



Papers of Embrace the Middle East

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Papers of Embrace the Middle East, ecumenical charity, and related organisations

1854-2015

These papers primarily comprise the records of Embrace the Middle East, previously the Turkish Missions Aid Society, the Bible Lands Society and then BibleLands. Embrace the Middle East is a non-governmental ecumenical charity supporting humanitarian projects primarily, but not exclusively, in Turkey, Syria, Egypt, the Balkans, Lebanon, Palestine, Bulgaria and Cyprus. The papers include records of the Society from its establishment in 1854 to the present day. The records of Embrace the Middle East include minute books from 1854-1958; financial and administrative records including annual reports from 1855-1893, from 1894 onwards these annual reports were included in the Society's magazine 'The Star in the East'; printed publications including 'The Star in the East' from 1883-2012 and 'Embrace' 2013-2015; and a collection of 834 photographs and postcards, largely from the early to mid twentieth century, depicting scenes from Aden, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Egypt, Greece, The Holy Land, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Macedonia and Croatia, Serbia, Sudan, Syria and Turkey.

As the Society's original objective was to support existing mission work with money rather than men, many reports found in 'The Star of the East' were sent from a variety of organisations including the American Board of Commissioners; schools whose teachers were sponsored by the Society of the Promotion of Female Education in the East; and reports from many other British and American led missions, as well as a host of locally founded and led schools, clinics, orphanages and Bible depositories. Reports include information about early famine relief, as well as reports from mission stations during the Balkan Wars of the 1870s. The collection also contains material relating to the Armenian massacres of the 1890s, the genocide [a term under dispute] of 1915, and

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evidence of other unrest in modern-day Turkey.

More latterly, there is material relating to the Lebanon Civil War of the 1980s and ongoing conflicts in modern day Israel. The papers also comprise records of associated bodies, including the records of The Lovell Society; records relating to the establishment of the Bulgarian Bible School in the 1930s; records of The Four Homes of Mercy; and records relating to Anatolia College. As a whole, the papers are a rich source of information for the study of missionary work in the Middle East from the mid-nineteenth century to the present day.

Administrative history: Embrace the Middle East was founded in 1854 as the Turkish Missions Aid Society and its first President was Lord Shaftesbury. Its original objective was to support American Evangelical missionaries working among the Protestant Armenians of Turkey. From its inception it has been one of the channels for British funds to assist the various educational, religious and relief activities of the American Board of Commissioners, and later other missionary organisations, in the Middle East. The Society has worked in many countries in the Middle East including Turkey, Syria, Egypt, the Balkans, Lebanon, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Embrace the Middle East currently supports projects in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, Lebanon and Egypt.

Over the years the name of the organisation has changed, from the Turkish Missions Aid Society, to the Bible Lands Missions Aid Society, to the Bible Lands Society, to BibleLands and now Embrace the Middle East. However, the Society's original object, which was to support existing missions as they tackle poverty and injustice in their communities, with money rather than men, has never changed. For this reason its annual reports and later its magazine (founded in 1893), contain reports from a

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variety of organisations including many American and British led missions. Currently the Society views itself as an ecumenical charity supporting Christian-led humanitarian projects in the Middle East whose overseas partners provide health, education and community development programmes for disadvantaged people regardless of their faith or nationality. The last change of name in August 2012 has facilitated bringing the work of the charity to the attention of a wider audience in the UK.

This collection also comprises papers related to The Lovell Society; The Bulgarian Bible School; The Four Homes of Mercy; and Anatolia College. Please consult the Admin History field in each of these sub-fonds for further information regarding the establishment and histories of these related bodies.

Arrangement: These papers have been arranged into five sub-fonds. One sub-fonds for the records of Embrace the Middle East; and one sub-fonds each for the records of The Lovell Society, the Bulgarian Bible School, the Four Homes of Mercy, and Anatolia College. Each sub-fonds has been arranged into series largely corresponding with key functions and activities of the Society including: Administrative records; Financial records; and Publications. A fourth series, based on type of material, has also been created: 'Photographs, postcards and related material'.

18 boxes (comprising 31 volumes, 52 files and 1729 items)

Access: Open

Access conditions: Access to all registered researchers.

Notes: Title supplied from contents of the series.

Physical description: The bindings of some volumes have become loose. This is

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indicated at the appropriate file level.

Copies: Copies of the periodical, 'Embrace', are available online through the website of Embrace the Middle East at <http://www.embraceme.org/magazine> (accessed December 2013).

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Language: English, Arabic, German, Turkish, Greek, Bulgarian

Creator name: Embrace the Middle East

Custodial history: The records of Embrace the Middle East were kept in the care of the Society Trustees although many of the records were brought together by the depositor, Jean Hatton, during the course of researching her book, 'The Light Bearers', which was published in 2003. A temporary box list was compiled shortly after the records were deposited with the University of Birmingham in 2005, and was used as an interim finding aid for researchers.

Acquisition: Acquired from Embrace the Middle East (then BibleLands) on permanent loan in April 2005 with subsequent deposits of the organisation's own periodicals at intervals thereafter.

Archival notes: Papers arranged and described by Mark Eccleston, March-April 2010. Sources: records of Embrace the Middle East and related organisations; Jean Hatton, 'The Light Bearers', London: Monarch Books, 2003; BibleLands website (<http://www.biblelands.org.uk>) viewed 30

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March 2010; Oxford Dictionary of National Biography website (www.oxforddnb.com) viewed 8 April 2010.

Related material: Special Collections hold the records of a number of other missionary societies. These include, amongst others, records of the Church Missionary Society (finding number: CMS); the Church of England Zenana Mission Society (finding number: CEZ); and the Society for Promoting Female Education in China, India and the Far East (finding number: FES). The department also holds a copy of Jean Hatton's book, 'The Light Bearers' (shelfmark: r BV 2370.B7).

Publication notes: Jean Hatton's book, 'The Light Bearers', London: Monarch Books, 2003, makes numerous references to Embrace the Middle East papers.

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Papers consist of minute books of the Society, 1854-1958; annual reports, 1855-1893; correspondence, 1879-2004, including communications sent via the Foreign Office detailing conditions in the Middle East during the 1880s; financial records, 1910-1996, including balance sheets; printed publications, including the Society's magazine from the first issue produced in 1883 until the present day; other Society publications including sponsorship and other promotional literature; various reports, publications and commissions collected by the Society; and a significant collection of photographs and postcards depicting scenes of life and work in the Middle East.

Arrangement: The papers are arranged in four series which reflect the major functions and activities of the Association:
Administrative records; Financial records; Publications; or the form of the record:
Photographs, postcards and related material.

26 volumes, 35 files and 1194 items

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Access: Open

MS203/A/1 Administrative records 1854-2004

These papers comprise administrative material relating to Embrace the Middle East. They comprise minute books, complete from the Society's inception in 1854 until 1958; annual reports from 1855 until 1893 (later annual reports can be found in the bound volumes of the Society's magazine, 'The Star in the East' at MS203/A/3/1/2); and correspondence, largely sent via the Society Secretary.

12 volumes and 297 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/1/1 Minute books 1854-1958

This material comprises the records of meetings of the Society. It consists of a sequence of minute books of the General Committee which are comprehensive and record minutes of meetings held until 1958. Material also includes some minutes from meetings of other committees set up by the Society including the Finance sub-committee and the Glasgow Auxiliary (a regional branch of the Society, based in Scotland).

10 volumes

Access: Open

MS203/A/1/1/1 General Committee minutes 1854-1958

Volumes contain signed minutes of the general committee of the Turkish Missions Aid Society [later named Biblelands Missions Aid Society]. Minutes are typescript between 1950 and 1955. Either the minute books are incomplete or meetings were held irregularly: the minute books for early years indicate that meetings were held at between fortnightly and monthly intervals; later minute books record monthly meetings but there are also large gaps, most notably between 13 March 1907 to 11 December 1907.

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Later minutes, from the 1950s, indicate that meetings were held quarterly although, again, this is not always consistent. Minutes typically consist of a list of members present, a prayer, minutes of the last meeting, financial matters (including cash statements; appeals for grants; and cheques drawn) and any matters arising.

7 volumes

Access: Open

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| MS203/A/1/1/1/1 | Minute book | 1854-1857 |
| | <p>Minutes run from 5 May 1854 to 4 December 1856 although a further entry dated 8 January 1857 has been crossed out. The volume covers the period from the establishment of The Turkish Missions Aid Society. Contains names of committee members, officers and details the object of the society to promote the Bible among the Armenians and Greeks in the Ottoman Empire. Also lists the constitution of the society, honorary members of the committee and matters of correspondence. Attached to a number of pages in the volume are typescript reports describing conditions and events in the Middle East during this time. Includes an index at the rear of the volume.</p> | |
| | 1 volume | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS203/A/1/1/1/2 | Minute book | 1857-1866 |
| | <p>Minutes run from 8 January 1857 to 10 May 1866. Includes details of salaries and grants related to mission work.</p> | |
| | 1 volume | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS203/A/1/1/1/3 | Minute book | 1866-1875 |
| | <p>Minutes run from 19 July 1866 to 26 January 1875.</p> | |

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- 1 volume
- Access: Open
- MS203/A/1/1/1/4 Minute book 1875-1883
- Minutes run from 23 February 1875 to 5 March 1883. Includes minutes regarding the resignation of the Earl of Shaftesbury as President of the Society in 1876. Including copies of letters sent to the 'Daily Telegraph' from the Earl: 'I left the Society because I was altogether dissatisfied with the management of it'; and a subsequent response from the committee. Also includes a copy of a letter dated 1 November 1878 at the rear of the volume which discusses the 'disproportion of our [the Turkish Mission Aid Society] expenses to our income' and signed by Henry Jones [Secretary].
- 1 volume
- Access: Open
- MS203/A/1/1/1/5 Minute book 1883-1896
- Minutes run from 2 April 1883 to 25 November 1896. Includes an index at the rear of the volume.
- 1 volume
- Access: Open
- MS203/A/1/1/1/6 Minute book 1897-1926
- Minutes run from 27 January 1897 to 28 October 1926. Includes some loose items of correspondence inserted between pages.
- 1 volume
- Access: Open
- MS203/A/1/1/1/7 Minute book 1927-1958
- Minutes run from 17 February 1927 to 3 March 1958. Inserted between pages are details of finances, items of correspondence and statements issued by the committee. These are either loose or attached to pages.

