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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 108

CREATOR: Beard, Willard Livingstone, 1865-1947

TITLE: Willard Livingstone Beard Family Papers

DATES: 1892-1964

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 6 linear feet (13 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, diaries, writings, and collected material provide valuable documentation of the work of Willard Livingstone Beard and his family. Beard was a missionary in China from 1894 to 1941, serving in Fujian (Fukien) Province under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM) and the YMCA.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Geraldine Beard (original collection, ca. 1993) and the Beard family (addendum, 2006-2007, 2010).

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

Willard Livingstone Beard Family Papers (RG 108), 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

Willard Livingstone Beard was born in Shelton, Connecticut in 1865, son of Oliver Gould Beard and Nancy Maria Nicols Beard. Following his marriage to Ellen Kinney in 1894, he served the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions' Fuzhou (Foochow) mission for over forty years (1894-1941). The Beards had six children: Phebe (1895-1925), Myron Gould (1896-1974), Geraldine (1898-1993), Dorothy (1901-1991), Marjorie (1906-1995), and Kathleen (1908-2004). During the period 1905-1910, Beard was released by the ABCFM to set up and head a branch of the YMCA in Fujian (Fukien) province. Beard died in 1947 and Ellen Kinney Beard died in 1953.

Willard Beard had two sisters, Flora and Mary, who also worked in China. Flora lived in Fuzhou (Foochow) from October of 1906 to July of 1909; she was not officially a missionary but taught missionary children. In 1914, Flora and her youngest sister Mary Louse Beard left the U.S. for Beijing (Peking) where they founded the North China American School (NCAS) for missionary children. The sisters were at NCAS from 1914 to 1920.

Scope and Contents

The Willard L. Beard Family Papers consist of five linear feet of material divided into six series. The papers provide valuable early documentation of ABCFM and YMCA work in the Fuzhou (Foochow) area. They include not only Beard's personal correspondence and diaries, but also collected report and printed material documenting mission work in Fujian (Fukien) province. A substantial amount of material has been added to this collection since it was microfilmed as part of the Adam Matthew "China Through Western Eyes" collection and the box and folder numbers have been revised. The Beard Family Papers complement other collections at the Yale Divinity Library that document mission work in the Fujian (Fukien) Province, including the papers of Emily Susan Hartwell, Eva Asher, Charles and Mary Storrs, and others.

Series I, Correspondence, consists primarily of family correspondence, with a small amount of correspondence addressed to non-family. The family correspondence is arranged in chronological order. The original collection contained forty-nine letters of Beard, one from Ellen Kinney Beard and two from Phebe Kinney Beard. In 2006, the Beard family donated more than one hundred additional letters. Transcripts and abstracts of the added letters have been prepared by Jana Jackson, wife of the grandson of Kathleen Beard Elmer; they are filed in the same folders as the original letters. Digital copies of transcripts of letters are available at <http://divinity-adhoc.library.yale.edu/BeardPapers>. Many of the added letters were in the possession of Donald MacInnis for a number of years, as he did research for his book, *China Chronicles from a Lost Time: the Min River Journals*. The letters are primarily written from Fuzhou (Foochow) of Kuliang (a summer resort for missionaries in the mountains) to family members in the U.S. Letters addressed to "Friends at home", "Home friends", and "Folks at home" have been included in the Family Correspondence sub-series. The letters give substantial accounts of the Beards' daily work and touch on political events and social issues in China.

Among the newly added correspondence in Series I are substantive letters written by Willard Beard's sisters Flora and Mary. Besides describing their day-to-day work at the North China American School in Beijing (Peking) (Beijing), they describe trips they took in China, the funeral procession of Yuan Shi Kai, the political situation, and rest and relaxation at the seaside resort of Beidaihe (Pei Tai Ho).

The Diaries and Journals of Series II include three daily diaries of the Imperial English and Chinese Diary format, which provide regular accounts of Beard's activities and acquaintances, and two accounts of trips taken by Beard. A daily account of a trip from Fuzhou (Foochow) to Shaowu and back (1906 November - 1907 January) provides a valuable detailed account of typical missionary work.

