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Collection Summary

Title: Frederick Dixon Papers

Span Dates: 1897-1923

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1914-1922)

ID No.: MSS18598

Creator: Dixon, Frederick, d. 1923

Extent: 500 items ; 2 containers ; 0.8 linear feet ; 1 microfilm reel

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Newspaper editor. Correspondence, memoranda, and printed material relating primarily to Dixon's work as editor of the *Christian Science Monitor*. Chiefly correspondence between Dixon and Charles D. Warner, head of the *Monitor's* Washington bureau, relating to such topics as the use of submarines and the English blockade during World War I, establishment of a home for Jews in Palestine, Mary Baker Eddy, and various controversies between Dixon and the Christian Science Church.

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

Bernstorff, Johann Heinrich, Graf von, 1862-1939--Correspondence.

Bryan, William Jennings, 1860-1925--Correspondence.

Dixon, Frederick, -1923.

Eddy, Mary Baker, 1821-1910.

House, Edward Mandell, 1858-1938--Correspondence.

Jusserand, J. J. (Jean Jules), 1855-1932--Correspondence.

Lansing, Robert, 1864-1928--Correspondence.

Lodge, Henry Cabot, 1850-1924--Correspondence.

Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.

Warner, Charles D.--Correspondence.

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924--Correspondence.

Subjects

American newspapers.

Christian Science.

Espionage.

Jews--Palestine.

World War, 1914-1918--Blockades.

World War, 1914-1918--Campaigns--Great Britain.

World War, 1914-1918--Naval operations--Submarine.

Places

Mexico--History--1910-1946.

Palestine--History--Partition, 1947.

United States--Politics and government--1865-1933.

Titles

Christian Science Monitor (Newspaper)

Occupations

Newspaper editors.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Frederick Dixon, editor, were given to the Library of Congress by Alex F. Primrose, 1954-1955.

Processing History

The papers of Frederick Dixon were processed and microfilmed in 1977. The finding aid was revised in 2003.

Transfers

Photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Frederick Dixon is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Frederick Dixon 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.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on one reel. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Frederick Dixon Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
circa 1868	Born, London, England
[circa 1880s]	Educated at Sherborne, Dorset, England
1898	Became interested in Christian Science; later appointed head of the Publications Committee of the church, London, England
1901	Married Clementina Milward
1908-1909	Associate editor, <i>Christian Science Monitor</i>
1909	Associate editor and European manager, <i>Christian Science Monitor</i>
1914-1922	Editor, <i>Christian Science Monitor</i>
1922-1923	Editor, <i>International Interpreter</i>
1923, Nov. 24	Died, New York, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Frederick Dixon (circa 1868-1923) span the years 1897-1923 and consist mainly of letters to and from Dixon, memoranda, and printed material. The letters date chiefly from the period 1914-1922 when Dixon was editor of the *Christian Science Monitor*. They reflect the daily routine and internal affairs of the newspaper in Boston and London. Dixon's main goal in assuming the position as editor was to make the Monitor an international newspaper, and his efforts to achieve that end can be seen in the papers.

Many of the letters spanning the period 1916-1918 are between Charles D. Warner, chief of the *Monitor's* Washington Bureau, and Dixon. They contain political gossip, rumors of foreign intrigue and espionage, and comments on various aspects of World War I, including such topics as America's attitude toward the use of submarines, the English blockade, the establishment of a home for Jews in Palestine, and events in Mexico. Code names were used for many of the individuals mentioned in the correspondence. In general, the letters provide insight into the thinking of some Americans regarding the war during the period of American neutrality.

The latter part of the collection contains letters concerning the controversy between the directors of the Christian Science Church and the trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society. Copies of Mary Baker Eddy's deed of gift to the church and deed of trust to the trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society, which was the focus of the controversy, are also included in the papers.

Correspondents include Count Johann Heinrich von Bernstorff, William Jennings Bryan, Edward Mandell House, J.J. Jusserand, Robert Lansing, Henry Cabot Lodge (1850-1924), Sir Cecil Spring Rice, William H. Taft (1857-1930), Charles D. Warner, and Woodrow Wilson.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 17,127

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1 REEL 1	"Aides Memoires," 1915-1916, 1922
BOX 1 REEL 1	Correspondence
BOX 1 REEL 1	1897, 1908-1919
	(6 folders)
BOX 2 REEL 1	1920-1923, undated
	(4 folders)
BOX 2 REEL 1	Miscellany
BOX 2 REEL 1	Deed of trust of Mary Baker Eddy, 1898, Jan. 25
BOX 2 REEL 1	Certificates, reports, tributes, memorandum, 1910-1923, undated
BOX 2 REEL 1	Clippings, 1920-1923, undated
BOX 2 REEL 1	Pamphlets, 1920-1923, undated