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Between 26 January 1950 and 18 October 1955 minutes have been typed and subsequently fastened to the pages of the minute book.

1 volume

Access: Open

MS203/A/1/1/2 Minutes of the Finance sub-committee 1856-1878

Volumes contain signed minutes of the Finance sub-committee of the Society. The sub-committee appears to have met at irregular intervals - meeting regularly, sometimes weekly, in the early years. These minutes also deal with secretariat issues and the appointment of the Society secretary when the position has become vacant. Any reports of the Finance sub-committee appear to have been submitted for the consideration of the next meeting of the General Committee.

2 volumes

Access: Open

MS203/A/1/1/2/1 Minute book 1856-1869

Minutes run from 14 January 1856 to 25 May 1869. Largely deals with financial matters of the society although some minutes relate to the Secretariat and the office of secretary. Book has only partially been used.

1 volume

Access: Open

MS203/A/1/1/2/2 Minute book 1868-1882

Minutes run from 9 April 1868 to 29 October 1878 with loose inserts from 1882. Minutes from 21 February 1882 discuss appointments for the office of secretary of the Society. Book has only partially been used.

1 volume

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Access: Open

Physical description: The front cover label, inscribed 'Minutes of the Finance Committee 1868-1878', does not match the contents which includes some loose inserted minutes dated 10 February 1882 and 21 February 1882. The front cover is detached and this volume needs careful handling.

MS203/A/1/1/3 Minutes of the Glasgow Auxiliary 1859-1865

A minute book of a regional branch of the Turkish Missions Aid Society based in Glasgow, Scotland. The Glasgow members viewed themselves as an auxiliary to the 'London Society' [the Society's headquarters]. Internal evidence indicates that another auxiliary in Edinburgh was also operational. Attendees listed include Mr [Thomas] Jones, 'travelling secretary to the Society' who later became secretary of the society. Minutes relate to the regional meetings of the society.

1 volume

Access: Open

MS203/A/1/1/3/1 Minute book 1859-1865

Minutes run from 8 February 1859 to 17 April 1865. Minutes are only recorded during the first months of each year - with gaps including 1 February 1860 to 19 February 1861. Includes a loose item of correspondence. Rear of the volume includes two society publications: 'The Revival at bebek Seminary' dated 15 March 1859; and 'Farewell Address [...] to the Lord Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe' dated 19 October 1858 which concerns the assistance of the Turkish Missions Aid Society to missionary work at Constantinople. Book has only partially been used.

1 volume

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MS203/A/1/2	Annual reports	1855-1893
	<p>Later issues of the annual reports indicate that they were presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Society. This meeting was held in either April or May of each year. The reports provide a review of the year's activities, and largely comprise reports of mission work in the Middle East and lists of subscribers to the Society. The reports also include an end of year 'Report and Balance Sheet'; and lists 'auxiliary contributions' donated from individuals via regional branches of the society.</p> <p>Early annual reports indicate that these auxiliaries were initially based in Bath, Edinburgh and Glasgow; but by 1870 this had grown to some 42 auxiliaries in the UK plus further auxiliaries in Ireland). Some miscellaneous items have been bound with the annual reports including three issues of the Turkish Missions' Intelligencer for 1879.</p> <p>Annual reports presented from 1893 onwards can be found bound with the Society's publication 'The Star in the East' from 1893 (finding number: MS203/A/3/1/2).</p> <p>Arrangement: This sequence has been arranged in two sub-sub-series: bound volumes of annual reports, from 1855 to 1893; and loose issues of annual reports, comprising the annual reports for 1873 and 1874 which are missing from the bound volumes.</p> <p>2 volumes and 2 items</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	
MS203/A/1/2/1	Bound volumes	1855-1893
	<p>Volumes include printed copies of the 1st Annual Report, for 1855, to the 37th Annual Report, for 1893. Reports include details of officers and committee members; laws and regulations of the society; reports of mission work in the Middle East; lists of subscribers to the society; and contributions for 'special objects' including rebuilding churches and</p>	

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schools. The reports also include yearly balance sheets detailing the society's finances and the distribution of expenses.

2 volumes

Access: Open

MS203/A/1/2/1/1 Annual reports 1855-1882

Volume includes printed copies of the 1st Annual Report, for 1855 to the 23rd Annual Report, for 1879. Bound with the volume of reports for 1855-1879 are three issues of the Turkish Missions' Intelligencer (dated No.1 - January, 1879; No.5 - May 26, 1879; and No.9 - September 20, 1879); a report from the 26th Annual Meeting of the Society (held in 1882 and bound out of sequence); and an occasional paper issued by the society and dated September 1882. The 19th Annual Report (for 1873) and the 20th Annual Report (for 1874) are bound in this volume but appear to be incomplete. Individual copies of these issues are included at MS203/A/1/2/2.

1 volume

Access: Open

Physical description: The spine of this volume, inscribed 'Annual Reports 1855-82', does not explicitly match the contents. Although the volume comprises some miscellaneous material dated 1882, the annual reports included are from 1855-1879. Annual reports for 1880 onwards are included in MS203/A/1/2/1/2.

MS203/A/1/2/1/2 Annual reports 1880-1893

Volume includes printed copies of the 24th Annual Report, for 1880 to the 37th Annual Report, for 1893.

1 volume

Access: Open

MS203/A/1/2/2 Loose issues 1873-1874

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Includes copies of the 19th Annual Report, for 1873, and the 20th Annual Report, for 1874. Both reports are missing from the bound volumes in MS203/A/1/2/1.

2 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/1/2/2/1 Annual report 1873

A copy of the 19th Annual Report, for 1873. This report is incomplete in the bound volume at MS203/A/1/2/1/1.

1 item

Access: Open

MS203/A/1/2/2/2 Annual report 1874

A copy of the 20th Annual Report, for 1874. This report is incomplete in the bound volume at MS203/A/1/2/1/1.

1 item

Access: Open

MS203/A/1/3 Correspondence 1879-2004

This material comprises the correspondence of the Society Secretary largely from three distinct periods: 1879-1886; 1934-1943; and 1979-1984. The correspondence largely consists of a number of letters and copy telegrams sent via the Foreign Office describing famine, drought and general distress in the Middle East during the 1880s; correspondence relating to Society work and donations between 1934 and 1943; and reports of Society projects in the Middle East compiled between 1979 and 1984.

There is one other item of correspondence which had been kept with the photographs depicting Bob Clothier, written after his death and concerns his character (finding number: MS203/4/3/1/3).

Arrangement: This is an artificial series. Papers have been organised chronologically

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and this sequence has been arranged in four sub-sub-series: correspondence of Rev Henry Jones, Secretary [circa 1856]-1882 and Rev Thomas Brown, Secretary 1882-1892; correspondence of Rev Samuel Gentle-Cackett, Secretary 1904-1943; correspondence of C. R. [Bob] Clothier, Secretary 1952-1985; and miscellaneous items of correspondence.

295 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/1/3/1

Rev Henry Jones, Secretary [circa 1856]-1882; and Rev Thomas Brown, Secretary 1882-1892

1879-1886

Correspondence of Rev Henry Jones, Society Secretary [circa 1856]-1882. It is unclear in the Society minutes as to when Henry Jones became Secretary. He was originally employed, with other men, on an expenses only basis, as a travelling secretary with a remit to maintain contact with the Society's auxiliary groups throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland. George Royds Birch resigned the office of Secretary between 1856 and 1866 during which time Henry Jones became the office-based secretary of the Society.

The vast majority of this correspondence describes the unrest, famine and poor harvests in the Middle East during the 1880s. Only one item of correspondence, dated June 1886 (finding number: MS203/A/1/3/1/2/2) is during Revd Thomas Brown's period as Society Secretary. This letter describes unrest and religious persecution in the Middle East.

79 items

Access: Open

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Reports of Society work via the Foreign Office

1879-1880

Correspondence between the Foreign Office and the consuls. Includes cuttings from

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printed parliamentary blue papers; copies of telegrams describing events and conditions in the Middle East; and copies of letters. These letters and reports describe the famine and great distress to the inhabitants of Persia area during late 1879 and 1880.

Arrangement: Correspondence appears to have been divided into extracts and letters; and parliamentary despatches. This distinction has been retained and two separate files have been created.

77 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/1/3/1/1/1	Correspondence regarding famine and distress in the Middle East	1879-1880
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Largely comprise copies of telegrams and letters between the foreign office and the consuls. The majority are from 1880 and includes a letter, dated October 1880, sent to The Times newspaper for publication, promoting missionary work in the Middle East. For parliamentary despatches relating to this correspondence see MS203/A/1/3/1/1/2.

/1: Extract of a despatch from Vice-Consul Russell to Colonel Miles. Mentions exports of many food items has been prohibited from Mosul due to expected famine unless rain falls shortly. 5 November 1879.

/2: Extract of a despatch from Vice-Consul Captain Clayton to Major Trotter. Refers to famine in Mirduz, Shaddakh and Perqui. 21 November 1879.

/3: Extract of a despatch from Vice-Consul Captain Everett to Major Trotter. Refers to the dearth of wheat in the Bayazid district of Erzeroum. 5 December 1879.

/4: Extract of a letter from Tenterden to Henry Jones. States that 'the accounts perceived by your Society from the American Missionaries are not exaggerated'. 3 January

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1880.

/5: Extract of a letter from Mr Thomson. States that he has received no news of distress in provinces although prices of food have risen dramatically. 3 January 1880.

/6: Extract of a letter from Mr Thomson. States that Mr Abbott has telegraphed from Tabreez to say there is great distress in the Oroomiah district. 4 January 1880.

/7: Extract of a letter from Mr Thomson. States that Revd Bruce has telegraphed from Ispahan to say that bread is 'twice and a half usual price'. 5 January 1880.

/8: Extract of a letter from Tenterden to Henry Jones. States he is enclosing original telegrams received from the Vice-Consul at Yehran regarding 'the distress now prevailing in certain provinces of Persia' [these telegrams are not in this file]. 6 January 1880.

/9: Extract of a letter from Tenterden to Henry Jones regarding widespread distress and famine in the Asia Minor and Persia. 7 January 1880.