Writings in Series II include Beard's account of a dispute between two villages near Fuzhou (Foochow) and the visit of E. Stanley Jones to Fuzhou (Foochow). Collected Material in Series III documents the work of the American Board in Fukien Province and Foochow College. Photographs, biographical information, and memorabilia, and a set of compiled documents complete the collection.

Arrangement

- I. Correspondence, 1894-1944, n.d.
- II. Diaries and Journals, 1895-1907, 1928.
- III. Writings, 1915-1941, n.d.
- IV. Collected Material, 1896-1947, n.d.
- V. Photographs, 1901-1956, n.d.
- VI. Personal Items and Memorabilia, 1900-1964.
- VII. Compilation of Documents, 1892-1950s

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1892-1944

Digital copies of transcripts of letters prepared by the Beard family are available at <http://divinity-adhoc.library.yale.edu/BeardPapers>.

Family

Digital copies of transcribed correspondence are available.

b. 12, f. 1	Five letters from Ellen Kinney (EK) to Willard Livingstone Beard (WLB) regarding visits in Connecticut	1892 November - 1893 April
b. 12, f. 2	Four letters from WLB to EK at Oberlin College; one letter from Ruth Beard to EK	1893 October - December
b. 12, f. 3	Seven letters from WLB to EK regarding studies, preaching, application to Mission Board	1894 January - February
b. 12, f. 4	Four letters from EK to WLB; regarding Student Volunteer Movement convention, application to Mission Board; one letter from WLB to IK	1894 March - April
b. 12, f. 5	Four letters from EK to WLB; two letters WLB to EK telling of bicycle trips, anticipating her return home	1894 May - June
b. 1, f. 1b	Three letters from Ellen Kinney Beard to home folks from Fuzhou (Foochow); four letters from Willard L. Beard to home, including re: birth of daughter, Phebe	1894 December 15 - 1895 June 16
b. 1, f. 2	Five letters from Willard Beard in Fuzhou (Foochow) to home; re: cholera outbreak and massacre in Gutian (Kucheng)	1895 July 28 - December 9
b. 1, f. 3	Six letters from WLB to home; tells of death of missionary friend from cancer	1896 Jan 7- Mar 15
b. 1, f. 4	Five letters from WLB to home including need of women missionaries to minister to women; Ellen and Phebe move to Kuliang resort	1896 Apr 8-Jun 29
b. 1, f. 5	Six letters from WLB to home, one from EKB; missionaries living in mountains during heat, purchase of land	1896 Jul 13-Sep 23
b. 1, f. 6	Seven letters from WLB to home, one from EKB; tells of birth of son: Myron Gould, WLB visits Shanghai	1896 Oct 1- Dec 18
b. 1, f. 7	Eight letters from WLB to home; Christmas celebrations, children doing well	1897 Jan 3- May 9
b. 1, f. 8	Eight letters WLB to EKB while they are in mountains	1897 Jun 6- Jun 25
b. 1, f. 9	Seven letters WLB to home; enjoying new home in Kuliang, one letter WLB to EKB	1897 Jul 5- Sep 19
b. 1, f. 10	Four letters WLB to home- one EKB to home; regarding Chinese Anti-Footbinding Society	1897 Oct 3- Dec 26
b. 1, f. 11	Eight letters WLB to home; regarding recent trip with another missionary, notice of increase in Western influence in China	1898 Jan 1- Apr 4

