



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	<b>Prof. William Ralph Boyce GIBSON</b>
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	1975.0003 [incorporating 1975.0006]
<b>CATEGORY ACTIVITY</b>	University; individuals Academics, Philosophy
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1906-1934
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	2 A1 boxes
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	Professor Gibson was born on 15 March 1869 in Paris, and was educated at the Kingswood School, Bath; he later studied at Oxford, Jena, Paris and Glasgow. He was lecturer in Logic, Psychology and Ethics at the New, Hackney and Regents Park Colleges 1898-1909, Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Liverpool 1910-1911, and Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy at the University of Melbourne from 1912-1934. In addition to his teaching, Gibson was a prolific writer; his publications include "A Philosophical Introduction to Ethics", "Rudolf Eucken's Philosophy of Life", "The Problem of Logic". He married Lucy Judge Peacock in 1898, and had five sons of whom two (Alexander and Quentin) were also appointed Professors of Philosophy. He died in 1935.
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	1975
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Open
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Lectures and articles written by Prof. Gibson; notes on the work of other philosophers; inward correspondence; papers relating to publication of his books. Accession 1975.0006 is included. It was deposited with the University of Melbourne Archives by the creator's son, Prof. Quentin Boyce Gibson and consists of a hand-written manuscript of "Philosophy as an Attitude" presented as a lecture; it is accompanied by a note from the depositor.
<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b>	Accession 2005.0093 contains further personal papers, correspondence and newspaper cuttings belonging to or created by Prof. Gibson 1974.0017 contains papers of Alexander Boyce Gibson
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<b>DATE</b>	January 1978

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RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY.

NAME: Professor William Ralph Boyce Gibson (1869 - 1935).  
MAIN ACTIVITY: Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy, University of Melbourne, 1912 - 1934.  
DATE OF TRANSFER: February 1975.  
TRANSFEROR: Professor Quentin Gibson, Department of Philosophy, School of General Studies, A.N.U., Canberra. Letter from von Hugel and private note-book received from Mrs Kathleen Boyce Gibson, 11 September 1974 and 14 January 1975 respectively.  
INCLUSIVE DATES: 1906 - 1934.  
QUANTITY: 2 Archives boxes.  
GENERAL NOTE:

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Publications: Problem of Freedom in its Relation to Psychology in Personal Idealism, edited by H. Sturt 1902. A Philosophical Introduction to Ethics 1904, Rudolf Eucken's Philosophy of Life 1906, 2nd Ed. 1907, God With Us 1909, with co-operation of Augusta Klein. The Problem of Logic 1908.

Ideas: General Introduction to Pure Phenomenology 1931 (translation of Edmund Husserl's Ideen zu einer reinen Phänomenologie und phänomenologischen Philosophie I (1913). (Who's Who in Australia 1935.)

Box 1

LIST OF RECORDS:

GROUP 1.

HIS OWN WRITINGS

- 1/1 Inaugural lecture given as Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy, University of Melbourne. 3lpp. TS. Lecture of which title of whole is missing. Commences with I. The Movement towards Solidarity. 1912.
- 1/2 Freedom and Open Possibility; being part of a contribution to a symposium on Freedom and Responsibility. 9pp. TS. 29 Sept. 1933.
- 1/3 What is Philosophy? Paper, subsequently published. 24pp. MS. octavo. n.d.
- 1/4 What is Life? Paper or lecture. 1lpp. MS.
- 1/5 The Place of War in Human Life. 24pp. MS. Note on title page: "pp. 1-7 omitted owing to lack of time".

6. "The Philosophy of Rudolf Eucken" by W.R. Boyce Gibson, M.A. (in ink faintly noted "off-print from Jan. No. of the Quart."). 13pp.
7. "Predetermination and Personal Endeavour", off-print from Mind, Vol. XIV, N.S. No. 56. pp. 494-506.
8. Quarto Exercise Book, without cover, marked in pencil "Private". Anthology of readings and quotations from poets, Gospels, philosophers, statesmen, with reflections thereon, commenced 16 Jan. 1890. Poems and essays written by himself (28 March 1890 "first attempt at sonnet-making".)  
"Thoughts on Nature" July 1887, essay.  
Religious Poem, Sept. 1888.  
Article "Jottings of Plant Life" cut out from book or journal Sept. 1887, at bottom initialled in ink "W.R.B.G."  
Some pages have been cut out.
9. "Excerpts from a 1928 Freiburg Diary by W.R. Boyce Gibson" edited by Herbert Spiegelberg and entitled "From Husserl to Heidegger". In The Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology Vol. 2, No. 1., Jan. 1971, pp. 58-79 (includes editorial preface and notes).