/10: Extract of a letter from Tenterden to Henry Jones. Informs Jones he has been directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to enclose various extracts from despatches received in recent days to furnish Jones with more information [see MS203/A/1/3/1/1/2]. 8 January 1880.

/11: Extract of a letter from Tenterden to Henry Jones. Encloses a telegram regarding 'the distress prevailing in certain provinces in Persia' [this telegram is not in this file]. 10 January 1880.

/12: Extract of a letter from Mr Thomson writing from Teheran. Regarding the famine, and consequent high food prices, in Persia. 10 January 1880.

/13-14: Extract of a letter from the Foreign Office to Henry Jones, enclosing a telegram

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from Sir Henry Layard regarding the distress existing in the districts of Vaw, Bayaraid and Bashkaleh. 13 January 1880.

/15: Extract of a letter from Vice-Consul Captain Everett to Sir Henry Layard in Constantinople. Informs Layard that people are starving and asks 'could anything be done in England?'. 17 January 1880.

/16: Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Miles, at Mosul, to the Foreign Office. Refers to the famine and severe cold experienced in Mosul this winter. 19 January 1880.

/17: Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Miles, at Mosul, to Sir Henry Layard, at Constantinople. States that 'several deaths have occurred and children have been sold or abandoned'. 19 January 1880.

/18: Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Miles to Sir Henry Layard. Refers to distress in the Mosul district due to the scarcity of food. 20 January 1880.

/19: Extract of a letter from Sir Julian Pauncefote to Henry Jones. Forwarding copies of two telegrams on the subject of distress in Asia Minor [these telegrams are not in this file]. 20 January 1880.

/20: Extract of a telegram from Mr Thomson. Informs the Foreign Office that Mr Abbott reports very great distress in Oroomiah. 22 January 1880.

/21: Letter from Sir Julian Pauncefote to Henry Jones. Forwards a copy of a telegram regarding distress in the district of Oroomiah [this telegram is not in this file]. 27 January 1880.

/22-23: Letter, dated 31 January 1880, from Sir Julian Pauncefote to Henry Jones. Forwarding a copy of a telegram from Mr Thomson regarding reports from American missionaries that the distress prevails. 30 January 1880.

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/24: Extract of a letter from William G. Abbott to the Marquis of Salisbury. Refers to the suffering endured by the inhabitants of the Oroomiah district. 2 February 1880.

/25: Extract of a letter from Sir Julian Pauncefote to Henry Jones. Regarding the transport of grain from Baiburt to 'the distressed districts near Erzeroum' at a cost of £45 from the Society. 5 February 1880.

/26: Extract of a letter from Khasrova regarding famine and great distress in the area. 8 February 1880.

/27: Extract of a letter from Vice-Consul Captain Everett to Major Trotter. Talks of difficulty in visiting the districts around Erzeroum owing to the difficulty in obtaining transport at a reasonable price. Also mentions money sent to the area from the Armenian Patriarch. 20 February 1880.

/28: Extract of a letter from Sir Julian Pauncefote to Henry Jones. Informs Jones that Captain Henry Trotter [Consul in Kurdistan] reports that there are 2000 destitute persons in the Diabekir region and that stores of grain have been forcibly opened. 27 February 1880.

/29: Extract of a telegram from Captain Clayton. Describes distress in several villages in the Hakkiri district. 12 March 1880.

/30: Letter from Lord Tenterden to Henry Jones. Reports of famine and bread riots in the Aleppo district. 13 March 1880.

/31: Letter from Sir Julian Pauncefote to Henry Jones. Encloses a copy of a telegram from Captain Clayton [Vice-Consul at Van] on the subject of distress in the Hekkiari district [this telegram is not in this file]. 13 March 1880.

/32: Extract of a letter from Tenterden to Revd Pastor Jacob of 21 Montague Street, Russell Square, London. Informs Jacob that Earl Granville is unable to meet his wishes

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for protection for him and his wife. 14 March 1881.

/33: Letter from Sir Julian Pauncefote to Henry Jones. Forwards extracts of a despatch from Captain Everett regarding the distress; and one from Colonel Miles [Consul General at Baghdad] regarding the scarcity of food [these telegrams are not in this file]. 16 March 1880.

/34: Letter from Lord Tenterden to Henry Jones. Refers to a telegram from the Consul in Kurdistan stating that there are some 4000 people currently destitute and that money is urgently needed. 24 March 1880.

/35: Notes on the condition in Mossul 'as set forth in a letter from the Pastor of the Protestant Church'. Provides statistics on the condition of the country including numbers starved to death; number of animals per person; and supplies of food. March 1880.

/36: Letter from Lord Tenterden to Henry Jones. Refers to a despatch from Mr Henderson, of the Consul at Aleppo, reporting that the state of the city is critical due to starvation. 3 April 1880.

/37: Letter from Lord Tenterden to Henry Jones. Informs Jones he is enclosing an extract of a letter which has been received from Persia [this extract is not in this file]. 7 April 1880.

/38-39: Letter from Lord Tenterden to Henry Jones. Encloses a copy of a telegram from Consul Abbott which states that the famine at Oroomiah is increasing and 'people dying daily in the streets' and that aid is very much needed. 8 April 1880.

/40: Letter from Lord Tenterden to Henry Jones. Informs Jones he is enclosing a printed copy of a despatch regarding distress in Diarbekir and surrounding districts [this extract is not in this file]. 20 April 1880.

/41: Extract of a telegram from Major Trotter informing the foreign office that £400 has

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been distributed in Diarbekir and surrounding districts but 'fears present measures insufficient to prevent wholesale destruction of population'. 1 May 1880.

/42: Letter from Lord Tenterden to Henry Jones. Transmits a copy of a petition he has received from the Armenian inhabitants and giving an account of their suffering [the petition is not in this file]. 5 May 1880.

/43: Letter from Lord Tenterden to Henry Jones. Informs Jones he is enclosing a telegram from Major Trotter reporting the distribution of £400 aid [this telegram is not in this file]. 6 May 1880.

/44: Letter from Lord Tenterden to Henry Jones. Encloses a copy of a despatch reporting on the distribution of relief at Erzeroum. 7 May 1880.

/45: Letter from Lord Tenterden to Henry Jones. Informs Jones he is enclosing a telegram and a petition from the Bishop of the Armenian Catholic Community regarding widespread starvation [these items are not in this file]. 20 May 1880.

/46-47: Letter, dated 31 May 1880, from Lord Tenterden to Henry Jones. Enclosing an extract of a telegram sent to the Foreign Office regarding the continued suffering of both Oroomiah Christians and the Moslem population. 29 May 1880.

/48-49: Letter, dated 28 June 1880, from Lord Tenterden to Henry Jones. Enclosing an extract of a telegram from Major Trotter, at Therapia. States that the worst period of scarcity is over and 'prospects of harvest for this year good'. 20 June 1880.

/50: Letter from Lord Tenterden to Henry Jones. Informs Jones he is enclosing copies of reports regarding the distress in Asia Minor [these reports are not in this file]. 28 July 1880.

/51-52: Copy of a letter, dated 4 August 1880, from William G. Abbott, Consul-

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General at Tabreez, to Henry Jones. Encloses a copy of a letter regarding a donation of 300 tomans from the Sovereign of Persia to be distributed amongst Protestants in the district. 27 July 1880.

/53: Letter from Lord Tenterden to Henry Jones. Encloses a copy of a despatch from the British Ambassador in Constantinople regarding the sums distributed by Captain [Emilius] Clayton in the district of Van. 30 September 1880.

/54: Copy of a letter [possibly from Henry Jones] sent to Lord Shaftsbury for insertion in The Times newspaper. Refers to the Christian work being undertaken in the Middle East, promoting mission work undertaken there providing they have financial support. October 1880.

/55: Extract of a despatch from Captain Clayton to Major Trotter. Continued threat of great distress caused by famine and food has risen to a high price. 15 November 1880.

/56: Extract of a telegram by Colonel Miles. Refers to the lack of rain at Kermaushah and that food prices have consequently risen. [Undated].

Administrative history: Sir Julian Pauncefote, 1st Baron Pauncefote, (1828 - 1902) was a British diplomat. Born in Munich, he was educated at Paris, Geneva, and Marlborough College. In 1855 he became private secretary to Sir William Molesworth, Secretary of State for the Colonies and served in this capacity until the latter's death in October that same year. Pauncefote was appointed permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office in 1882. He was appointed first British delegate to the Suez Canal Conference in Paris in 1885.

Arrangement: All extracts and letters have been arranged chronologically. One item is undated and has been placed at the end of

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the series.

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Access: Open

MS203/A/1/3/1/1/2 Parliamentary despatches regarding famine and distress in the Middle East 1880

Copies of parliamentary blue papers referring to famine and widespread distress in the Middle East during 1880. For correspondence regarding these despatches see MS203/A/1/3/1/1.

/1: Major Henry Trotter to the Marquis of Salisbury. Trotter fears that lives may be lost due to the scarcity of provisions at Diarbekir. 3 March 1880; Also The American Missionary at Kharput to Major Trotter concerning the serious condition at Mardin. 21 February 1880.

/2: Captain Emilius Clayton to Major Henry Trotter. States that the condition of the area around Van is getting worse due to famine. 17 March 1880.

/3: Captain William Everett to Sir A. H. Layard. Reports that 107 people have died from starvation in nine villages, principally in the district of Alashgerd. Also mentions monies raised by the Armenian Relief Committee. 3 April 1880.

/4: Captain William Everett to Major Henry Trotter. Regards the raising and distribution of aid. 24 April 1880.

/5: Sir A. H. Layard to the Marquis of Salisbury. Regarding a petition from Armenian inhabitants regarding their suffering. 18 April 1880.

/6: Major Henry Trotter to Earl Granville. Provides information that the situation around Diarbekir has somewhat improved. Also provides details of monies received for relief purposes. 3 May 1880.

/7: Captain Emilius Clayton, writing from

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Van, to Major Henry Trotter. Refers to refugees due to Ali Khan raiding their villages in Bashkalah. 18 May 1880.

/8: Sir A. H. Layard to Earl Granville. Refers to a telegram sent by the Armenian Bishop Khorinian for the relief of the Armenians in the Vilayet of Van and to afford them 'proper protection'. 22 May 1880.

/9-10: Captain Emilius Clayton, writing from Erzeroum, to Major Henry Trotter. Refers to a report he has received from Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart of the Bengal Staff Corps detailing great distress and death caused by starvation. Also discusses the local government's response. 11 June 1880.