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b. 1, f. 12	Six letters WLB to regarding move to mountains, birth of second daughter, Geraldine	1898 May 1- Aug 25
b. 1, f. 13	Six letters WLB to home regarding typhoons, Ellen teaching music in Seminary, new missonaries expected, one letter from brother James	1898 Sep 4- Dec 25
b. 1, f. 14	Six letters WLB to home; relaxing trip on houseboat	1899 Jan 22- Apr 23
b. 1, f. 15	Nine letters WLB to home; regarding floods, rain, illness	1899 May 7- Sep 24
b. 1, f. 16	Six letters WLB to home- one by EKB; plans for new residence	1899 Oct 8- Dec 24
b. 1, f. 17	Seven letters WLB to home; regarding possible devil possession	1900 Jan 21- May 20
b. 1, f. 18	Ten letters WLB to home; including regarding Boxer Rebellion	1900 Jun 3- Aug 26
b. 2, f. 19	Nine letters WLB to home; regarding 6th wedding anniversary, political unrest	1900 Sep 2- Oct 28
b. 2, f. 20	Seven letters WLB to home-one EKB; officials executed for murder of foreigner	1900 Nov-Dec
b. 2, f. 21	Seven letters WLB to home	1901 Jan-Mar
b. 2, f. 22	Seven letters WLB to home; including plague and man using opium	1901 Apr- Jun
b. 2, f. 23	Twelve letters Willard Beard Fuzhou (Foochow) to home; regarding floods, plague, move into new house, John R. Mott visit	1901 July 7- December 21
b. 2, f. 24	Thirteen letters WLB to home; speaks of new daughter- Dorothy, concern for drought	1902 Jan 19- Jun 22
b. 2, f. 25	Nine letters WLB to home; regarding plague and cholera, awaiting decision regarding leaving American Board to work for YMCA	1902 Jul 13- Oct 26
b. 2, f. 26	Four letters WLB to home; eight week trip to Shaowu and villages	1902 Nov 9
b. 2, f. 27	Three letters EKB; regarding WLB's trip to Shaowu, Four letters WLB regarding family returning to US	1903 Jan 3- Apr 8
b. 2, f. 28	Five letters Flora (sister) traveling in Europe, Letters from WLB and daughter traveling in Europe	1904 Jul, Oct-Dec
b. 2, f. 29	Eight letters and postcards family returning to China	1905 Jan-Mar
b. 2, f. 30	Nine letters Willard Beard from Fuzhou (Foochow) to home, two letters from son and one from Ellen Beard to home	1905 April-August
b. 2, f. 31	One letter from EKB to home regarding illness, seven letters- WLB- improved health, illness among missionaries (WLB now working with YMCA)	1905 Sep 5- Dec 7
b. 2, f. 32	Eight letters WLB to home; including birth of daughter Marjorie, sister Flora coming to China	1906 Jan 9- Apr 29

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b. 2, f. 33	Seven letters WLB to home; regarding YMCA work, two letters from Flora-traveling; one letter from Phebe to grandmother	1906 May 14-Oct 26
b. 2, f. 34	Four letters from Flora to home- one letter WLB; travel journal, Shaowu trip	1906 Nov
b. 3, f. 35	Six letters from Flora (in Fuzhou (Foochow)) to home; six from Willard to home, one by (Myron) Gould to grandma	1906 December - 1907 January
b. 3, f. 36	Four letters from Flora to home, Two WLB to EKB; while he is at conference in Japan, Two WLB to home, one Gould to Aunt	1907 Feb- Apr
b. 3, f. 37	Five letters from Flora to home, three letters WLB tells of conferences attended over 2 months, moved into new house	1907 Feb- Apr
b. 3, f. 38	Three letters WLB to home, four letters Flora to home	1907 May-Jun
b. 3, f. 39	Six letters WLB to home; regarding work in YMCA, two letters from Flora and one from Phebe	1907 Jul-Dec
b. 3, f. 40	Three letters WLB to home; four from Flora	1908 May- Jun
b. 3, f. 41	Five letters from Flora regarding travels in Japan; five letters WLB to home, birth of daughter Kathleen	1908 Jul-Aug
b. 3, f. 42	Four letters Willard Beard to home, three Willard Beard to Ellen Beard; tells of fire in YMCA tent in Xiamen (Amoy); two from Flora to home	1908 September - December
b. 3, f. 43	Four letters Willard Beard from Fuzhou (Foochow) to home, three letters from Flora to home; plans to return to US	1909 February-March
b. 3, f. 44	Three letters WLB to home; regarding American Board wanting him back from YMCA; two letters from Flora	1909 Apr- Jul
b. 3, f. 45	Three letters WLB to home from conference in Shantou (Swatow) and Kuliang; one letter from Phebe to home, One from EKB to WLB	1909 August-September
b. 3, f. 46	Three letters WLB to home; regarding new job at ABCFM in New York, preparations for going home, letters also from Phebe and Dorothy to home	1909 Oct-Dec
b. 3, f. 47	Seven letters Willard Beard: four to children, two to his mother; has returned to Foochow College, Fuzhou	1912 August - 1913 December
b. 3, f. 48	Six letters WLB to his children	1914 Mar-Jun
b. 3, f. 49	Three letters WLB to home, six letters from Flora and Mary traveling to China	1914 Aug
b. 3, f. 50	Four letters WLB to home; tells of typhoons, Seven letters from Mary and Flora; regarding school	1914 Sep
b. 3, f. 51	Three letters WLB- one to son; regarding Sherwood Eddy evangelistic campaign; seven letters from Flora and Mary describing excursions	1914 Oct-Nov
b. 3, f. 52	Eight letters WLB to home, Three letters from Mary and Flora regarding Christmas	1915 Jan-Feb
b. 3, f. 53	One letter Willard Beard regarding Foochow College large enrollment, Three from Flora and Mary in Beijing (Peking)	1915 March