Box 1

NOTES

1. Guide to Lectures on Immortality (1923); being references to writers on this subject.  
5pp. MS.
2. William McDougall on the Lamarckian Hypothesis.  
9pp. MS. n.d. Memoranda on first page 1927-30.  
William McDougall: Evolution in the Light of Modern Knowledge.  
Ch. IX. 8pp. MS. n.d.
3. Pragmatism; being notes of philosophical discussion by Pierce, Schiller, James.  
31pp. MS.
4. Supernatural Faculties in Man - Dr Eugène Osty; being notes from Osty's book of that name, "An experimental study" (Paris, July 1922), tr. by de Brath, 1923. 19pp. MS.
5. The Integrative Action of the Nervous System by Charles S. Sherrington.  
11pp. MS. n.d.
6. Psychologie des Milleus zur Grundlegung der Ethik von Hermann Schwarz.  
Leipzig, 1900.  
pp. 41-47 Boyce Gibson's comments on the book.  
47pp. (incomplete) MS. n.d.

NOTES (cont.)

7. Mind and Matter by G.F. Stout  
35pp. MS. n.d.
8. La Theorie de l'Intuition dans la Phenomenologie de Husserl par  
C. Levinas. Librairie Félix Alcan, Paris.  
23pp. MS. n.d.
9. C.D. Broad. Mind and Its Place in Nature; Broad's choice of the  
Compound Theory in preference to Ephenominalism or any Form of  
Emergent Materialism; Eugène and Marcel Osty's Les Pouvoirs Inconnues  
de l'Esp̄irit sur la Matière; and Discussion of Charles Fox's The  
Mind and its Body.
10. C.D. Broad. Mind and Its Place in Nature, on "The Unconscious"  
29pp. MS. Last 4 pages on physiological theories.
11. Abstract of article by H.N. Randle on "Sense - data and Sensible  
Appearances in Size-Distance Perception". Mind, XXXI, 123,  
July 1922. Also Price: Reality and Sensible Appearance.  
8pp. MS. n.d.
12. The Function of Reason by A.N. Whitehead (1929).  
5pp. MS. n.d.
13. (Title page missing.) Process and Reality (An Essay in Cosmology)  
by (Whitehead). Also, Dorothy Emmet on Whitehead's Philosophy of  
Organism.  
13pp. MS. n.d.
14. Sensum - Thing in Husserl.  
10pp. MS.  
Méditations Cartésiennes - Substance of the 5th Meditation, with  
Husserl-Cartesian Meditations.  
8pp. and 9pp. MS.
15. Primary and Secondary Qualities.  
Notes drawing together ideas of Galileo, quoted by Burtt, Descartes,  
Berkely and Stout, with references to others.  
7pp. MS.
16. pp. 3-6 only; being notes on Stout's Theory of Sensation.
- Box 2  
Notes in black exercise books.
17. Modern Philosophy, by Guido de Ruggiero, tr. A. Howard Hannay and  
R.G. Collingwood, n.d. and The Neo-Platonists; a study in the  
history of Hellenism, by Thos. Whittaker. 2nd. ed., Cambridge UP., 1918.
18. Psychology and Psychotherapy, by Wm. Brown, 1921, and The History  
and Practice of Psychoanalysis, by Poul Bjerre, M.D., translated  
by Elizabeth Barrow, revised edition.
19. MacIver's "Community" contd. (Bk. III). J.M. Mecklin An Introduction  
to Social Ethics 1920.

