

Reference code: GB165-0373

Title: Palestine and Lebanon Nurses' Mission Collection

Name of creator: Miss Meredith's Institutions: Palestine and Lebanon Nurses' Mission

Dates of creation of material: 1814-1944

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Administrative history: Miss Wordsworth Smith moved to Baakleen in 1883. The surgery started in 1887 by Miss Wordsworth Smith and Miss Ward, as part of missionary work in Baakleen, Lebanon. Miss Lawford, a nurse from England, and a Lebanese doctor, Dr Mishaka, were brought in to assist. In 1891, a neighbouring house was bought as a dispensary, and Dr Baroud took over from Dr Mishaka. By 1894, Dr Ali was in charge and a storey had been added to the dispensary to form a small hospital for women and children. In 1895, Miss Wordsworth Smith negotiated with Mrs Meredith, who agreed to take over the work of the hospital. A nurse, Miss Kitching, became superintendent of the hospital. By 1906, a new dispensary and men's ward had been built as part of the hospital. Miss Wordsworth Smith died on 13 Jan 1907, having endowed the mission with £1000. Further funds came from the magazine 'Open Doors'. By 1910, missionary work was extended by sending Miss Emrik and a Lebanese Biblewoman helper to preach at a distance from the hospital. By 1910, a new sanitary wing had been built to the hospital. Miss Kitching died on Christmas Eve 1912. By Sept 1919, Dr Ali had died in active service, and the mission buildings were occupied by Turks and a Moslem school had been opened there, but the private property of the mission had been sealed up in one of the rooms. Funds were still being raised by the mission, in order to build up an endowment fund, for eventual re-opening. In Dec 1917, plans were proposed by Arthur W. Sutton that the Baakleen mission should be taken over by the Jerusalem & East Mission, under the supervision of the Bishop of Jerusalem. In a resolution passed by the Jerusalem & East Mission on 14 Mar 1918, the work of the Baakleen mission was amalgamated into that of the Jerusalem & East mission, and its property vested in the Bishop of Jerusalem.

Scope and content: Papers consisting mainly of personal correspondence to and from Miss Ward between 1903-1913, amongst other letters addressed to women based in the Palestine and Lebanon Nurses' Mission, Baakleen. The two diaries of Miss Ward's relate to her life in Lebanon and England. In addition to this, there are six pamphlets relating to

the mission, giving accounts, committee listings and reports from the field, dating from between 1903-1909.

System of arrangement:

1. Diaries
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12. Receipt from Cragg to Pilley

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English, with a very small amount of Arabic

Conditions governing reproduction: No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns

Custodial history: Discovered in the attic of the Shouf National College (originally the hospital at Baakleen)

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a loan from David Bryer in 1998 and gifted to the Archive in May 2005

Location of originals: The originals of the photocopies in this collection were given to the then owner of the Shouf National College (originally the hospital at Baakleen), Professor Said Himadel, by Dr Bryer. They were probably passed on to Professor Himadel's son, Raja.

Related Units of Description:

In MEC Archive

GB165-0161 Jerusalem and the East Mission Collection – Boxes 78-80: Contains correspondence relating to Ain Anoub and Baakleen

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds and file and item level description created by Faye McLeod, Jan 2005

**SERIES, FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE PALESTINE AND
LEBANON NURSES' MISSION COLLECTION**

1 Diaries, 1892 - 1905

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| 1/1 | Bound diary. 'Church Missionary Almanack and Kalendar for 1892'. Front cover detached. Back cover missing. Written in Lebanon. [Written by Miss Ward] | 1892 | 1 vol. |
| 1/2 | Leather-bound diary – 'Church Missionary Almanack & Kalendar for 1905'. Account keeping and expenses. Written in England. [Written by Miss Ward] | 1905 | 1 vol. |

