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Title: British Syrian Schools Association

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Administrative history: The British Syrian Schools Association (also known as the 'Ladies Association for the moral and religious improvement of Syrian Females' and the British Syrian Mission) was founded in 1860. The aim of the Association was 'the promotion of the temporal mental moral and spiritual well being of Syrian Females by means of...schools and institutions'. By the 1870s the Association had 'divers schools and other kindred Institutions' in 'Beyrout Damascus and other places in Syria and Palestine'. The Association was a charity with trustees and had general meetings with a voting system reflecting the level of financial support offered by members. In 1959 the name of the British Syrian Mission was changed to the Lebanon Evangelical Mission. In 1976 the Lebanon Evangelical Mission was merged with the Arabic Literature Mission and the Middle East General Mission to form Middle East Christian Outreach.

Scope and content: Legal document entitled 'British Syrian Schools Duplicate Declaration of Trust of property in Syria and elsewhere belonging to the Association'. The document notes that the British Syrian Schools Association was loaned £1,500 by Mentor Mott in 1877 using the property of the Association as security for the loan as well as setting out some rules and regulations for the running of the Association such as voting rights at General meetings and the granting to Augusta Mott and Susette Harriet Smith the right to hire and dismiss staff and manage the running of the schools and other institutions. The document also includes a supplemental indenture in which Mentor Mott relinquished his claim to the loaned money in 1887.

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Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Publication note: Scott, Francis E., *Dare and persevere: the story of one hundred years of evangelism in Syria and Lebanon, from 1860 to 1960* (London: Lebanon Evangelical Mission, c1960).

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