/11: Vice-Consul Ferdinand Bennet to George Goschen. Refers to damage done to crops by locusts to explain why less corn than usual has been sown in Eskishehr. 16 June 1880.

/12: Vice-Consul Gavin Gatheral to George Goschen. Refers to a plague of locusts in the Angora area. 19 June 1880.

/13: Vice-Consul J. F. Russell to Lieutenant-Colonel Miles. Refers to the distribution of money and that harvests 'have turned out better than any one expected' in Mossul. 23 June 1880.

/14: Vice-Consul William Everett to Major Henry Trotter. Describes high hopes for the next harvest and mentions the arrival of Messrs. Parmelee and Chambers, American missionaries and encloses the report produced by these missionaries during the course of distribution 420 bushels of wheat 'to the hungry people'. 7 July 1880.

/15: Vice-Consul Russell to Consul-General Miles. Mentions that many people are still in need in Mossul and asks for extra funds. 16 July 1880.

/16: Major Henry Trotter to Earl Granville. Encloses a copy of a letter sent to Lady Strangford on the subject of famine relief

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and provides an account of how relief has been distributed. 5 August 1880; Also Major Henry Trotter to Captain Everett regarding the distribution of money in Erzeroum. 1 August 1880.

/17: Extract from the 'Sivas Journal'. Describes the refugees in Anatolia and what can be done for them. 17 August 1880.

/18: Lieutenant Herbert Chermiside to Lieutenant-Colonel Wilson [Consul General of Anatolia]. Provides a report of the refugees in the Sivas region. 26 August 1880.

/19: Vice-Consul William Everett to Major Henry Trotter. 7 September 1880; Also Vice-Consul Emilius Clayton to Major Henry Trotter stating that the severity of the distress in the Van region is much abated. 30 June 1880.

/20: George Goschen to Earl Granville. Encloses a despatch from Captain Emilius Clayton, Vice-Consul at Van, describing the allocation of relief and the present condition and prospects of the region. 14 September 1880.

/21: Vice-Consul Emilius Clayton to Major Henry Trotter. States that the harvest in regions around Van has been good 'but the people are as yet very chary of selling their grain'. Also mentions sickness, especially typhoid fever, is rife. 30 September 1880.

Arrangement: These despatches have been arranged chronologically.

21 items

Access: Open

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Miscellaneous correspondence

1880-
1886

/1: Receipt addressed to Revd H. Jones for 6 dozen bottles of Madeira from Blandy Brothers and Co. 14 April 1880.

/2: Copy of a letter from Edward Thornton, at

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Constantinople, to Lord Rosebery. Refers to alleged incidents of religious persecution in the area. States that although there is great tension between various religious groups, many Christian churches find that 'there is no noteworthy increase of religious intolerance on the part of the Mussulmans'. 5 June 1886.

2 items

Access: Open

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Rev William Essery, Secretary 1892-1904; and Rev Samuel Gentle-Cackett, Secretary 1904-1943

1904-1943

Largely the correspondence of Revd Samuel Gentle-Cackett, Society Secretary 1904-1943. The majority of this correspondence relates the Society's financial support of the Anatolia College and the Armenian Evangelical Church who were responsible for running the school. Also includes material relating to obtaining a passport for Margaret Flora Goldstein to visit England to work; and a number of miscellaneous items including nine items of correspondence relating to the persecution of Armenians and the Society's hopes for change with the Treaty of Versailles in 1919.

122 items

Access: Open

Language: English, French

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Correspondence relating to Anatolia College and the Armenian Evangelical Church

1933-1937

/1-2: Letter from Ernest W. Riggs to Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Regarding the furlough of Dr White to America; and asks no longer to be considered as honorary director as he would rather be substituted 'by some one who can better represent the B.L.M.A.S. [Bible Lands Missions Aid Society] before the constituency of the American board'. 23 October 1933; Also copy reply from Samuel

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Gentle-Cackett. 7 November 1933.

/3: Copy letter from Samuel Gentle-Cackett to Mrs G. D. White. Regarding the delivery of a Jersey cow to Salonica. 15 January 1934.

/4: Letter to Samuel Gentle-Cackett from Dana K. Getchell. Concerns a possible donation from the Society to assist in the building of the Armenian Evangelical Church home. 2 April 1934.

/5: Copy letter from Samuel Gentle-Cackett to Dana K. Getchell. Regarding delays in repayments by the Armenian Evangelical Church and the reluctance of the Society to send further money until outstanding debts have been paid. 7 June 1934.

/6: Letter from Dana K. Getchell to Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Refers to obtaining funding for Anatolia College in Salonica, Greece. 16 June 1934.

/7: Copy letter from Samuel Gentle-Cackett to Dana K. Getchell. Offers a loan of £100 for an Armenian church building to be constructed. 7 November 1934.

/8: Letter from Dana K. Getchell to Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Refers to a Society loan of £100 to the Building Committee of the Armenian Evangelical Church in Salonica. 4 December 1934.

/9: Letter from G. S. Faradjian, Pastor of the Armenian Evangelical Church to Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Refers to the church's festivities over the Christmas period and offers thanks for receiving copies of the Society's publication, 'The Star in the East'. 25 December 1934.

/10-11: Letter from Dana K. Getchell to Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Regarding continued fundraising and the rate of exchange in connection to a Society loan of £100. 15 January 1935; Also includes a copy letter reply from Samuel Gentle-Cackett regarding repayments. 22 January 1935.

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/12-13: Letter from Ernest W. Riggs to Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Regarding a possible future visit by Gentle-Cackett. 25 January 1935; Also a copy reply from Samuel Gentle-Cackett. 12 March 1935.

/14: Letter from Dana K. Getchell to Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Regarding repayments of the £100 loan. 23 February 1935.

/15-16: Letter from George E. White to Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Refers to the death of his cow, the illness of his wife and salary cuts. Asks for more support from the Society. 21 March 1935; Also a copy reply from Samuel Gentle-Cackett. 1 April 1935.

/17: Copy letter from Samuel Gentle-Cackett to Dana K. Getchell. Refers to Getchell's plans to visit England. 13 May 1935.

/18: Letter from George E. White, President Emeritus to 'Friend of Anatolia'. Refers to the finances, activities and events in the College. May 1935.

/19-20: Letter, dated 4 June 1935, from Dana K. Getchell to Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Encloses a letter from Mrs Sewny in which she asks if Gentle-Cackett can secure her accommodation for a forthcoming visit to Keswick, Cumbria. 2 June 1935.

/21: Letter from George E. White to Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Refers to the Society's donation of £20 'toward the support of boys who cannot pay our college bills in full'. 17 June 1935.

/22: Copy letter from Samuel Gentle-Cackett to Dr John Goldstein. Concerns delayed air mail. 19 June 1935.

/23: Letter to Samuel Gentle-Cackett from G. D. White. Concerns the death of their cow, 'Princess'. 8 July 1935.

/24-26: Material relating to Mr and Mrs Getchell's visit to England. Includes a letter from C. A. Baker, Secretary of the Scripture Gift Mission; a copy letter from Samuel

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Gentle-Cackett to Miss Potter regarding accomodation in London; and a letter to Samuel Gentle-Cackett from Dana K. Getchell regarding 'the wonderful time' they are having in England. July 1935.

/27-28: Letter, dated 31 October 1935, from G. D. White to 'Friend of Anatolia'. Refers to the finances, activities and events in the College. Also includes the business card of Dr G. E. White.

/29: Letter to Samuel Gentle-Cackett from Dana K. Getchell. Describes their return voyage from England to Greece; and asks for support in helping Armenian refugees during the winter months. 7 November 1935.

/30: Letter from the Armenian Evangelical Church 'to our many friends scattered abroad'. Details the work of the church and the need for further funding to finish building church buildings. 25 November 1935.

/31: Letter to Samuel Gentle-Cackett from Ernest W. Riggs. Thanks Gentle-Cackett for a copy of Bertha Fennell's 'Upward Calling of God in Christ'; and also mentions the 50th anniversary celebrations planned for 20-21 June 1936. 24 April 1936.

/32: Copy letter to Revd E. W. Riggs from Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Regarding a grant of £20 for College books. 29 April 1936.

/33-34: Letter to Samuel Gentle-Cackett from Dana K. Getchell. Regards the College finances and also mentions trying to help erect shelter for Armenian refugees. 1 June 1936; Also includes copy reply enclosing a cheque for £50 towards building huts for the refugees. 9 June 1936.

/35: Letter to Samuel Gentle-Cackett from Dana K. Getchell. Concerning weaving work offered to a Miss Katina and her workers by the Society. [June 1936].

/36: Letter to Samuel Gentle-Cackett from Ernest W. Riggs. Provides brief details of the College's recent 50th anniversary jubilee

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celebrations. 30 June 1936.

/37-44: Material relating to financial help requested from Lazaraki Jordanides, a preacher to Greek refugees. Includes a letter to George E. White from Samuel Gentle-Cackett's Assistant Secretary, E. H. Delvin. Asks for details about a Mr Jordanides before the Society can provide the help he requires. Also includes a reply from George E. White in which he states that the man is 'capable, reliable and sympathetic'. June-December 1936.

/45-46: Letter to Samuel Gentle-Cackett from George E. White. Asks Gentle-Cackett if he would be able to supply, and ship, Sir Josiah Stamp's book 'Motive and Method in a Christian World Order'. 26 August 1936; Also includes copy reply from Gentle-Cackett's Assistant Secretary. 2 September 1936.

/47-57: Material concerning the Society's willingness to partially pay for a young crippled boy, on the recommendation of a Mr Mihitsopoulous, to be taught English at the College. Includes correspondence between Samuel Gentle-Cackett and Mrs C. Gregg of Branford, Strensall, York who has been supporting the boy by providing £9 a year. July-December 1936.

/58: Letter from Ernest W. Riggs in which he asks to use the Society's name as a patron for the College's Jubilee Campaign. 30 September 1936.

/59: Letter from the Armenian Evangelical Church to Samuel Gentle-Cackett. A request for financial support to enable the church to continue their work. 13 February 1937.

/60-61: Letter from Dakes Diyarian to Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Diyarian asks if the Society would be prepared to assist him in paying to see a n eye specialist in the hope of curing his blindness. 1 March 1937; Includes copy reply from Samuel Gentle-Cackett regretfully refusing to help. 11 March 1937.