2 Correspondence

2/1 From Miss Ward

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| 2/1/1 | Draft letter to Miss Lloyd. [Written by Miss Ward] | Not dated | 1 sheet |
| 2/1/2 | Photocopy of a letter to Mrs Drummond Hay. Letter unfinished and unsigned [Written by Miss Ward] | Not dated | 2 sheets |
| 2/1/3 | Photocopy of a letter to Mrs ?Mereditle, c/o Mr Heald & Co, British Post Office, Beyrout, Syria. Marked Private. Letter unfinished and unsigned. [Written by Miss Ward] | Not dated | 1 sheet |
| 2/1/4 | Photocopy of a letter to Mr G. Letter unfinished and unsigned. [Written by Miss Ward] | Not dated | 1 sheets |
| 2/1/5 | Photocopy of a letter to Mr G. Letter unfinished and unsigned. Unknown hand. [Written by Miss Ward] | Not dated | 2 sheets |
| 2/1/6 | Photocopy of a letter. Unfinished and unsigned. [Written by Miss Ward] | Not dated | 1 sheet |
| 2/1/7 | Photocopy of a copy of a letter from Miss Smith to Bishop Wordsworth, [copied by Miss Ward. ?Response to No. 87] | Not dated | 2 sheets |
| 2/1/8 | Photocopy of a letter to Miss Prout, unsigned. Marked Beyrout. Dated 22 Oct. [Written by Miss Ward] | 22 Oct
[1890s] | 2 sheets |
| 2/1/9 | Letter to Dora. Letter incomplete. [Written by Miss Ward] | 6 Feb 1881 | 1 sheet |

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2/1/10	Photocopy of a copy of a letter to Mr Paynter from T. S. W. [Miss Ward]	30 Mar [19]05	2 sheets
2/1/11	Draft letter to Mr Cumbabatch, discussing funeral expenses. [Written by Miss Ward]	28 Dec [1912]	1 sheet
2/1/12	Draft letter to Mr Cumbabatch, discussing Miss Kitching's death. [Written by Miss Ward]	1 Feb [1913]	2 sheets
 <u>2/2 To Miss Ward</u>			
2/2/1	Post card to Miss Ward, Rydal Lodge, Addlestone, Surrey. From M. A. Lloyd, Hon. Secretary of the Palestine and Lebanon Nurses Mission	Not dated	1 sheet
2/2/2	Letter in ?Arabic labelled 'Polite letter from Hasan Beg Khundr with subscription for the schools 1882'. [Labelled by Miss Ward]	Not dated	1 sheet
2/2/3	Note to Miss Ward, c/o Messrs. Heald and Co, British Post Office, Beyrout, Syria	21 Aug [188]6	1 sheet
2/2/4	Letter to Miss Ward, from F. Paynter. Marked Stone Hill	4 Jul 1901	1 sheet
2/2/5	Letter to Miss Ward from C. H. V. ?Jallinner, 44 Salisbury Road, Wavertree, Liverpool	18 Dec 1902	2 sheets
2/2/6	Photocopy of a letter to Miss Ward from C. H. V. Follum. Marked 44 Salisbury Road, Waventee, L[iver]pool	6 Jul [19]03	1 sheet
2/2/7	Photocopy of a letter to Miss Ward from C. H. V. Follum. Marked 44, Salisbury Road, Waventree, L[iver]pool	2 Oct [19]03	1 sheet
2/2/8	Letter to Miss Ward from C. H. V. Follum. Marked 44 Salisbury Road, Waventree. Headed notepaper – Liverpool Medical Missionary Society	23 Dec 1903.	1 sheet
2/2/9	Post card to Miss Ward, Rydal Lodge, Addlestone, Surrey, from M. A. Lloyd, Hon. Secretary of the Palestine and Lebanon Nurses Mission	13 Jun 1905	1 sheet
2/2/10	Letter to Miss Ward, from J. W. Peake Marked 175, Palsdown Road	20 Nov 1905	2 sheets
2/2/11	Post card to Miss Ward, Rydal Lodge, Addlestone, Surrey, from M. A. Lloyd, Hon. Secretary of the Palestine and	20 Jun [19]06	1 sheet