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b. 4, f. 54	Three letters from WLB to sisters and daughter; four from Mary and Flora to home; concern regarding Japan	1915 Apr
b. 4, f. 55	Four letters WLB, six from Mary and Flora	1915 May-Jun
b. 4, f. 56	Five letters from Mary and Flora	1915 Jul
b. 4, f. 57	Seven letters from Flora and Mary; leaving Beijing (Peking), two from Willard Beard	1915 August
b. 4, f. 58	Three letters from WLB; four from Flora and Mary teaching again in Fongchou	1915 Sep
b. 4, f. 59	Five letters from WLB (2 to children); five from Mary and Flora	1915 Oct
b. 4, f. 60	Three letters from WLB to children; four from Mary and Flora	1915 Nov-Dec
b. 4, f. 61	Five letters from WLB planning return to US; five from Flora and Mary	1916 Jan
b. 4, f. 62	Five letters from WLB to home; nine from Mary and Flora	1916 Feb-Mar
b. 4, f. 63	One letter EKB to daughter; nine from Mary and Flora	1916 Apr-May
b. 4, f. 64	Four letters from WLB; received ? degree from Oberlin, plans to return to China with EKB and 2 daughters; nine letters from Flora and Mary; regarding school and funeral of Pres. Yuan-shih Kai	1916 Jun-Jul
b. 4, f. 65	Two letters from WLB; regarding trip; one letter from Kathleen to Phebe; seven from Mary and Flora	1916 Aug-Sep
b. 4, f. 66	Five letters from WLB to home and children, EKB to daughter; six from Mary and Flora regarding school	1916 Oct-Nov
b. 4, f. 67	Four letters from Willard Beard; tells of fires and great damage in Fuzhou (Foochow); six from Mary and Flora	1916 December
b. 5, f. 68	Five from WLB to daughters and mother; six from Flora and Mary	1917 Jan-Feb
b. 5, f. 69	Five letters from WLB; four from Mary and Flora	1917 Mar-Apr
b. 5, f. 70	Three letters from WLB; three from Mary and Flora; regarding death of their sister Ruth	1917 May-Jun
b. 5, f. 71	Three letters from WLB to daughters; three from Mary and Flora to home	1917 Jul-Aug
b. 5, f. 72	Four letters from WLB to daughters	1917 Sep-Dec
b. 5, f. 73	Seven letters WLB to children giving advice and also regarding his travels; two between siblings	1918 Feb-Dec
b. 5, f. 74	Six letters from WBLB to daughter Phebe; (WLB in US); one to Dorothy; one letter from Phebe to relatives	1919 Jan-1920 Mar
b. 5, f. 75	Five letters from Willard Beard to children; regarding their illnesses; one letter from Phebe (1923); teaching in Fuzhou (Foochow)	1924 August-1925
b. 5, f. 76	Four letters from WLB; regarding Phebe's serious illness; four from EKB; traveling to China; one from Phebe	1925 Jun-Dec