Box 2

GROUP 2. CORRESPONDENCE. (Inwards letters only.) A-H

- 2/1            ALEXANDER, S. (Samuel). Manchester.  
2/1/1        (Handwriting very difficult to read.)  
              Acknowledges Boyce Gibson's letter which puts clearly two of the most important issues. Sends draft on (relativity?) to clarify his own position. Discuss the problems. 1 sheet. 4 Oct. 1911.
- 2/1/2        Comment on Boyce Gibson's letter. Is "full of poetry" at present. 1 half-sheet. 10 Aug. 1924.
- 2/2            ANDERSON, John Sydney.  
2/2/1        First impressions of Sydney and Sydney University. 15 April 1927.
- 2/3            ANDREWS, C.F., Shantiniketan, Bolpur.  
2/3/1        Possibility of Rabindranath Tagore coming to Australia if a sufficiently liberal offer is made. He is to lecture in America to get money for his school. He is eager to bring peoples of India and Australia together and "has got quite past his former attitude of refusal on account of immigration laws". Asks W.R. Boyce Gibson to approach Univeristy authorities in Melbourne and Sydney, and possibly Adelaide, if this is the best way to cover expenses and leave something for the school. Andrews would probably come with him. Tagore's attraction as a speaker. 3 sheets. 18 March 1919.
- 2/4            BERGSON, Henri, Paris.  
2/4/1        In French. Thanks for Boyce Gibson's article on him. Congratulations on having understood Bergson's work so well. Would like to discuss at length Boyce Gibson's criticisms. Proceeds to answer the strongest of these which would perhaps fall to the ground if Boyce Gibson would consider "qu'un des buts de cette philosophie est d'orienter la métaphysique dans la direction de l'art, et non plus, comme le voulait la philosophie traditionnelle, dans la direction de là science". 2 sheets. 9 Feb. 1911.
- 2/5            BORLAND, Frank, Ormond College, University of Melbourne.  
2/5/1        Thanks for testimonial to support free passage application. Professor Gunn will present case to committee. Tribute to Boyce Gibson's teaching. Regrets Ralph is his opponent for the Scholarship. 2pp. 4 April 1927.
- 2/6            BOSANQUET, B., F.B.A., L.L.D.  
2/6/1        Testimonial to Boyce Gibson's suitability for Philosophy Chair at Melbourne. 1 sheet MS. Cxshott, Surrey, 26 Sept. 1911.
- 2/6/2        Congratulates Boyce Gibson on Melbourne appointment. Recommends Vatkes' "Menschliche Freiheit", 1961, which stimulated F.H. Bradley's "Ethical Studies". Hopes Boyce Gibson will reconsider his relation to Eucken: "I see of course that he means exceedingly well". 1 sheet. 14 Dec. 1911.
- 2/7            BOUTROUX, Eric, Fondation, Thiers, Paris.  
2/7/1        In French. Thanks for Boyce Gibson's book, "God with Us". Comments upon it. 1 sheet. 24 April 1909.
- 2/7/2        Congratulations and good wishes on Melbourne Appointment, <sup>Postcard</sup> 12 Dec. 1911.  
2/7/3        New year greeting, family news. Thanks Boyce Gibson for attention paid to his own writings and returns the compliment by referring to usefulness of Boyce Gibson's "Problems of Logic". 1 sheet, slightly damaged by silverfish. 31 Dec. 1912.

GROUP 2                    CORRESPONDENCE (Inward letters only cont)

2/7                    BOUTROUX, Eric, Fondation Thiers, Paris.

13 Jan. 1912. Thanks Boyce Gibson for lucid, learned and penetrating discussion of one of the vital questions of philosophy. Postcard.

24 Dec. 1916. Interested in what Boyce Gibson has written to him about Shakespeare and would like to see his work on his ideas. Is touched by warm sentiments Boyce Gibson has expressed concerning Verdun. The success was not possible without the valour of the Anglo-French forces on the Somme.

2/8                    CARR, H. Wildon, Paris.

11 Jan. 1912. Acknowledges receipt of corrected paper. Has discussed appropriateness of "life-force" as translation of "élan vital" with Bergson. 1 sheet.

2/9                    CURNOW, Leslie.

University Club, Sydney. 31 Aug. (no year) Called at Sydney to do work for the Chapman Alexander Mission. Regrets not seeing Boyce Gibson before leaving. Meeting with Boyce Gibson, one of his happiest memories. Will tell later of "a rare company of Melbourne Graduates" he was privileged to meet.