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2/2/12	Letter to Miss Ward from the [Rev] W. Latham, English Chaplain, Royal-les-Bains, France	11 Jul 1907	2 sheets
2/2/13	Letter to Miss Ward from A. N. P. White. Marked Thistle Lodge Ain-A[nou]b.	[1912]	2 sheets
2/2/14	Letter to Miss Ward from L. Buruchtt. Marked Eusnsworth, Addlestone	26 Dec 1912	2 sheets
2/2/15	Letter to Miss Ward and 'sorrowing friends' from Caroline Thompson. Marked Maisonette	26 Dec 1912	2 sheets
2/2/16	Letter to Miss Ward from Constance E. Banks. Marked The Jessie Taylor Memorial School, Beyrout	27 Dec 1912	2 sheets
2/2/17	Letter to Miss Ward from Alson M. Conper. Marked The Jessie Taylor Memorial School for Moslem and Druse Girls, Beyrout, Syria	27 Dec 1912	1 sheet
2/2/18	Letter to Miss Ward from Ernest A Joly. Marked Beyrout	28 Dec [1912]	2 sheets
2/2/19	Letter to Miss Ward from Paul Endman	2 Jan 1913	2 sheets
2/2/20	Letter to Miss Ward from J ?Muberbatch (British Consulate General, Beirut). Erroneously dated 1912	4 Jan [1913]	2 sheets
2/2/21	Letter to Miss Ward from Amelia Turner. Marked American Mission Hospital, Assiout, Upper Eygpt	4 Jan 1913	2 sheets
2/2/22	Letter to Miss Ward from Caroline Lindall. Marked 38, Haldon Road, Exeter	19 Jan 1913	2 sheets

2/3 To Miss Smith

2/3/1	Photocopy of a letter to Miss Smith from C. Worsely. Marked Mizpah	Sep 1896	4 sheets
2/3/2	Photocopy of a letter to Miss Smith from C. H. V. Follum. Marked Abeih	2 Oct 1896	2 sheets
2/3/3	Photocopy of a letter to Miss Smith from C. Worsely. Marked Mizpah	4 Oct 1896	2 sheets
2/3/4	Photocopy of a letter to Miss Smith from C. Worsely. Marked Mizpah	16 Oct 1896	4 sheets
2/3/5	Photocopy of a letter to Miss Smith from C. H. V. Follum. Marked Abeih	20 Oct 1896	2 sheets

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2/3/6	Letter to Miss Smith from John ?Scrum. Marked Bishop's Cottage, West Lulworth, Wareham, Dorset	15 Jul 1901	2 sheets
2/3/7	Letter to Miss Smith from F. Paynter. Marked Stone Hill	18 Jul 1901	1 sheet
<u>2/4 To Miss Kitching</u>			
2/4/1	Letter to Miss Kitching from Murad Baroodly. Marked Beyrout, Syria	4 Jun 1906	2 sheets
2/4/2	Letter to Miss Kitching from Murad Baroodly. Marked Beyrout	14 May 1906	2 sheets
2/4/3	Letter to Miss Kitching from Murad Baroodly. Marked Beyrout	17 May 1906	2 sheets
2/4/4	Letter to Miss Kitching from Paul Endman. Marked Syria Mission of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the USA, Lebanon Station, 'Aleih, Syria	10 Sept 1912	1 sheet
2/4/5	Invitation to Miss Kitching, announcing the celebration of the coronation of George V	22 Jun [1911]	1 sheet
<u>2/5 To Miss Emerick</u>			
2/5/1	Letter to Miss Emerick from G. ?Najourry. Marked Beyrout	31 Dec 1912	2 sheets
2/5/2	Letter to Miss Emrik from Helen S. Mooch Stuart. Marked Damascus	8 Jan [1913]	2 sheets
<u>2/6 To Governor of Lebanon</u>			
2/6/1	Letter to the Governor of Lebanon from Francis Paynter, President of the Church of England Women's Missionary Association. Marked 22, Albert square, Clapham Road, London	Not dated	2 sheets
<u>2/7 To Unknown</u>			
2/7/1	Part of a letter from Sidney	Not dated	2 sheets
2/7/2	Letter to 'My dear friends' from Mary J. Talbot. Marked Maismilte	26 Dec [1912]	2 sheets
2/7/3	Letter to 'My dear, dear friends' from Mrs Bendall. Marked	25 Dec [1912]	2 sheets

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| 2/7/4 | Letter to 'My dear, dear friends' from Nellie Stowell.
Marked Shemlan | 27 Dec [1912] | 2 sheets |
| 2/7/5 | Draft letter addressed to 'My dear friends' | 2 Jan [19]13 | 2 sheets |

