139	n.d.: Johnson, James Bashford
b. 9, f. 140	n.d.: Johnson, Joan and Clark Husted
b. 9, f. 141	n.d.: Johnson, Joel Benjamin
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b. 9, f. 145	n.d.: Johnson, Sarah Esther (Husted)
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b. 9, f. 147	n.d.: Johnson, William Richard
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b. 9, f. 153	n.d.: Woodliff, Laura (Johnson)
b. 9, f. 154	n.d.: Woodliff, Laura (Johnson)
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b. 9, f. 157	n.d.: Misc. Grandchildren
b. 9, f. 158	n.d.: Misc. Nieces and Nephews
b. 9, f. 159	n.d.: Telegrams
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b. 10, f. 161	Fragments: Johnson, Edward Amer
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b. 10, f. 163	Fragments: Johnson, Harry
b. 10, f. 164	Fragments: Johnson, Ina (Buswell)
b. 10, f. 165	Fragments: Johnson, Joel Benjamin

Correspondence: Family (continued)

b. 10, f. 166	Fragments: Johnson, Mary (Seldon)
b. 10, f. 167	Fragments: Johnson, Sidney Elmer
b. 10, f. 168	Fragments: Johnson, William Buswell
b. 10, f. 169	Fragments: Johnson, William Richard
b. 10, f. 170	Fragments: Jones, Lucille (Johnson)
b. 10, f. 171	Fragments: Lowell, Marcia (Johnson)
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b. 11, f. 179	Incl. from: Bishop J.W. Bashford	1905 Jan-Jul
b. 11, f. 180	Incl. re: Job offers	1905 Aug-Dec
b. 11, f. 181	Incl. re: Marriage, job	1906
b. 11, f. 182	Incl. re: Arrival in China, Appt. by Bishop Bashford	1907
b. 11, f. 183	Incl. from: J.R. Trindle	1908
b. 11, f. 184	Incl. to: Bishop Bashford, J.R. Trindle; re: Mission affairs	1909
b. 11, f. 185	Incl. from: O.S. Hubbard	1910 Jan
b. 11, f. 186	Incl. to/from: Bishop Bashford	1910 Feb-Aug
b. 11, f. 187	Incl. from: J.S. Vaughan, J.R. Trindle	1910 Sep-Nov
b. 11, f. 188	Incl. to/from: Bishop Bashford, J.R. Trindle	1911 Jan-May
b. 11, f. 189	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Bashford To: A.J. Bowen, From: J.R. Trindle	1911 Jun-Sep
b. 11, f. 190	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Bashford Fr: J.S. Vaughan	1911 Oct-Dec
b. 11, f. 191	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Bashford, A.J. Bowen, re: Land purchase	1912 Jan-Feb
b. 11, f. 192	Incl. fr: American Consular Service, Bishop Bashford, W.S. Lewis, J.R. Trindle; re: Land purchase	1912 Mar-Apr
b. 11, f. 193	Incl. re: Land controversy	1912 May
b. 11, f. 194	Incl. re: Land controversy	1912 Jun-Jul