2/10                    EUCKEN, (T?) 1 sheet.

Cortina d'Ampezzo. 27 Sept. 1927. In German. Sorry cannot see Boyce Gibson. No need to give lectures in Jena, but is welcome to stay. Visit son if in Freiburg. Postcard.

2/11                    EUCKEN, Frau Rudolf, Jena.

7 Dec. (1933). In German. Marked: "Original with Professor Quentin Gibson". Photocopy of typed letter, 1 p.

2/12                    FISHER, Allan G.B., Army Medical Corps, Ballarat Camp.

15 April 1916. His view of military service, in particular in the Army Medical Corps ("the refuge of the 'cold-footed' according to some.) Life with the Army Medical Corps at Ballarat. Will remember W.R. Boyce Gibson's offer to act as referee if occasion should arise. Looks forward to returning to student-life after the war. His feelings about the war. 5 sheets.

2/13                    FLOWER, J. Cyril, Hornsey, England.

17 June 1909. Tribute to Boyce Gibson as a Teacher. (Boyce Gibson is about to leave New College.) 1 sheet.

2/14                    GARVIE, Reverend A.E., New College, London.

9 Dec. 1911. Congratulations on Melbourne appointment. Hopes Boyce Gibson will get to know Garvie's brother-in-law, Reverend Alexander Gordon, Armadale Baptist Church. 1 sheet.

2/15                    HOERULE, R.F. Alfred, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Jan. 14, 1914.

Praising Boyce Gibson's paper on Power.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Feb. 1921.

Thanks for letter praising H's paper on Bosanquet. Laments onerous teaching and administrative duties when in South Africa; expresses sympathy for Gibson, presumably bearing similar burden.

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GROUP 2. CORRESPONDENCE (Inwards letters only.)

- 2/15        HOERULE, R.F. (cont.)  
Synopsis and intuition. Is pleased that Boyce Gibson is using his Studies.  
Johannesburg, 8 Aug. 1923.
- 2/16        HUSSERL, E. Freiburg.  
2/16/1      In German. Copy marked "Original with Husserl-Arkiv, Leuven, Belgium". Photocopy, 2pp. t.s. 24 Dec. 1928.  
2/16/2      In German. Postcard. Photocopy marked "Original with Quentin Gibson, A.N.U.". 29 Dec. 1930.  
2/16/3      In German. Photocopy of manuscript letter, 2pp. A third page, being duplicate of page 2, includes marginal note excluded from first copy of page 2. 7 Jan. 1932.
- 2/17        INGE, (Dean), W.R.  
2/17/1      Acknowledges letter. Looks forward to reading article. Postcard. St Paul's Cathedral. London. P.M. 28 July 1924.
- 2/18        JONES, E.E. Constance.  
2/18/1      Roneoed circular seeking views of logicians which she will take account of in her paper for a Symposium on the Import of Propositions for the Aristotelian Society. 1p. t.s. Girton College, Cambridge, Jan. 1915.
- 2/19        KIRBY, Auguste.  
2/19/1      Pleasure in receiving letter. His own sense of futility and old age. Refers to himself as Boyce Gibson's "dilatatory old pupil". Looks forward to seeing Boyce Gibson in 1928. 1 sheet. St Mary's Oxford, 2 April 1925.
- 2/20        KNIBBS, Sir George, H.  
2/20/1      Director of the Commonwealth Institute of Science and Industry, East Melbourne. Comments on Freedom and Evil. 2pp. Page 2 damaged by silverfish. t.s. 9 June 1925.
- 2/20/2      W.R. Boyce Gibson's kindness in consenting to read his work written in 1914 before the war. Asks for a "brutally frank" opinion. 1 sheet. 31 Dec. 1925.
- 2/20/3      Knowing W.R. Boyce Gibson's interest in relativity, recommends D. Meksyn on the Metric of the Four-Dimensional Space-Time Continuum. 1p. t.s. Camberwell, 14 Jan. 1926.
- 2/20/4      Indebted for W.R. Boyce Gibson's letter. May try to read Elsbach's book. Delighted at Alexander Boyce Gibson's success. Thanks for comment on Endymion. Reflections on these. Asks where he should publish. 4pp. Camberwell, 1926.
- 2/20/5      Thanks for the felicitations. Minister wishes him to retain functions as Commonwealth Statistician till successor is appointed. Has even less leisure in new position. Recommends Henry Howarth's article on "Transcendental Premises in Science" in Nature. Discusses reading. 1 sh. Commonwealth Bureau of Sensus and Statistics, Melbourne, 15 April 1926.
- 2/20/6      Discusses reading.  
Camberwell, 29 Dec. 1926.