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/62-64: Correspondence between Samuel Gentle-Cackett and Katie Mehitsopoulos. Concerns the Society's financial support of her brother, Paul, and his planned trip to England for three year tuition at 'the Institute' [Petton Hall]. March-October 1937.

/65-67: Letters from George E. White to Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Regarding plans for a summer visit to London. Also mentions an article by George White and published in the Contemporary Review for November 1913 which he asks Gentle-Cackett to get hold of. Also includes a copy letter from Gentle-Cackett to The Contemporary Review, asking for a copy of the article. April 1937.

/68: Newsletter from the American Farm School in Thessalonica, Greece. Mentions a visit made by Samuel Gentle-Cackett in March. September 1937.

/69: Copy letter from Samuel Gentle-Cackett to Dana K. Getchell. Regarding a donation of £10. [undated].

George E. White was President Emeritus of Anatolia College in Salonica, Greece established in 1886; Ernest W. Riggs was President of the Board of Managers of the College; and Dana K. Getchell was a member of the Board of Managers of the College.

Arrangement: These letters have been arranged chronologically. One letter is undated and has been placed at the end of the sequence.

69 items

Access: Open

Language: English, French

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Correspondence relating to the passport of Margaret Flora Goldstein

1934-1935

/1-10: Material relating to Margaret Flora Goldstein's training at the Guildford Hospital in Surrey and the initial reluctance of the

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Ministry of Labour to agree on the grounds of displacing an English girl. August 1934; Also includes correspondence regarding the extension of Margaret Goldstein's passport until 30 August 1935.

Arrangement: These letters have been arranged chronologically.

10 items

Access: Open

Language: English, French

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Miscellaneous

1904-
1943

/1-3: Letter from Mary Tod to Rev William Essery [Society Secretary]. Concerns the distribution of Society magazines. Includes two enclosed snippets relating to fundraising. 7 January 1904.

/4-5: Letter from Harriet G. Richardson, of Sloane Gardens House, London, to Hilda Hawley, of the American Institute, Salonica. A request for news of life in Salonica. 21 May 1916; Also contains a printed leaflet entitled 'Nurses' Missionary League Bible Study Notes'. Includes envelope.

/6-14: Correspondence, and draft notes, relating to the Peace Conference in Paris in June 1919. One item is in French. With accompanying postcard depicting rows of corpses [presumably Armenians in Turkey]. Copy correspondence reply from the Society addressed to 'the President of the Peace Conference in Paris' regarding the persecution of Armenians and other Christian races by the Turkish government and the Society's hopes that this will change following the 1919 Treaty of Peace with Turkey.

/15: Letter from Mary L. Matthews, dated 29 July 1919, informing the Society that the Ministry in Belgrade has refused their request for passports for orphan girls to go to England. Instead, asks whether it would be possible to install a matron to live with the

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girls and 'teach them industrial work'.

/16: Letter from Kaj Thorbjornsen, dated 12 January 1934. Acknowledges receipt of a cheque for £10 and provides a description of his mission work, replacing 'Mr Hanson before he left Salonica'.

/17: Article entitled 'The House of Dagon' on the slope of the Hill North in Gaza. Enclosed in an envelope addressed to Samuel Gentle-Cackett from M. L. Matthews of Monastir, Serbia. [c 1940].

/18-19: Letter from L. Levonian to Samuel Gentle-Cackett regarding the financial difficulties of churches and schools in Beirut and a consequent Emergency Fund Campaign. Includes a letter from the Treasurer of the Fund acknowledging £27 contributed by the Society. December 1942.

/20-21: Newsletters from Charles T. Riggs of Bible House, Stamboul addressed to 'Dear Friends'. Mentions the death of Elizabeth Clarke which leaves Miss Haskell the only American missionary left in Sofia. December 1942.

/22-33: Copies of various cables and airgraphs sent to Samuel Gentle-Cackett regarding requests for help from the Society; and acknowledgments of monies received. March-September 1943.

/34: Letter from Luther R. Fowle, of the American Board of Missions in the Near East, to Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Regarding a misunderstanding relating to a 'substantial remittance'; discusses the death of Elizabeth Clarke; and mentions the Boards continuing work in the Middle East. 17 March 1943.

/35: Report by Revd Aram H. Hadidian concerning 'the relief money given to me by Prof. L. Levonian'. Provides details of the distribution of funds in, and around, Beirut. The report was forwarded to Samuel Gentle-Cackett from L. Levonian. June 1943.

/36: Letter from S. Melkonian, former pastor

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of the Armenian Evangelical Church, to Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Regards the pastor's recent stroke; his subsequent replacement; and his hopes that the Society will continue to take an interest 'in our "Little Flock"'. 16 June 1943.

/37-38: Letter from Jessie M. Bear of Mission House, Kefr Jasif, Acre. Concerns a recent donation of £19 and encloses a receipt. Also discusses her mission work. 22 June 1943.

/39: Letter from Blanche McCrea of the American Academy for Girls in Nicosia, Cyprus. Acknowledges the receipt of £20 from the Society to continue the Academy's work. 24 June 1943.

/40: Letter from R. F. [Dhiedo] of The American Mission, Khartoum, The Sudan, to Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Offers thanks for the Society's recent donation of £70. Provides a description of their work in the Sudan and notes a near-famine in the Sobat region. 25 August 1943.

/41: Memorandum from The National Bank of Egypt to the Assistant-Secretary of the Bible Lands Missions' Aid Society. Concerns an outstanding payment for cable expenses related to a sum of £210 sent to the American Mission in Alexandria. 9 September 1943.

/42: Letter from Adeline B. House of Orient, Long Island, to Ada A. Blair of the Bible Lands Missions' Aid Society. Concerns the death of Samuel Gentle-Cackett; offers of sympathy to the Society; and reminisces concerning his character. 3 October 1943.

/43: Letter from Revd K. T. Sarian, Pastor of the Armenian Evangelical Church', to Ada A. Blair. Expresses sympathy on behalf of the church regarding the death of Samuel Gentle-Cackett. Also expresses particular sympathy from the previous Pastor, Revd Melkonian, who 'was deeply grieved by the sad news of his friend's death'. 13 November 1943.

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Arrangement: These letters have been arranged chronologically.

43 items

Access: Open

Language: English, French

MS203/A/1/3/3 C. R. [Bob] Clothier, Secretary 1952-1985 1970-1984

Correspondence of C. R. [Bob] Clothier, Society Secretary 1952-1985. This material mostly comprises reports of Society funded projects in the Middle East during Bob Clothier's latter years as Society Secretary. Some items of correspondence refer to making arrangements for his replacement as Secretary by Peter Emmerson, Secretary 1985-1993.

23 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/1/3/3/1 Reports of Society projects in the Middle East 1973-1984

These files contain reports of Society work throughout the Middle East. The files comprise handwritten notes; a printed report providing history of Society work, the actual work undertaken and the people in charge; also includes copy correspondence, addressed to the people in charge of particular projects, from Bob Clothier often regarding future administration costs of running the projects. It appears that the Secretary was assisted by Miss Joscelyn Pearson in the compilation of these reports. Some reports from the 1980s appear to have been compiled by Peter Emmerson, Bob Clothier's successor as Secretary of the Society. Some files contain reports and correspondence over a number of years.

/1: House of Hope, Bethlehem. Notes regarding the history and organisation of 'House of Hope', a group of projects involving work with the blind and the elderly.

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[circa 1984].

/2: Hebron Evangelical School and Home for Boys. Report, and accompanying notes, regarding the history, running and daily routine of the school. Also includes promotional leaflets relating to their work. 1979-[circa 1984].

/3: Lutheran School, Bethlehem. Report, and accompanying notes, regarding the history, running and daily routine of the school. [circa 1973].

/4: Bethlehem Arab Society for the Physically Handicapped. Notes regarding the history, running and daily routine of the Bethlehem Arab Society. Also includes a promotional, fundraising leaflet published by the Society which is part English, part Arabic. [circa 1975].

/5: Creche, Bethlehem. Notes regarding the history, running and daily routine of the creche which was attached to a local hospital. [circa 1984].

/6: Talitha Kuim Evangelical School. Report, and accompanying notes, regarding the history, running and daily routine of the school. Also includes a promotional leaflet published by the School in German. [circa 1973].

/7: Hope Secondary School and Orphanage, Beit Jala. Report, and accompanying notes, regarding the history, running and daily routine of the school which was established in 1961. Includes promotional leaflet.

/8: Caritas Baby Hospital, Bethlehem. Notes, and promotional leaflets, regarding the history, running and daily routine of the hospital. Also includes statistics for 1983 detailing the number of admissions; discharges; deliveries; and deaths during that year. 1983-1984.

/9: Mount of Olives Orphanage. Notes regarding the history, running and daily

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routine of the orphanage. [circa 1984].

/10: Rawdat el-Zuhur (House of Flowers School). Report, and accompanying notes, regarding the history, running and daily routine of the school. [circa 1973].

/11: Jerusalem Crippled Children Centre. Report, and accompanying notes, regarding the history, running and daily routine of the centre which was established in 1964. 1984.

/12: Evangelical Lutheran School, Beit Sahour. Report, and accompanying notes, regarding the history, running and daily routine of the school. Also includes details of exam results. 1982-1983.

/13: Al-Nahda Womens Association Day Centre, Ramallah. Notes regarding the history, running and daily routine of the Day Centre which was established in 1980. Also includes a dual-language promotional leaflet of the Day Centre in Arabic and English. [circa 1984].

/14: Nazareth Hospital. Notes regarding the history, running and daily routine of the hospital. Also includes an item of copy correspondence from Bob Clothier to Dr Hans Bernath, dated 16 January 1984, concerning his handover to Peter Emerson as Secretary Designate and organising a future visit of Peter Emerson to the hospital. [circa 1984].

/15: St Margaret's Home, Nazareth. Report, and accompanying notes, regarding the history, running and daily routine of the home for mentally handicapped children. Also includes correspondence from Revd Canon Riah Abu-El-Assal regarding dwindling financial support from the Society and his thoughts on the BibleLands visit which 'reminded me of the way Christian tourists or fact-finding-missions arranged by the Ministry of Tourism are rushed through Nazareth by their respective guides'. Also includes news of St Margaret's Home by Mrs Frances Johnson, June 1974. 1972-1984.