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b. 5, f. 77	Two letters from Dorothy to sisters, EKB to children describing daughter Phebe's illness and death; Gould to his sisters; three letters from WLB and EKB to children	1926 Jan-Apr
b. 5, f. 78	Six letters from WLB to home; regarding his father's death and Dorothy's engagement; one letter to girls from Aunt Mary; one from Dorothy to sisters	1926 May-Sep
b. 5, f. 79	Three letters from WLB to family; six letters between sisters; two from Aunt Mary to Geraldine	1926 Oct-Dec
b. 5, f. 80	Four letters of sisters; Dorothy married; one from Gould ; his engagement broken; one from WLB; plans to return to US	1927 Feb-Sep
b. 5, f. 81	Four letters from WLB to Geraldine from Shelton, CT	1928 Jan-May
b. 5, f. 82	Four letters from EKB and WLB to children; on shipboard returning to China; five from China	1928 Oct-Dec
b. 5, f. 83	Four letters from WLB to home; nine letters between siblings; Gould engaged	1929 Feb-Aug
b. 5, f. 84	Three from WLB to family; three from Dorothy to siblings; regarding Gould's flying and her first plane ride	1929 Sep-Oct
b. 5, f. 85	Four letters from WLB and EKB to family; five siblings letters	1929 Nov-Dec
b. 6, f. 86	Eight letters from WLB to family; EKB had typhoid fever; one letter from WLB to EKB; four letters siblings	1930 Jan-Apr
b. 6, f. 87	Seven letters from WLB to home; regarding fighting between bandits and government, Gould married; six letters from Dorothy to Geraldine; regarding parents coming to US and WLB to have surgery	1930 Jun-Dec
b. 6, f. 88	Seven sibling letters; Gould has daughter	1931 Jan-Aug
b. 6, f. 89	Nine sibling letters; three from WLB to daughter Geraldine; leaving for China	1931 Sep
b. 6, f. 90	Seven sibling letters; Kathleen in Utah unhappy on her teaching; two from Willard to family back in Fuzhou (Foochow)	1931 October-December
b. 6, f. 91	Five sibling letters; three from WLB regarding work in China	1932 Jan-Mar
b. 6, f. 92	Five sibling letters; one from Ellen Kinney Beard to son; three from Willard Beard; appointed Assistant General Secretary of Mid-Fukien Synod CCC	1932 April-August
b. 6, f. 93	Two letters from WLB to home	1932 Mar
b. 6, f. 94	Eight sibling letters; Kathleen expecting second child	1937 May-Fall
b. 6, f. 95	Two from EKB to daughter, Three from WLB to daughters and family; traveling in Florida and baby Cynthia born	1937 Nov-Dec
b. 6, f. 96	Letters from Kathleen, Ellen, WLB; raising rabbits, Gould tells of daughter Hazel's injuries as she was hit by a bus	1938 Jan-Apr
b. 6, f. 97	Two letters from WLB to Geraldine; six sibling letters	1938 May-Nov
b. 6, f. 98	Five letters from Willard Beard to family, Willard Beard and Ellen Beard back to Fuzhou (Foochow)	1939 March-November