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- 2/21 LATTA, R. Glasgow University.  
Thanks Boyce Gibson for gift of his Problems of Logic; praise for the book. 1sheet. 14 Dec. 1908.
- 2/22 MAIR, Alexander, Liverpool, England.  
2/22/1 Quotes sentence from document he has read which links W.R. Boyce Gibson with Kant. Volume of Handyside's papers issued "in memorium", following his death on the Somme. Postcard draws attention to vacant chairs in Britain, in case W.R. Boyce Gibson should be interested. 11 June 1920.  
2/22/2 (First page(s) missing.) His illness. His meeting with W.R. Boyce Gibson's "Oxford son". Expects a rally of psychologists of the British Association in Liverpool in September. 1 sheet. 2 Jan. 1923.  
2/22/3 Condolence on death of son in mountaineering accident. Galloway, 26 Nov. 1924.
- 2/23 MAYNARD, C.S., Westfield College, Hampstead, England.  
Regret at Boyce Gibson's leaving for Australia. 1p. t.s. 11 Dec. 1911.
- 2/24 MERCIER, Chas, Parkstone, Dorset.  
Thanking Boyce Gibson for letter praising his book attacking the old system of logic. Mercier concedes he was wrong in stating that Aristotle had never received frontal attack. 1 sheet. 9 July 1912.
- 2/25 MOODIE-HEDDLE, Enid, Gardenvale, Victoria.  
Thanks for letter concerning results. Professor Smyth's low opinion of philosophy as preparation for teaching. Tribute to W.R. Boyce Gibson's guidance. 3pp. 21 March 1926.
- 2/26 MUIRHEAD, <sup>J.</sup>~~P.~~H. No address. *JOHN HENRY*  
Photocopies of manuscript letters marked "Originals with Husserl-Archiv, Leuven (Louvain) Belgium". n.d.  
2/26/1 Looks forward to seeing Husserl's introduction when manuscript is returned by Boyce Gibson. Is glad to learn of Boyce Gibson's article of his logic. 2 sheets. 18 Oct. 1929.  
2/26/2 Concerning publication of the Husserl book. 2 sheets. 7 July 1930.  
2/26/3 Dyke End, Rotherfield. Comments on manuscript. 2 sheets. 11 July 1930.  
2/26/4 Rotherfield. Concerning use of italics. 13 July 1930?).  
2/26/5 Concerning title and analytical index. 1 sheet. 14 July 1940.  
2/26/6 Has read most of translation and thinks it would be a "most valuable addition". Discusses it. 4pp. 21 July 1930.  
2/26/7 Acknowledges list of errata. Has seen Gunn. "He is what the Americans call a live wire. He seems anxious to return to England either as a Professor or Principal of a college, but I don't know what his chances are. 2pp. 24 March 1932.