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/16: Four Homes of Mercy. Report, and accompanying notes, regarding the history, running and daily routine of the Four Homes of Mercy (an old people's home; a home for the physically and mentally handicapped; an orphanage; and a maternity hospital). Also includes correspondence with Henrietta Siksek Farradj, Honorary Secretary of the Four Homes of Mercy, concerning future projects they would like to complete. Also includes a promotional leaflet concerning the Four Homes of Mercy. [circa 1984].

/17: Bethany Girls School. Report, and accompanying notes, regarding the history, running and daily routine of the school. [circa 1975].

/18: Jeel el Amal School, Bethany. Report detailing the running and daily routine of the school. Although most of the boys are Muslim, 'they are taken because of their need for love and care'. Also includes a letter addressed to Mr and Mrs Sahhar, who run the school, from Bob Clothier asking for more information and whether they have any requests for Society money to help with their work. 1975.

/19: East Jerusalem YMCA Training Centre. Report, and accompanying notes, regarding the history, running and daily routine of the YMCA Training Centre in Jerusalem. Also includes one item of copy correspondence from Bob Clothier to Kameel L. Nasir concerning a future visit of Peter Emerson. [circa 1984].

/20: Star Mountain, Moravian Home. Notes, regarding the history, running and daily routine of the home which cared for mentally disabled girls between the ages of 10 and 20. [c 1984].

/21: Evangelical Home for Girls, Ramallah. Report, and accompanying notes, regarding the history, running and daily routine of the home and school. Also includes a separate history of the home produced by Jocelyn Pearson. [circa 1973]-1984.

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Arrangement: All notes in these files (with the exception of the Evangelical Home for Girls, Ramallah) have been written on copy paper with a printed number at the top-right of the page. The files have therefore not been arranged alphabetically or chronologically, but in their original numerical order.

21 items

Access: Open

Language: English, Arabic

MS203/A/1/3/3/2 Other reports 1970-1984

Material comprises:

/1: report by Dr Christopher Farmer regarding the Society's work in the Holy Land, 1970. The report was circulated amongst committee members.

/2: report by Ann Foley regarding the Society's work in Lebanon, 1984.

Arrangement: These letters have been arranged chronologically.

2 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/1/3/4 Correspondence of Frances Johnson 1985-1986

/1-62: Correspondence largely between Frances Johnson and Maureen Lampard [Deputy Executive Secretary of the Society]. This file contains routine business correspondence including progress reports; information about sponsorship of Society work; a timeline produced by Frances Johnson detailing her involvement in the Society; and details of various Society visits, and visits of sponsors, to the Middle East.

Administrative history: Frances Johnson began working for the Bible Lands Mission Aid Society during the 1950s. She was sponsorship secretary of the Society for three years during the 1960s and visited the

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Helen Keller Centre in Jerusalem on a regular basis.

Arrangement: Correspondence has been arranged chronologically.

62 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/1/3/5

Miscellaneous correspondence

1985-
2004

/1: Order of Service for a thanksgiving service 'on the Occasion of the Centenary of the death of the 7th Earl of Shaftesbury 1801-1885' [Founder President of the Society]. 1 October 1985.

/2-4: Correspondence between Maureen Lampard, Deputy Chief Executive of The Bible Lands Society, to Mrs Joan H. Peaston of Liss, Hampshire. Regards Mary [Mollie] Gillies Peaston and the potential use of money kept in a Society fund under her name. March-May 1994.

/5-6: Correspondence between Julian Burt, Head of Development and Fundraising, to Elizabeth M. Whyte of Glasgow. Regards Whyte's remembrances of Miss Vartan [daughter of Dr Vartan of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary] in Tiberias during the Second World War; and the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society Hospital in Nazareth. June 2000.

/7-8: Letter, dated 2 September 2004, from John Short to the Society. Regards the Forces Fellowship for the Blind in Bible Lands. Includes a copy of the Christmas 1956 issue of the magazine of this fellowship, 'Following the Star'.

/9: Undated statement entitled 'The Bible Lands Society. Opinion'. Refers to the current legal position of the Society as regards its funds and 'the persons described as 'the Council' on the inside cover of its magazine'. Suggests that the 1854 constitution of the 'unincorporated Society originally known as "The Turkish Missions

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Aid Society''' is now defunct [mid 20th century].

/10-11: Undated postcard addressed to Jean [Hatton] and accompanying Advent Calendar depicting the countries of the Middle East [late 20th century].

Arrangement: Correspondence has been arranged chronologically. One item is undated and has been placed at the end of the sequence.

9 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/2

Financial records

1910-
1996

This material comprises a set of records largely representing the financial statements and balance sheets of the Society. The records are incomplete, although there are reports for most years between 1910 and 1930; and 1944 and 1955. There are also isolated records for 1962 to 1964, and 1996. Material also includes an account book which was used between 1931 and 1941 and which lists the names of individuals who donated money to the Society; and an investment book used between 1963 and 1988.

2 volumes and 22 files

Access: Open

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Annual statements and accounts

1910-
1996

These papers comprise records of the income, expenditure and balance of funds of the Society as a whole, represented by yearly financial statements and balance sheets. They consist of an audited set of such records, but are largely incomplete, intermittently covering 1910-1930 and 1945-1964. There is also a financial report for 1996. Balance sheets prior to 1930 were produced by J. H. Duncan and Co [later Duncan, Alwork and Co], Chartered Accountants, London. Balance sheets for

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1945-1964 were produced by Charles Baker, Chartered Accountant, Harpenden, Hertfordshire. The financial report for 1996 was produced by Seymour Taylor, Chartered Accountant, High Wycombe.

The accounts for each year include details of income including monies collected by subscription or donation as well as legacies received throughout the year. Expenditure includes grants and payments for both general mission work in the Middle East and specific projects. The report detail special grants to individuals as well as detailing monies spent on earthquake relief; and mission work in Jordan, Greece, Israel, Egypt, Sudan, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey. The reports also detail expenses paid to related organisations such as the Lovell Society. A small number of files also contain covering letters from the Chartered Accountant to the Secretary of the Society concerning the accounts. Also includes items of correspondence, dated November 1962, concerning the Society's Distribution Account.

Arrangement: Organised chronologically in files divided by year.

22 files

Access: Open

MS203/A/2/1/1 Financial statements and balance sheet 1910

Signed manuscript cash statement for year ending 31 March 1910. Includes a letter dated 5 October 1910 from J. H. Duncan and Co., Chartered Accountants; and a legacy account signed and dated 5 October 1910.

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Access: Open

MS203/A/2/1/2 Financial statements and balance sheet 1911

Signed manuscript cash statement for year ending 31 March 1911. Includes a letter

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dated 26 October 1911 from J. H. Duncan and Co., Chartered Accountants.

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Access: Open

MS203/A/2/1/3 Financial statements and balance sheet 1913-1915

Signed manuscript cash statement for year ending 31 March 1913. Includes details of legacy account.

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MS203/A/2/1/4 Financial statements and balance sheet 1913-1915

Signed manuscript cash statement for years 1913-1914 and 1914-1915. Includes details of legacy account and a separate cash statement for 1914.

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Access: Open

MS203/A/2/1/5 Financial statements and balance sheet 1916-1917

Typescript audited balance sheet for year ending 31 March 1916 and 31 March 1917.

1 file

Access: Open

MS203/A/2/1/6 Financial statements and balance sheet 1917-1920

Typescript audited balance sheets for 1917-1918, 1918-1919 and 1919-1920. Includes details of grants and payments; subscriptions and donations; and expenses. Also includes two letters dated January 1921, from Duncan, Allwork and Co., concerning the audited accounts.

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MS203/A/2/1/7 Financial statements and balance sheet 1922-

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	Typescript balance sheet for 1 April 1922 to 31 March 1924. Includes details of the legacy account.	1924
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/A/2/1/8	Financial statements and balance sheet	1927
	Typescript audited balance sheet for year ending 31 March 1927. Includes copy of receipts and expenditure account from 1 April 1924 to 31 March 1926 as published in the Society's journal, <i>The Star in the East</i> .	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/A/2/1/9	Financial statements and balance sheet	1929
	Typescript balance sheet, with annotations, for year ending 31 March 1929.	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/A/2/1/10	Financial statements and balance sheet	1930
	Typescript audited balance sheet for year ending 31 March 1930.	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/A/2/1/11	Financial statements and balance sheet	1945
	Typescript audited balance sheet for year ending 31 March 1945.	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/A/2/1/12	Financial statements and balance sheet	1946
	Typescript audited balance sheet for year ending 31 March 1946.	

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MS203/A/2/1/13	Financial statements and balance sheet	1947
	Typescript audited balance sheet for year ending 31 March 1947.	
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	Access: Open	
MS203/A/2/1/14	Financial statements and balance sheet	1948
	Typescript audited balance sheet for year ending 31 March 1948.	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/A/2/1/15	Financial statements and balance sheet	1949
	Typescript audited balance sheet for year ending 31 March 1949.	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/A/2/1/16	Financial statements and balance sheet	1950
	Typescript audited balance sheet for year ending 31 March 1950.	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/A/2/1/17	Financial statements and balance sheet	1951
	Typescript audited balance sheet for year ending 31 March 1951.	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/A/2/1/18	Financial statements and balance sheet	1952
	Typescript audited balance sheet for year	

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ending 31 March 1952.

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Access: Open

MS203/A/2/1/19 Financial statements and balance sheet 1953

Typescript audited balance sheet for year ending 31 March 1953.

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MS203/A/2/1/20 Financial statements and balance sheet 1955

Typescript audited balance sheet for year ending 31 March 1955.

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Access: Open

MS203/A/2/1/21 Financial statements and balance sheet 1962-1964

Copy of manuscript balance sheet for year ending 31 March 1964. Includes two items of correspondence, dated November 1962, between C. R. [Bob] Clothier, Secretary of the Society, and the Midland Bank concerning a Distribution Account.

1 file

Access: Open

MS203/A/2/1/22 Annual Report and Accounts 1996

Published financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1996.

