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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Missionary Research Library (New York, N.Y.)
Title:	James Emman Kwegyir Aggrey papers
ID:	4492529
Date [inclusive]:	1920 -- 1927
Physical Description:	0.25 linear feet 0.25 linear feet; 1 box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	James Emman Kwegyir Aggrey, 1875-1927, was a distinguished scholar and educator from the Gold Coast, West Africa. The collection contains materials gathered by the Missionary Research Library documenting the life and work of Dr. Aggrey, including letters, newspaper clippings, a biographical sketch, and a bibliography.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL1: James Emman Kwegyir Aggrey papers, 1920-1927, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

James Emman Kwegyir Aggrey was born October 18, 1875 in Anamabu, part of the Gold Coast Colony of West Africa. When Aggrey was eight, he entered the Wesleyan Methodist School at Cape Coast and was mentored by missionary Reverend Dennis Kemp. Aggrey began teaching at age fifteen and taught thirty to forty boys at Abura Dunkwa. A year later, he was teaching at the Wesleyan Centenary Memorial School, where he would become headmaster.

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Biographical / Historical

In 1898, Aggrey travelled to the United States for his own education. In Salisbury, North Carolina he received bachelors and masters degrees from Livingstone College and a Doctor of Divinity degree from Hood Theological Seminary. While teaching at Livingstone after graduation, Aggrey took classes at Columbia University where he was also a member of the Phelps-Stokes Commission working to determine the educational needs of Africa. According to Thomas Jesse Jones, Chairman of the Commission in 1920, Aggrey was chosen because of "his African origin, his marked ability as an observer, his broad training in sociology and education, and his constructive attitude towards the perplexing problem of race relations."

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Biographical / Historical

Aggrey was made vice-principal of the Prince of Wales College in Achimota, Africa in 1924 after completing examinations at Columbia University for the Doctor of Philosophy degree. In 1927, Aggrey died suddenly from pneumococcus meningitis in the United States.

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Scope and Contents

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Onsite storage.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Formerly part of the independent Missionary Research Library (MRL), these records were accessioned by the Burke Library at the time of the MRL's closure in 1976.

Processing Information

Material cataloged by Lynn A. Grove on 1988-07-18. Metal clips and staples were removed from materials. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders. Acidic newspaper clippings were photocopied onto acid-free paper. The finding aid was created by Briggette C. Kamsler in 2011 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2021.

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Related Materials

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Staff, MSRC, "AGGREY, J.E. KWEGYIR" (2015). Manuscript Division Finding Aids. 3.
https://dh.howard.edu/finaid_manu/3. Howard University.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Africa, West -- Religious life and customs
- Educators -- Africa, West
- Aggrey, James Emman Kwegyir, 1875-1927

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL1, Africa

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Letter to Charles H. Fahs from L.A. Roy of Phelps-Stokes Fund, 1926-02-25	box 1	folder 1
Biographical sketch, circa 1920 -- 1927	box 1	folder 2
"Dr. J. E. Kwegyir Aggrey in South Africa," impression by D.D.T. Jabuvu, circa 1920 -- 1927	box 1	folder 3
Letter to Ida A. Tourtellot of Phelps-Stokes Fund from J.D. Rheinallt Jones of Council of Education, Johannesburg, 1921-05-18	box 1	folder 4
Letter to Missionary Research Library from Victoria Richardson, Librarian of Livingstone Collection North Carolina, circa 1920 -- 1927	box 1	folder 5
Letter to President D.C. Suggs, Livingstone College, from Thomas Jesse Jones, Phelps-Stokes Fund Chairman , 1920-03-12	box 1	folder 6
"Death of James Emman Kwegyir Aggrey, Vice-Principal of Prince of Wales College, Gold Coast, West Africa," supplied by Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, 1927-08-05	box 1	folder 7
Letter to Rev. Jesse H. Arnup from Charles Fahs, 1926-03-12	box 1	folder 8
"Prof. J. E. Kwegyir Aggrey, Native African, Distinguished Scholar and Educator, died suddenly in Hospital," New York Age clipping, 1927-08-06	box 1	folder 9
Bibliography of articles of Dr. J.E.K. Aggrey, circa 1920 -- 1927	box 1	folder 10

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