GROUP 2      CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

- 2/27      MURRAY, Gilbert Castle Howard, 5 Oct. (1911)  
Was asked to write about some candidates for Melbourne Chair. Mentioned W.R. Boyce Gibson and enclosed very helpful and warmly written letter from Henry Jones. 1 sheet typed.
- 2/28      NUNN, T. Perry. London Day Training College, London. 14 Sept. 1916.  
War-time conditions in England. 1 sheet.
- 2/29      PARKER, Olga M. Sandringham, 16 Nov. 1928.  
News of Congress and visit of Professor Schneider. "And then to conclude the philosophical news, the thrill of the year has been Mac's Engagement to Katrine Anderson, (a Sister of Mrs. Alf. Derham".) Refers to her weekly W.E.A. lectures at Wangaratta. Garden party given by Mother Patrick to Cardinal Ceretti. 9 p.
- 2/30      RYAN, W. Newman College, Melbourne. 5 Nov. 1928.  
Philosophy news. Thanks for an interesting year: "The students work ever so much better for one, which one is the "arbiter of their destiny." Might put in for a tutorship were it not "depriving a young graduate of a chance for developing his philosophy. College tutors have a much harder 'row to hoe' than University ones". Good to hear Boyce Gibson intends to translate some Husserl. Boyce Gibson unanimously translated to Chair of Philosophical Society. Meeting interesting for the artists who came to hear Porter's "Croce on Art" (mentions no names.) Has queries to put to Boyce Gibson about logical truth following Merrylees' treatment of Bosanquet. Looking forward to Boyce Gibson and Anderson, new Sydney Professor, crossing swords. He is a militant realist of an uncompromising type". 2 sheets.
- 2/31      SCHILLER, F.C.S., Corpus Christi College, Oxford. 21 Sept. 1911.
- 2/31/1      Testimonial to Boyce Gibson's fitness for Chair and Melbourne. 1 p. typed.
- 2/31/2      Heidelberg, Germany. 26 Dec. 1911.  
Acknowledges Boyce Gibson's Ar. Soc. - treatise on 'Power'. Does not refute Hume. Refers to own article in 1906 Ar. Soc. Postcard damaged at one end.
- 2/31/3      Heidelberg, 1 Jan. 1912. Continues discussion on Hume. 1 sheet.
- 2/31/4      Oxford, 16 June 1913. Book review in J. Phil. incompetent. Aristotle misunderstood by philosophers. 1 sheet.
- 2/31/5      Oxford, 14 Aug. 1914. "There will be precious little of European civilization left if this awful war lasts six months." Russia will dominate Europe after Germany's defeat - "which will probably be fait accompli by the time you get this".  
"I shall be surprised if the old social and political system in Europe survives this shock. The masses submitted to it so long as it kept the peace, but they will stand it no longer after it has entailed this catastrophe". 1 sheet.
- 2/31/6      5 Sept. 1915. Oxford. State of the colleges. Hears "that the collapse of Russia has been largely due to diseases, especially Cholera....." to England would be better off without so many allies who have to be financed. Cook Wilson's death.

GROUP 2      CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

2/31/7

5 Sept. 1915 Oxford.

Feels it his duty to stand for <sup>vacancy</sup> ~~it~~, "as representing the progressive side". His supporters. Asks Boyce Gibson to revise his testimonial. 2 sheets.

2/31/8

4 Dec. 1915 Oxford.

Thanks for revised testimonial and good wishes. Professorship suspended for a year, and perhaps for longer if war does not end and their position desperate. All scholarships and prizes suspended to defray expenses. May as well close if conscription comes, "as we shall then only have blacks, Americans and women". Fears attempt to turn college into institute of technology for teaching the making of explosives and poison gas. Growing possibility of collapse of the social order. Eventually white population of Australia must fight for existence against "the coloured races whose relative importance in the world will assuredly go up in consequence of the self-destruction of Europe. 1 sheet.

2/31/9

13 April 1917.

Acknowledges welcome "Association sales for 1916". Problems for Association because of paper shortage. Thanks for interesting remarks on conscription voting. Thinks majority not quite wrong. Expects "overwhelming coalition against the British Empire in which the hordes of the East and West <sup>would</sup> descend upon you". Hopes for "such an arrangement of international policies as would secure a permanent peace." Power of Woodrow Wilson and of America. His expectation of revolution. 1 sheet.

2/31/10

22 Oct. 1918.

Acknowledges Mind Association subscription. Shortage of coal and paper. Ration for a set of don's rooms at College 1 ton per annum, ½ ton for undergraduates who are mostly invalid officers. Expects Germany to join Bolshevik Russia. Prospects for post-war Europe. 1 sheet.

2/31/11

9 March 1923.

Acknowledges Mind Association subscription. "Very sporting" of W.R. Boyce Gibson to start a <sup>philosophy</sup> ~~philosophy~~ journal of his own in Australia. Interest in pension arrangements described by W.R. Boyce Gibson. Report by "Executive Commission" on this and other matters. Unsuccessful attempt to construct a School of (Philosophy of Science?), proof that obscuratism is not weakening in Oxford. Further proof: Schiller's failure to be appointed Deputy for Stewart because of obstruction by the "Hegelian Ring". Schiller's "very pretty" review of Bradley's new Logic. What W.R. Boyce Gibson wrote about Professorship at Melbourne in 1924 may interest Schiller's nephew (son of Sir Chas Harris). 1 sheet.