1 file

Access: Open

MS203/A/2/2 Account Book 1931-1941

This volume contains income and expenditure accounts under the title 'Lace Accounts'. The volume lists income received by individuals and lists their name, location and the amount of money donated to the

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Society. Expenditure includes general expenses, such as office items, stamps and laundry. Includes some loose items, largely receipts and invoices, which have been inserted between the pages of the volume. The rear of the volume includes a list of cheques drawn by the society, detailing the amount of the cheque and to whom the monies were paid. The start of the volume states that it is continued from a previous volume although any previous volumes, if survived, are not included in this deposit.

1 volume

Access: Open

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Investment Book

1963-
1988

This volume contains details of the investments of the Society, amounts raised by investments and, where applicable, the date various investments were sold. The volume largely covers 1963-1976, although some entries refer to later dates up to 1988. An alphabetical index listing Society investments is included at the beginning of the volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

MS203/A/3

Publications

1883-
2015

Comprises material published by the Society; the work of associates of the Society; and external publications collected by the Society during the course of its transactional activities.

9 volumes, 12 files and 67 items

Access: Open

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Publications produced by Embrace the Middle East and associates

1883-
2015

This material comprises publications produced by the Society; and material produced by associates of the Society. It consists of periodicals, including a largely

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complete run of 'The Star in the East'; fundraising literature; publications relating to the Society's 150th anniversary in 2004; and both published and unpublished material by individuals related to the Society.

9 volumes, 9 files and 67 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/3/1/1 Notes from Bible Lands: Occasional Papers 1930s

/1-21: Incomplete run of Occasional Papers from No.1 [February 1936] to No.23 [issues 14 and 15 missing]. The papers provide brief details of Society work; and appeals for money and support.

1 file

Access: Open

MS203/A/3/1/2 'Embrace' ('The Star in the East' prior to autumn 2012) 1883-2015

This sequence comprises issues of the Society's supporter magazine under two titles. Including 'The Star in the East', issue 1, 1883, to Spring 2012 and an incomplete sequence of 'Embrace'. The issues of 'The Star in the East' appear to form a largely complete sequence, with the possibility that occasional issues from the 2000s are missing although this is by no means clear as the Society stopped recording the issue number on the magazine during this time.

The magazine began as 'a quarterly record of the progress of Christian missions within the Turkish empire, as well as in Persia and Greece'. 'Embrace' is issued three times a year.

Issues from 1883 until 1996 are bound in volumes, issues produced after this date are loose copies. Although quarterly issues were produced for most years, there are some exceptions, especially during the Second World War when it appears the magazine was published irregularly.

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The magazines include reports of mission work in the Middle East; information regarding Society projects; fundraising articles; the work of the Society's overseas partners such as the Lovell Society and the Bulgarian Bible School; articles regarding youth work and work with the blind; and reports of the work of other missionary organisations in the Middle East including the Society for Promoting Female Education in China, India and the Far East.

Earlier bound volumes also include the Society's annual reports, usually published in the summer issue of *The Star in the East*. These reports continue the incomplete sequence of Annual Reports which can be found under Administrative Records, see MS203/A/1/2.

9 volumes and 48 items

Access: Open

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| MS203/A/3/1/2/1 | <p>The Star in the East</p> <p>Bound volume from Issue 1, January 1883, to Issue 42, April 1893. Issue No.42 is also duplicated in the bound volume for 1893-1902 (MS203/A/3/1/1/2).</p> <p>1 volume</p> <p>Access: Open</p> <p>Physical description: The spine is incorrectly labelled 1833-1893. The contents includes material from 1883-1893.</p> | 1883-1893 |
| MS203/A/3/1/2/2 | <p>The Star in the East and Reports</p> <p>Bound volume from Issue 42, April 1893, to Issue 80, October 1902. Also includes the Society's Annual Reports, published annually in the July issue of <i>The Star in the East</i>.</p> <p>1 volume</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | 1893-1902 |

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| MS203/A/3/1/2/3 | <p>The Star in the East and Reports</p> <p>Bound volume from Issue 81, January 1903, to Issue 114, July and October 1912. Also includes the Society's Annual Reports, published annually in the July issue of The Star in the East.</p> <p>1 volume</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | 1903-1912 |
| MS203/A/3/1/2/4 | <p>The Star in the East and Reports</p> <p>Bound volume from Issue 115, January 1913, to Issue 143, December 1930.</p> <p>1 volume</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | 1913-1930 |
| MS203/A/3/1/2/5 | <p>The Star in the East and Reports</p> <p>Bound volume containing issues of The Star in the East from Issue 144, February 1931, to Issue 172, June 1948. Includes an issue of The Dawning of the Morning, a publication celebrating '60 years missionary enterprise in Bible Lands'.</p> <p>1 volume</p> <p>Access: Open</p> <p>Physical description: The spine is labelled 1931-1948 but the volume also contains an issue of the publication 'The Dawning of the Morning', published 1914.</p> | 1914-1948 |
| MS203/A/3/1/2/6 | <p>The Star in the East and Reports</p> <p>Bound volume from Issue 173, July 1949, to Christmas 1964.</p> <p>1 volume</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | 1949-1964 |
| MS203/A/3/1/2/7 | <p>The Star in the East</p> <p>Bound volume from Easter 1965 to</p> | 1965-1974 |

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	Christmas 1974.	
	1 volume	
	Access: Open	
MS203/A/3/1/2/8	The Star in the East	1975-1984
	Bound volume from Easter 1975 to Christmas 1984.	
	1 volume	
	Access: Open	
MS203/A/3/1/2/9	The Star in the East	1985-1996
	Bound volume from Easter 1985 to Easter 1996.	
	1 volume	
	Access: Open	
MS203/A/3/1/2/10	The Star in the East	1996-2012
	/1-43: Loose issues from Summer 1996 to Spring 2012	
	43 items	
	Access: Open	
MS203/A/3/1/2/11	Embrace	2013-2015
	Unbound issues: Christmas 2013; Spring 2014; Autumn 2014; Christmas 2014; Spring 2015	
	5 items	
	Access: Open	
MS203/A/3/1/3	Sponsorship News	1989-2002
	/1-55: Quarterly publication containing news reports of the Society's work. Issues from New Year 1989 to Summer 2002. From 1998 the periodical is published three times a year. Issues cease after Summer 2002 - although the publication LifeLines appears to run from Spring 2002 instead. Provides	

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updates of the Society's work across the Middle East divided by country: including work in Lebanon, the Holy Land, Syria, Cyprus and Italy. Projects include developing schools and colleges, some for blind or handicapped children; work with hospitals; and providing welfare.

1 file

Access: Open

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LifeLines

2002-
2009

/1-21: Issues from Spring 2002 to Autumn 2009. Copies are dated at irregular intervals (between one and three issues each year) implying the series is incomplete. Provides updates of the Society's work across the Middle East; appeals for money and continuing support; details of fundraising activities, monies raised and areas money has been spent. Some later issues contain loose supplements entitled Fundraising News.

1 file

Access: Open

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CareSharer

1998-
2005

This publication was previously called Care & Share in BibleLands; and then CareSharer Project News:

/1-14: Issues dated New Year 1993 to Spring 2005 providing news of sponsored projects and sponsored children in the Middle East. Includes one issue of Care & Share in Bible Lands (New Year 1993); three issues of CareSharer Project News (Autumn 1998 to Spring 2000); and four issues of re-named CareSharer (Spring 2003 to Spring 2005). The publication details the scheme comprises centres supported by the Society in the Middle East to help 'desperately needy youngsters'. Supported financially by supporters of the society. Centres in the scheme include the Cairo Deaf School and Menouf Christian Hospital in Egypt; the Four

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Homes of Mercy in Bethany; the Jerusalem Centre for Disabled Children in Mount of Olives; the Bethlehem Rehabilitation Centre; and the Cedars Capabilities Vocational Training Centre in Beirut.

1 file

Access: Open

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Child Sponsor

2004-
2005

/1-4: Issues from Spring 2004 to Spring 2005 providing news and articles relating to children in the Middle East sponsored by the Society.

1 file

Access: Open

MS203/A/3/1/7

Publications relating to the Society's 150th anniversary in 2004

2003-
2004

Material includes:

/1-7: Issues of 150th Anniversary News, dated Spring 2003 to Autumn 2004 and including two Special Souvenir Editions.

/8-9: A Day to Remember, programme for the 150th anniversary service of thanksgiving and celebration held at the Friends Meeting House, Euston Road, London on 9 October 2004. Also includes invitation leaflet promoting the event.

/10: The Concert, programme for a concert celebrating the Society's 150th anniversary.

/11: A Year to Remember, a review of Society activities during 2004.

1 file

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MS203/A/3/1/8

Miscellaneous publications (largely fundraising and promotional literature)

1919-
2008

Material includes:

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/1: Leaflet regarding Samuel Gentle-Cackett's [Society Secretary] appointment to join the 'American Commission for Relief in the Near East' to investigate the need for relief and rehabilitation in the area around Constantinople, dated 10 April 1919.

/2: The Year in Focus, a review of Society activities during 2001-2002.

/3: '2003 - Our Year in Focus'.

/4-5: Annual review of Society activities for 2005-2006 and May 2007-December 2008.

/6-8: Prayer diaries for 2005-2007.

/9: Promotional leaflet regarding the Helen Keller Centre for the Visually Impaired.

/10-15: Information regarding the Talitha Kumi Evangelical School; Rawdat El Zuhur, Jerusalem; Jeel Al Amal Home, Bethany; Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation; The Bethany Girls School; and the centre for mentally handicapped children in Ramallah.

/16: Methodism in the Holy City.

/17: Photocopy of 'Bible Lands Missions' Aid Society' by Revd David S T Izzett, celebrating the Society's centenary year in 1954.

/18: Sponsorship form to raise funds for a new Nazareth School of Nursing.

/19-35: Various promotional leaflets of the Society's work. Includes information regarding grants provided to Albanian, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Syria, Serbia, Palestine, Egypt, Sudan, Arabia, and Iraq during 1932-1933; and a printed map of the Middle East.

/36: 'Growing together in partnership', annual review 2009.