2/8 Envelopes

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| 2/8/1 | Envelope addressed to Miss Wordsworth Smith, Bakleen,
Liban | Not dated | 1 item |
| 2/8/2 | Envelope addressed to Miss Wordsworth Smith, Baakleen | Not dated | 1 item |
| 2/8/3 | Envelope addressed to Miss Wordsworth Smith, Baakleen | Not dated | 1 item |
| 2/8/4 | Photocopy of an envelope addressed to Miss T. S. Ward,
Rydal Lodge, Addlestone, Surrey. Headed envelope – Bible
and Prayer Union, St Benet's, Mile End Road, London | Not dated | 1 sheet |
| 2/8/5 | Parcel post envelope addressed to Miss Theodora S. Ward,
Rydal Lodge, Addlestone, Surrey. 'Concerning Baakleen'
written on reverse of the envelope | 28 Sep 1901 | 1 item |
| 2/8/6 | Envelope addressed to Miss Ward, Rydal Lodge,
Addlestone, Surrey. Post marked London S. W. Writing on
the interior of the envelope. Envelope torn, stamp removed.
Letter incomplete | 22 Apr
[19]04. | 1 item |
| 2/8/6 | Envelope addressed to Miss Ward, Rydal House,
Addlestone, Surrey | 31 Mar 1905 | 1 item |

3 Reports

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| 3/1 | Photocopy of a speech, 'Dr Ali's address'. Gives the history
of the Missionary hospital at Baakleen. [Written by Miss
Ward] | ?22
[19]06. | Nov 2 sheets |
| 3/2 | Draft of a report, relating to Mr G. and a committee meeting,
regarding the appointment of Mr G. as a missionary.
[Written by Miss Ward] | Not dated | 2 sheets |
| 3/3 | Photocopy of statistics including attendance of religious
services, attendance at school hospital, and the number of | ?Easter 1910 | 1 sheet |

donations at the Mission in Baakleen

3/4	Photocopy headed Baakleen ?Medicine. Statistics including attendance at church, use of the dispensary, and attendance at the school at the Mission in Baakleen	Jul 1910	1 sheet
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4 Receipts

4/1	Receipt to Miss Kitching, from Florence Gutsell	17 Apr 1902	1 sheet
4/2	Receipt to Miss Ward from 'Sister Margaret'	15 Apr 1912	1 sheet
4/3	Envelope and Memorandum addressed to Miss J. Ward Baakleen Medical ?, c/o Henry Heald, requesting payment for the registration of Miss Kitching's death, and a certified copy of the death certificate. Also enclosed in the envelope a note from Miss W. to accompany the payment, and a small booklet in ?Arabic	16 Jan 1913.	1 item

5 Pamphlets

5/1 'Miss Meredith's Institutions: Palestine and Lebanon Nurses' Mission'

5/1/1	Booklet 'Palestine and Lebanon Nurses' Mission. 1903. 43 Clapham Road, London, S. W.'	1903	1 item
5/1/2	Booklet 'Palestine and Lebanon Nurses' Mission. 1904. 22, Albert Square, Clapham Road, London, S.W.'	1904	1 item
5/1/3	Booklet 'Palestine and Lebanon Nurses' Mission. 1905. 22, Albert Square, Clapham Road, London, S. W.'	1905	1 item
5/1/4	Booklet 'Mrs. Meredith's Institutions. Palestine and Lebanon Nurses' Mission. For the Year 1907. 22 Albert Square, Clapham Road, London, S. W.'	1907	1 item
5/1/5	Booklet 'Mrs. Meredith's Institutions. Palestine and Lebanon Nurses' Mission. For the Year 1908. 22, Albert Square, Clapham Road, London, S. W.'	1908	1 item

5/2 'Palestine and Lebanon Nurses' Mission. Baakleen Medical Mission to the Druzes'

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| 5/2/1 | Booklet 'Palestine and Lebanon Nurses' Mission. Baakleen Medical Mission To the Druzes. Report for 1909. Office: 22, Albert Square, Clapham Road, London, S. W.' Inside it is noted that the Baakleen Medical Mission to the Druzes is the new name for the Palestine and Lebanon Nurses' Mission. | 1909 | 1 item |
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5/3 'Church of England Women's Missionary Association. Palestine and Lebanon Nurses' Mission to the Druzes'

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| 5/3/1 | Pamphlet 'Church of England Women's Missionary Association. Palestine and Lebanon Nurses Mission to the Druzes'. Comprising a short overview of the Druzes, and a brief history of the mission | Not dated | 1 item |
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5/4 'Open Doors'