2/31/12

24 Feb. 1924.

Feeling throes of University Commission. His enjoyment of Upton Sinclair's Goose Step. Sends "the most 'popular' thing" he has written. Will make Hoddart and <sup>Stoughton</sup> ~~Stoughton~~ <sup>send</sup> a review copy to the Australian Journal of Philosophy. 1 half-sheet.

GROUP 2      CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

2/31/13

13 March 1925.

Philosophers who have died recently. His own health. Glad W.R. Boyce Gibson enjoyed Problems of Belief (book referred to above.) Responds to W.R. Boyce Gibson's remarks on belief. 1 sheet.

2/31/14

7 April 1926.

Mind Association exposed to severe competition from the British Institute of Philosophical Studies founded by "that very pushful person Mr. Hooper". Schiller's work. Has two more little books to his credit. Will attend Harvard Philosophy Congress in September to see friends, and see how the "terranum domini" of the future are getting on. Will probably be urged to stay and give lectures, but will probably remain at Oxford a year or two longer in order to collect better pension. 1 ½-sheet.

2/32

SMITH, T.J. East Malvern. 20 March 1912.

2/32/1

Likes W.R. Boyce Gibson's proposals which are "not a reform but a revolution". Does not dare to criticize Professor Laurie's work, but both logics were somewhat scholastic. Asks for more details. Warns against despising or repelling the first year man. "You must capture them by guile".

2/32/2

The Manse, East Malvern. 17 June 1922.

Asks W.R. Boyce Gibson's opinion of Moodworth's new book on Psychology. 1 p.

2/33

STRONG, Archibald T., London. 11 Sept. 1925.

Acknowledges letters and testimonial. Did not realize Chair would fall vacant. Is uncertain whether to apply, since Adelaide does not provide the particular kind of stimulus he needs, and opportunities for meeting colleagues are few. Thanks for remarks in connection with Strong's knighthood. News of Boyce Gibson's son. Suggests that Lazarus's departure might make vacancy for Sandy. 2 sheets.

2/34

SUGDEN, Edward H. Queen's College. 6 Dec. 1911.

As an "old Grove boy", <sup>offers</sup> congratulations on appointment to Chair. "I felt it to be a peculiar pleasure to be the Chairman of the Committee of selection here, and to have to report to the Council

GROUP 2. CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

- 2/35 SUGDEN, Edward H. Queen's College. 6 Dec. 1911.  
our unanimous recommendation of your father's son and Dr. Boyce's grandson." Looks forward to making W.R. Boyce Gibson's acquaintance. 1 sheet typed.
- 2/36 TAYLOR, A.G. St. Andrews. 19 Oct. 1911.
- 2/36/1 Concerning selection for Melbourne appointment. "I shall be very glad if I am able in a few weeks to congratulate Melbourne and you on your actual appointment, - though, alas, it means exile for you if you go".
- 2/36/2 Reading 25 July 1921.  
Has no personal interest in the Sydney appointment. Possible candidates. Envises Boyce Gibson the sabbatical year. Work he would like to get on with. News of individuals, comments on news from Boyce Gibson. 3 p. (2 sheets)
- 2/37 THOMAS, The Reverend J.M. Lloyd.  
The Society of Free Catholics, Birmingham, England. Christmas Eve, (no year). Introduces Norman P. Booth and Family. Booth has left to become Chief in command of Cadbury's Factory near Hobart. Booth's son Eric is to join Melbourne University. Congratulations Boyce-Gibson on Von Hugel's references to his letter in preface to second edition of Mystical Element. 1 sheet.
- 2/38 VON HUGEL, Friedrich, Kensington, England.  
23 Nov. 1906.  
Thanks Boyce Gibson for gift of his Rudolf Eucken's Philosophy of Life. Suggests that he sends copies to Reverend A.L. Lilley, Mary's Vicarage, Paddington Green, and Reverend George Tyrell, Clapham. 1 sheet. Note: This letter was received from Mrs. Kathleen Boyce Gibson 11 Sept. 1974.
- 2/39 WALLACE, R.S. (Professor of English), University of Melbourne.
- 2/39/1 3 Jan. 1922.  
Concerning appointment of lecturer in English Literature. Leeper is on the warpath concerning proposal to appoint Sinclair. Is glad that W.R. Boyce Gibson agrees with him (Wallace) in the matter. The Leeperian Commandment. Remarks on imminent trip to Lorne. 1 sheet.
- 2/39/2 + Charles Australia (Archbishop Wright?), Armadale, Victoria,  
2 Jan. 1930.  
Is glad if Boyce Gibson found anything worth reading in the "48th Birthday". Wishes for Boyce Gibson's thoughts on the Resurrection. Publication of Boyce Gibson's article on Personal Survival. Sends Mrs. Boyce Gibson copy of Labor Call. Suspects she is responsible for "your socialist boy's views". Comments on difficult times. 1 sheet.
- 2/39/3 To Mrs W.R.B.G. from ? , Ridley Hall, Cambridge. Looks forward to meeting Hasmet Garvie (?), who spoke of respect for "Boyce". 1 sheet. Conclusion missing.

