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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Bates, Mary Kezia
Title:	Mary Kezia Bates diary, 1916-1918, 1927.
ID:	MS5042
Date [inclusive]:	1916-1918, 1927
Physical Description:	1 Folder
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Mary Bates was born at the Mt. Silinda mission in Rhodesia in 1888 to Francis and Laura Bates. She returned to the same mission site as an adult to work. This diary is from her time there from January 1916 through November 1918. There are a final few pages from 1927.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Daughter of African Missionaries, Francis and Laura Bates. Graduated from University of Kansas in 1914. Died October 19, 1960 (source: Kansas University Archives).

Missionary Herald, May 1914, p.204

"Miss Mary Kezia Bates, of Rosedale, Kan., started on April 10 on her journey to Durban, South Africa, where as nurse she is to join the staff of the Board's hospital under Dr. McCord. The daughter of a missionary to Africa, formerly connected with the Board, Miss Bates goes back to work in a city not more than twenty miles from the place of her birth. Her grandfather was a pioneer home missionary in Nebraska. She came to America in 1904 and has studied at Oberlin, but received her nurse's training in the hospital connected with Kansas University. Practical and cheerful by temperament, Miss Bates seems admirably fitted for the nursing profession, and her knowledge of the Zulu language will make it possible

for her at once to be useful in a hospital whose patients come from all parts of Natal, Zululand, and the regions beyond."

ABCFM Annual Report, 1919-1920, p.28

"A beginning medical school at Durban has become possible, through on a comparatively small scale. Dr. McCord has secured an associate, Dr. Taylor, for the purpose. This is the only medical school projected for the natives of South Africa. It is the hope that in due time it may develop into a union institution, meeting the needs of all South and Central Africa."

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Scope and Contents

Collection comprises one transcription of Bates's diary from 1916-1918, and a few entries from 1927. Original diary location, unknown. Transcribed by Jeri Abbott.

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Related Materials

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The way of a maid in Zululand by Dr. James B. McCord (ABCFM Envelope series, vol. 20, no. 3 ; October 1917)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Small collections.
- Missions & missionaries.
- Missions -- Africa.
- American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions -- Africa.
- American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions -- Medical missions

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
The Diary of Mary Kezia Bates, 1916-1918,1927.	box 5 Folder 1