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| 5/4/1 | Magazine 'Open Doors'. For the quarter ending 1 Apr 1909. Office: 22, Albert Square, Clapham Road, London, S. W. Concerned with Prison Mission and Discharged Female Prisoners' Aid; Princess Mary Village Homes, Addlestone, Surrey; Medical Mission to the Druzes, Baakleen, Lebanon; Prison Letter Mission, English, Colonial and Foreign. Edited by Miss Lloyd. Letter from A. Emrik in Baakleen | 1 Apr 1909 | 1 item |
| 5/4/2 | Magazine 'Open Doors'. For the quarter ending 1 Oct 1909. Office: 22, Albert Square, Clapham Road, London, S. W. Concerned with Prison Mission and Discharged Female Prisoners' Aid; Princess Mary Village Homes, Addlestone, Surrey; Medical Mission to the Druzes, Baakleen, Lebanon; Prison Letter Mission, English, Colonial and Foreign. Edited by Miss Lloyd. Some damage on several pages – sections cut out | 1 Oct 1909 | 1 item |
| 5/4/3 | Magazine 'Open Doors'. Christmas Number - 1909. Office: 22, Albert Square, Clapham Road, London, S. W. Concerned with Prison Mission and Discharged Female Prisoners' Aid; | Dec 1909 | 1 item |

Princess Mary Village Homes, Addlestone, Surrey; Medical Mission to the Druzes, Baakleen, Lebanon; Prison Letter Mission, English, Colonial and Foreign. Memoriam for Miss Lloyd, former editor. Report by Miss Kitching and Miss Ward in Baakleen

5/5 'Two Witnesses'

5/5/1 Magazine 'The Two Witnesses', a quarterly review. No. 2, Apr 1889 1 item
Vol. 2, April 1889. Edited by Rev. Robert Douglas M. A. Published in London by James Nisbet & Co., 21, Berners Street, W. Printed by Hanley: Keates & Co., Brunswick Street

5/6 'Association of Women Workers'

5/6/1 Booklet 'Association of Women Workers. Corrected List for 1913 1 item
1913. Mildmay-Deaconess House, London, N.'

5/7 Coronation order of service

5/7/1 Pamphlet 'The Form and Order Of Service recommended for 26 Jun 1902 1 item
use in the Churches of the Church of England Throughout His Majesty's Empire On Thursday, 26th June, 1902 being The Coronation Day of their Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra. Issued by Command of the King'. Oxford: printed at the University Press. London: Hendry Frowde. Oxford University Press Warehouse, Amen Corner

6 Books

6/1 Published book – Treason! 'Showing how a Roman Catholic, Not dated 1 item
MARY III, was proclaimed (on the Walls of Saint James's Palace) Queen of Great Britain immediately on the Death of Queen Victoria' by Allen Upward. Published by the Tyndale Press (W. S. Martin & Co., Ltd.). Offices – 45 & 46,

Imperial Buildings, Ludgate Circus, London, E. C. Sixpence
net. Third edition. Postscript relating to the Kensit Crusade

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| 6/2 | Published book – <u>The House of Joseph in England</u> by A
Watcher. Published by Rivington's, Waterloo Place, London,
Oxford and Cambridge 1881. Inscription to 'Catherine Jane
Prout. From the authoress (Mrs Worseley) Sep 1891' | 1881 | 1 item |
| 6/3 | Published book – <u>The Story of a Mission (Mrs. Meredith's)</u>
Ed. Caroline G. Cavendish. Published by in London at the
Office of the Mission, Conference Hall, Clapham Road,
S.W., and of S. W. Partridge & Co., 9, Paternoster Row | Not dated | 1 item |

7 Document Confirming Naval Appointment

Document confirming the appointment of Mr James A Smith as secretary to Vice Admiral Sir Charles ?Adams	17 Aug 1841	1 sheet
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8 Document Granting Power of Administration

Legal document granting power of administration of the estate of William Peake who died intestate, to his widow, Mary Peake	1814	1 sheet
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9 Certificate of Signature

British Consulate document in both English and Arabic(?) certifying the signature of Miss Mary Smith	11 Nov 1891	1 sheet
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10 Prayer/Hymn Lyrics

Prayer or hymn lyrics written out	Not dated	2 sheets
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11 Page from an Exercise Book

Page from an exercise book. Questions probably set as a Sunday school exercise, and a list of biblical stories

Not dated 1 sheet

12 Receipt from Cragg to Pilley

Receipt from Rev. A. K. Cragg to Mrs E. C. Pilley

19 Sep 1944 1 sheet