Box 2

## GROUP 3

RECORDS OF DEALINGS WITH PUBLISHERS

- 3/1 Memorandum of Agreement 18 July 1906 between W.R. Boyce Gibson, Author, and A. & C. Black, Publishers, concerning publication of edition of 500 copies of critical exposition of Eucken's "Philosophy of Life".) 1 p.
- 3/2 Memorandum of Agreement made 8 December 1908 between Professor W.R. Boyce Gibson, 9 Briardale Gardens, Platts Lane, Hampstead, Author, and A. & C. Black, London Publishers, concerning publication of "God with us." 1 p., torn at foot.
- 3/3 Memorandum of Agreement made 5 December 1911 between Lucy Judge Gibson of Briardale, Queens Drive, Mossley Hill, Liverpool. Author, and A. & C. Black, London, Publishers, concerning publication of "Konnen wir noch Christen Sein?" which has been translated by the Author. 2 p.
- 3/4 8 December 1911. A. & C. Black to Professor Boyce Gibson, Liverpool. There is time to alter title-page, Proof-work and printing cannot be done in Melbourne. 1 p.
- 3/5 George Allen and Unwin Limited to Professor A. (apparently in error) Boyce Gibson 9 October 1930. Concerning publication of Husserl's book Ideas in English. 2 p. typed. At foot of p. 2, note of Boyce Gibson's reply. On verso, list of people to receive copies.
- 3/6 Memorandum of Agreement 17 November 1930, between Professor W.R. Boyce Gibson, 2 Tower Street, Surrey Hills, Translator, and George Allen and Unwin Limited, London, concerning publication of E. Husserl's "Ideas: A general introduction to Pure Phenomenology". 2 p.
- 3/7 George Allen and Unwin Limited to W.R. Boyce Gibson. 23 December 1934. Reassures him as to contract. Suggests equitable distribution of profit between author and translator. 2 p.
- 3/8 Statements in account with A. & C. Black Limited. 31 December 1928 - 31 December 1931. These cover "Meaning and Value of Life", "Problems of Logic", "God with Us", Eucken's "Philosophy of Life" 8 p.
- 3/9 Statements in Account with George Allen and Unwin Limited, 1931-1939. These cover "Ideas: General Introduction to Pure Phenomenology", 17 p. Included is a letter to Boyce Gibson (14 August 1933) intimating that no sales were made in 1932.
- From 31 December 1939 Accounts are addressed to Quentin Gibson, Balliol College, Oxford (Executor), and from 31 December 1945, to Mrs. Lucy Boyce Gibson, Olinda (Widow)

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Box 2

Re: Philosophy as an Attitude

Professor Quentin Boyce Gibson (son of W.R.B.) writes, 3rd  
March, 1975:

"My father's manuscript paper is in my mother's handwriting  
and presumably dates from well before their arrival in Australia.  
It was evidently delivered as a lecture and, as far as I know,  
not published".

F. Strahan,  
University Archivist.