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Vernelle Wallace Dyer Papers

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Biography

Vernelle Wallace Dyer was born in 1894 in Saugus, MA. He graduated from Colby College in 1915 and from Newton Theological Institution in 1919. He was ordained December 14, 1917, by Oakland Baptist Church in Waterville, ME.

Dyer served for 20 years as a missionary in Burma under sponsorship of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, 1919-1939. While in Burma he was pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Rangoon, 1919-1925, and was a founder and leader of Burma College Gospel Teams, 1923-1939. In 1927 he also co-founded Northern Baptist Seminary in Burma.

Dyer's pastoral service in the United States was at the following Baptist churches: Roger Williams Baptist Church, Providence, RI, 1940-1943; Clarksburg, WV, 1946-1947; Bar Harbor, ME, 1949-1956, and Belfast, ME, 1956-1962. He also served as a U.S. Army Chaplain, 1942-1946.

In retirement Dyer lived in Milbridge, ME, until his death in October 1974.

Scope and Content

The Vernelle Wallace Dyer Papers, 1932-1936, document a portion of Dyer's professional work. The collection is arranged according to the following categories: correspondence (1932-1936), addresses and sermons (undated and 1932-1933), and 2 folders of photographs of family and friends in both this country and Burma.
Correspondence:

1932
June 22 VWD to Dr. Herrick; from Oakland, ME

1933
January 10 Sr. Gladys to VWD; from Erode, Burma
January 23 Trudie to VWD; from Insein, Burma
February 2 Belay to VWD; from Kem, Burma (?)
February 16 Bonney to VWD; from Rangoon, Burma
February 20 My Nyen Tha to VWD; from Moulmein, Burma
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March 18 Trudie to VWD; from Insein, Burma
March 24 Benjamin T. Livingston to VWD; from Philadelphia
April 7 Koinonia to VWD; Western Union Telegram
May 1 E. Stanley Jones to VWD; from New York City
May 3 Ernest F. Campbell to VWD; Macon, GA
May 14 Jack Brock to VWD; from Boston
June 10 W.E. Wiatt to VWD; from Chicago
July 5 Louise H. Coburn to VWD; from Skowhegan, ME
July 12 Anthony Meeker to VWD; from Upper Montclair, NJ
July 17 Evan M. Whidden to VWD; from Winnipeg, Manitoba
July 26 George B. Huntington to VWD; from New York City
August 2 Mary A. Tefft to VWD; from Meshanticut, RI
September 4 Claudine to VWD; from New York City

1935
February 6 E. Stanley Jones to VWD; from Jubbulpore, C.P., India
May 12 VWD to Mooler; from Taunggyi, F.S.S.
May 25 VWD to Sen Chit; from Taunggyi, F.S.S.

1936
March 14 VWD to Dr. Robbins; from Taunggyi, F.S.S.

Sermons and addresses:

1932
April 11 Address: "Note on Leadership in Evangelism"
              Conference on Evangelism, Nagpur, India

1933
March 15 Address: "Thy Kingdom Come in the World"
              (notes) Lenten Series, St. Peter's, Cambridge, MA
May 14 Sermon: "Christ of the Burma Road"
              (notes) Text: Lk 24:13-32
Sermons, cont.

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Address:  "Christ of the Burma Road, Story of the
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