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b. 11, f. 195	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Bashford Re: Land controversy	1912 Aug-Oct
b. 11, f. 196	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Bashford, to: C.F. Kupfer, re: Land controversy	1912 Nov-Dec
b. 12, f. 197	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Bashford, re: Land controversy	1913 Jan-Mar
b. 12, f. 198	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Bashford, re: Land controversy, Furlough of WRJ	1913 Apr-Aug
b. 12, f. 199	Incl. to/fr: J.G. Vaughan, fr: Bishop Bashford	1913 Sep-Dec
b. 12, f. 200	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Bashford, re: Land settlement	1914 Jan-May
b. 12, f. 201	Incl. to/fr: J.G. Vaughan re: Return to China	1914 Jun-Dec
b. 12, f. 202	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Bashford, W.S. Lewis	1915 Jan-Mar
b. 12, f. 203	Incl. to: Bishop Bashford, W.S. Lewis	1915 Apr-Dec
b. 12, f. 204	Incl. To/fr: J.W. Bashford, W.S. Lewis, fr: C.F. Kupfer	1916 Jan-Dec
b. 12, f. 205	Incl. to/fr: W.S. Lewis, re: Nanchang Land case	1917 Jan-Apr
b. 12, f. 206	Incl. to/fr: W.S. Lewis, C.F. Kupfer, fr: J.G. Vaughan, re: Nanchang Land case	1917 May-Dec
b. 12, f. 207	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Bashford, F.C. Gale to: W.S. Lewis, re: Furlough	1918 Jan-Jul
b. 12, f. 208	Incl. to/fr: F.C. Gale, W.S. Lewis re: Methodist Centenary Movement	1918 Aug-Sep
b. 12, f. 209	Incl. to/fr: F.C. Gale	1918 Oct-Dec
b. 12, f. 211	Incl. to/fr: W.S. Lewis, Fr: F.C. Gale re: Death of Bishop Bashford, Centenary Movement	1919 Apr-Jun
b. 12, f. 212	Incl. to/fr: F.C. Gale, to: A.J. Bowen, F.M. North	1919 Jul-Aug
b. 12, f. 213	Incl. to/fr: F.C. Gale, re: Conference, Centenary Movement	1919 Sep-Dec
b. 13, f. 214	Incl. fr: F.C. Gale, J.G. Vaughan re: Centenary, return to China	1920 Jan-Mar
b. 13, f. 215	Incl. to/fr: Fred R. Brown, fr: Ralph . Ward, re: Return to China, Centenary	1920 Apr-Jul
b. 13, f. 216	Incl. to/fr: W.S. Lewis, re: Return to China, Centenary	1920 Aug-Dec
b. 13, f. 217	Incl. to/fr: E.C. Perkins, E.L. Terman re: Centenary, Annual Meeting report	1921
b. 13, f. 218	Incl. to/fr: American Consul General re: Anti-Christian Movement, to: Bishop Birney ret purchase of Nanchang college site, re: illness of WRJ	1922
b. 13, f. 219	Incl. re: Illness of WRJ	1923
b. 13, f. 220	Incl. to/fr: American Consular Service ret political conditions Reports by C.F. Kupfer and WRJ Re: Famine Relief Committee	1924
b. 13, f. 221	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Birney, American Consular Service	1925 Jan-Jun
b. 13, f. 222	Incl. to/fr: American Consular Service, Bishop Birney	1925 Jul-Dec
b. 13, f. 223	Inc. to/fr: American Consular Service, Bishop Birney	1926 Jan-May
b. 13, f. 224	Incl. to/fr: American Consular Service, Bishop Birney re: Siege of Nanchang	1926 Jun-Sep

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b. 13, f. 225	Incl. to/fr: American Consul General, Bishop Birney, fr: George T. Blydenburgh, re: conditions at Nanchang	1926 Oct-Dec
b. 13, f. 226	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Birney, American Consular Service, fr: G.T. Blydenburgh, to: Sen. Wm. E. Borah re: Revolt, IBJ and children return to USA	1927 Jan-Feb
b. 13, f. 227	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Birney, re: revolt and leaving Nanchang	1927 Mar-May
b. 13, f. 228	Incl. to/fr: C.K. Shaw, Bishop Birney, re: WRJ and son returning to USA	1927 Jun-Jul
b. 13, f. 229	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Birney, re: News from China	1927 Aug-Oct
b. 13, f. 230	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Birney, re: Conditions in China	1927 Nov-Dec
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b. 14, f. 232	Incl. fr: Bishop Birney, F.R. Brown, W. Schubert, C.K. Shaw, re: Famine Relief	1928 Aug-Dec
b. 14, f. 233	Incl. fr: Bishop Birney, F.R. Brown, C.K. Shaw, re: Columbia University, Famine relief	1929 Jan-Apr
b. 14, f. 234	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Birney, re: Return to China	1929 Jun-Dec
b. 14, f. 235	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Birney, R.E. Diffendorfer, re: Famine Relief	1930 Jan-Aug
b. 14, f. 236	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Birney, To: R.E. Diffendorfer, fr: J.E. Baker	1930 Sep-Dec
b. 14, f. 237	Incl. to/fr: J.C. Baker, Bishop Birney, Frank Cartwright, to: Editor, The China Press	1931 Jan-Aug
b. 14, f. 238	Incl. re: Charges by L.S.C. Wang vs. WRJ, relief, Bishop Birney leaves China	1931 Sep-Dec
b. 14, f. 239	Incl. to/fr: Bishop Birney, to: J.C. Baker, re: Famine relief, charges against WRJ, illness of WRJ	1932 Jan-Dec
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