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b. 6, f. 100	Six letters from WLB to family and friends; review of work in Ing Tai; three from Kathleen to Jerry; daughter Marjorie married	1940 Jul-Nov
b. 6, f. 101	Four letters from WLB; regarding bomb, bandits, and returning to US; one letter each Phebe and Mary	1941 Jan-Aug
b. 6, f. 102	Seven letters from WLB to Geraldine; back in CT; three sibling letters	1941 Oct-Dec
b. 6, f. 103	Nine letters various family members	1942 Jan
b. 6, f. 104	Four letters from WLB to Geraldine; six from Kathleen to Jerry	1942 Feb-Aug
b. 7, f. 105	Six letters WLB and EKB to Geraldine; six sibling letters	1942 Sep-Dec
b. 7, f. 106	Eleven letters from WLB and siblings to Geraldine; new baby and problems of government rationing	1943 Jan-Feb
b. 7, f. 107	Ten letters WLB and others	1943 Mar-Apr
b. 7, f. 108	WLB and EKB and others; ten letters about everyday life	1943 May-Jul
b. 7, f. 109	Ten letters from WLB to Geraldine; regarding farm life; five to GB from siblings and aunt and uncle	1943 Aug-Dec
b. 7, f. 110	Three letters WLB; tells of their 50th wedding anniversary celebration; one letter Ginny to Geraldine	1944 Jan-Jul
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b. 7, f. 111	One letter to WLB's father, Others from John R. Mott, A.J. Osgood, L. Hodous, WLB to Sturges and Mott	1898-1907
b. 7, f. 112	Including from Hu Nguk Sing, to WE Strong, E. Smith, W.H. Topping, H.V. Lacy, Chen Ting Chun	1916-1930
b. 7, f. 113	Including from Leonard Christian, WLB to AR Keplar, WLB to E.C. Lobenstine, Grace Smith, E.W. Smith	1930-1940?
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b. 7, f. 114	Five letters to Geraldine from various people	1940-1943
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b. 7, f. 118	Imperial English and Chinese Diary format	1896
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b. 8, f. 120	Account of voyage from Fuzhou (Foochow) to Connecticut, via Europe	1903
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Geraldine Beard

b. 12, f. 6	Diary	1928 January - March
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Series III: Writings

Of Willard L. Beard

b. 8, f. 121	Account of dispute between two villages near Fuzhou (Foochow)	1915
b. 8, f. 121	Annual Report of WLB	1925
b. 8, f. 121	A Missionary's Thoughts after Thirty-Eight Years in China (from <i>Chinese Recorder</i>)	1933
b. 8, f. 121	Some Thoughts on Re-thinking Missions	1933
b. 8, f. 121	Dr. E. Stanley Jones in Fuzhou (Foochow)	undated

Of Ellen Kinney Beard

b. 8, f. 122	Account of invasion of Fuzhou (Foochow)	1941 April 20
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b. 8, f. 126	Reports of Ponasang Hospital, Fuzhou (Foochow)	1897, 1902, 1903, 1908
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b. 8, f. 127	"Loose Leaves from Missionaries' Diaries", Nos. 1,2,4-6	1917-1920
b. 8, f. 128	<i>Foochow Messenger</i> (21 issues)	1904-1940
b. 9, f. 129	Primers for Romanized Chinese, by Hannah C. Woodhall	1908, n.d.
b. 9, f. 130	Fuzhou (Foochow) Mission souvenir booklet	1913
b. 9, f. 130	Fujian (Fukien) Mission Christmas greeting booklet with information about missionaries	undated
b. 9, f. 130	"The Foochow Mission 1847-1895", by C.C. Baldwin	1896
b. 9, f. 131	"Christian Youth in Modern China - Foochow"	1932
b. 9, f. 131	"Comments on 'Re-Thinking Missions' from Fukien, China"	1933
b. 9, f. 131	"Glimpses of the American Board at Work in Fukien, China"	n.d.
b. 9, f. 131	"Introducing the American Board Missionaries of Fukien, China"	n.d.
b. 9, f. 131	"Youth"	n.d.
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b. 9, f. 134	"Our Medical Missions in China"	1928
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b. 9, f. 135	North China American School: Bulletin	1926
b. 9, f. 135	North China American School : <i>Pagoda</i>	1939
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b. 9, f. 139	"The Canton Government" by W. W. Willoughby	1922
b. 9, f. 139	Minutes of the First Annual Meeting of the Mid-Fukien Divisional Council, Church of Christ in China	1927
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