1 file

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MS203/A/3/1/9	Material produced by, or related to, associates of Embrace the Middle East	1930s-1974
	<p>Books, pamphlets and plays produced by associates of the Society, including works of Revd Samuel Gentle-Cackett, Society Secretary 1904-1943, and Revd Leslie Farmer, Society Secretary 1950-1952. Some material was published by the Society, but there also includes some unpublished, draft materials.</p> <p>2 files and 20 items</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	
MS203/A/3/1/9/1	Material relating to Samuel Gentle-Cackett	1930s-1940s
	<p>Material includes published and unpublished works by Samuel Gentle-Cackett; and newscuttings and histories relating to his life and work. Material includes:</p> <p>/1: 'Palestine Portrayed: camera pictures reproduced with descriptions and explanations'.</p> <p>/2: 'Without the Gate: Calvary and the Tomb', extract from 'Palestine Portrayed'.</p> <p>/3-6: Two annotated unpublished manuscripts entitled 'Samuel the Scribe: Saphar Samwil. The Early Years of Anno Domini'. Also includes a bundle of correspondence from publishers declining to publish the manuscript.</p> <p>/7-10: Newcuttings and correspondence relating to the life and work of Samuel Gentle-Cackett.</p> <p>/11: A bundle of photocopied newscuttings and correspondence between Jean Hatton of BibleLands and John Dixon. Regards the life of Samuel Gentle-Cackett.</p> <p>/12: A copy of John Dixon's book 'Look back in Wonder', marking the centenary of Woodside Baptist Church in Surrey.</p> <p>/13: A bundle of notes [possibly written by Jean Hatton] relating to the life of Samuel</p>	

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Gentle-Cackett. The bundle includes a copy of his marriage certificate.

13 items

Access: Open

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| MS203/A/3/1/9/2 | <p>Published works of Leslie Farmer</p> <p>Works by Leslie Farmer and published by the Society. Material includes:</p> <p>/1: 'The Authenticity of the Holy Places', reprinted from The Preacher's Quarterly, June 1963.</p> <p>/2: 'I Lack Nothing', a story of a group of pilgrims travels in the Holy Land, 1967.</p> <p>/3: 'Christ on Olivet', 1974.</p> <p>3 items</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | 1963-1974 |
| MS203/A/3/1/9/3 | <p>Material relating to translations of the Refutation of Islam</p> <p>The Society translated and distribution several translations of the Refutation of Islam. The Refutation was believed to have originally dated from shortly after the foundation of Islam. This file contains material relating to the translations of the Refutation which were produced by the Society.</p> <p>1 file</p> <p>Access: Open</p> <p>Language: English, Arabic</p> | 20th cent |
| MS203/A/3/1/9/4 | <p>Draft histories</p> <p>A file of various draft histories of Embrace the Middle East and individuals associated with the Society. Includes reports of the Al Shurooq School for Blind Children, Jerusalem; and an account of Mary Lovell's work with the blind. These accounts have been bundled together under the title</p> | late 20th cent |

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'Miscellaneous Documents, authorship unknown'.

1 file

Access: Open

Language: English, Arabic

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Other material

20th
cent

Material includes:

/1: Undated manuscript notebook entitled 'Marriage Customs of Palestine'.

/2: Undated typescript paper entitled 'Does God'.

/3: Undated typescript play entitled 'Erasmus Road: being some actual and other happenings associated with the capture of Jerusalem'.

/4: Order of Service for the funeral of C. R. [Bob] Clothier. 1990.

4 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/3/2

Publications collected by Embrace the Middle East

c 1887-
2000

This material comprises publications collected by the Society. It consists of published books, reviews, reports, commissions and periodicals relating to the Middle East. It also contains miscellaneous items relating to places of worship in the Middle East; maps of the Palestinian area; and newsletters and promotional literature relating to religious works in the Middle East.

A copy of 'Following the Star: the Quarterly Magazine of the Forces Fellowship for the Blind in Bible Lands: The Services Branch of the Lovell Society for the Blind in Bible Lands' for Christmas 1956, and correspondence relating to it, can be found at MS203/A/1/3/4.

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3 files

Access: Open

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The Holy Land and The Bible

c 1887

/1-13: Issues of The Holy Land and The Bible by Cunningham Geikie. Issued in 15 parts but incomplete as evidenced by part 3 and part 11 missing. With original illustrations by H. A. Harper and published by Cassell and Company Limited.

1 file

Access: Open

MS203/A/3/2/2

Various reviews, reports, commissions and journal issues relating to the Middle East

1981-
2000

Material includes:

/1-2: Annual reports of the Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs (PASSIA), dated 2000-2001.

/3: 'Armenia: The Continuing Tragedy', published by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs.

/4-11: Reports published by the Minority Rights Group International, dated 1981-1996.

/12: 'The Muslims' information leaflet.

/13: 'Suffering Under David's Star', a report published by the New Internationalist, dated September 1989.

/14: Articles and reports under the title 'Jerusalem, the Kingdom and 3000 years', [circa 1995].

/15: 'Medical Aid for Palestinians', annual review dated 2000-2001.

1 file

Access: Open

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MS203/A/3/2/3	<p>Miscellaneous publications</p> <p>Material includes various histories and publications relating to Christian work in the Middle East. Includes information about the Stephen Ministry, working amongst the Christians in Egypt; the Harpur Memorial Hospital in Menouf; Casa Materna, a children's home in Naples; a history of the Princess Basma Centre for disabled children in Mount of Olives, Jerusalem; a historical survey of The Catholicosate of Cilicia, 1995; and a booklet regarding The Collegiate Church of St George-the-Martyr, Jerusalem, 1951-1954.</p> <p>Also includes /9-10: Maps of the Palestinian area; /11: Missions and Charities Handbook for 1949; /18: Newsletter from the Episcopal Diocese of Egypt for December 2001; /28: 'My Life and Times' by Cyrus Hamlin.</p> <p>1 file</p> <p>Access: Open</p> <p>Language: English, German</p>	early 20th cent- 2001
MS203/A/4	<p>Photographs, postcards and related material</p> <p>Photographs, postcards and pictures deposited by the Society including three photograph albums. The material includes images of the countryside and cities throughout the Middle East. Material depicts native peoples at work and play; and the Society's involvement working with the youth, the destitute and the blind. Some images have been annotated on the reverse, although many are not labelled with a date or description. The majority of the photographs appear to be from the 1920s to 1970s.</p> <p>Arrangement: The majority of the loose photographs at the time of deposit were arranged in the following folders: 'The Holy Land', 'David Roberts', 'Egypt', 'Zerka Refugee Camp', 'Nur Ayin School for the Blind, Isfahan', 'Wartime photographs in Jerusalem, some with Bob Clothier', 'Bob</p>	early- mid 20th cent

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Clothier and various others in Middle East locations', 'Bob Clothier', and 'Dr Keller in Gethsemene'. Where possible, these folders have been catalogued as files organised by country or individual. However, 'The Holy Land' and 'David Roberts' have been catalogued as files under the artificial sub-sub-series 'The Holy Land and surrounding areas'; and 'Wartime photographs in Jerusalem, some with Bob Clothier', 'Bob Clothier and various others in Middle East locations' and 'Bob Clothier' have been catalogued as files under the artificial sub-sub-series 'Photographs of Bob Clothier'. The folder 'Dr Keller in Gethsemene' has been renamed 'Photographs of Dr Helen Keller'. A bundle of loose photographs and postcards depicting images from a number of different places (mostly The Holy Land) have been kept together under the file 'Miscellaneous' and have not been divided up geographically.

A separate sub-series has been created for photographs of individuals related to the Society (including Bob Clothier and Dr Helen Keller); and a further sub-series has been created for photographs entitled 'Near East Relief' and contains images of Society work in various Middle East countries.

3 volumes, 1 file and 830 items

Access: Open

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Photograph Albums

1944-
1946

Three photograph albums depicting scenes of Egypt, Palestine and Lebanon. The album labelled Lebanon also contains images of Haifa, in Palestine; and Damascus, in Syria. With accompanying booklet detailing individual photographs within each album. The photograph albums are visually striking and leather bound. The Egypt and Lebanon albums carry painted images of the Egyptian pyramids on the front cover; the Palestine album carries an engraved image of David's Tower in Jerusalem.

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3 volumes; 1 file

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/1/1 Photograph Album 1: Egypt 1944-1946

Comprises 36 pages, including 137 photographs depicting scenes of life and places of interest in Egypt. An accompanying book (MS203/A/4/1/4) with brief details of each photograph dates the photographs in the album between 20 November 1944 to 31 August 1946.

Includes images of native peoples and street vendors; people at work and play; shops and dwellings; cemeteries; the Sphinx and Great Pyramid of Giza; Cairo railway station and Ataba Square; a Cairo tram; the gold ceremonial mask of King Tutankhamun; scenes of Heliopolis including the grandstand racecourse and the Roxy cinema; the English Cathedral in Cairo; the Alexandria zoo; a Moslem funeral procession; mosques; statue of Rameses II; a military group and a mixed group of men at Abbassia.

1 volume

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/1/2 Photograph Album 2: Palestine 1945

Comprises 29 pages, including 107 photographs depicting scenes of life of places of interest in Palestine. An accompanying book (MS203/A/4/1/4) with brief details of each photograph dates the photographs in the album between 17 September 1945 and 29 September 1945. Items photographed include Central Station at Mount Zion; YMCA buildings; the Palestine museum; numerous chapels including the chapel of St Veronica; the wailing wall of the Jews; the Mosque of Omar; the Mount of Olives; the Church of All Nations and the Garden of Gethsemane; the British First World War Cemetery; Kaiser Wilhelm's Palace, latterly the British Hospital; the Tomb of the Kings; scenes of

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Jerusalem, Bethany, Jericho, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Galilea; and images of native peoples. Also includes a photograph of a YMCA party in Old Jerusalem (dated 22 September 1945) and a YMCA party in Bethlehem (dated 20 September 1945).

1 volume

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/1/3 Photograph Album 3: Lebanon 1946

Comprises 12 pages, including 41 photographs depicting scenes of life and places of interest in Lebanon. An accompanying book (MS203/A/4/1/4) with brief details of each photograph dates the photographs in the album between 12 April 1946 and 30 April 1946. Although labelled Lebanon, this album also includes photographs of Haifa, in Palestine; and Damascus, in Syria. Items photographed include the First World War memorial in Beirut; the Pilkington hostel, a YMCA hostel; scenes of Baalbeck including the Temple of Jupiter and the Temple of Bacchus; the palace of the Emir in Beit Eddina (the ancient capital of Lebanon); native scenes including a Lebanese market. Also includes a photograph of a WVS party at the Temple of Bacchus in Baalbeck, dated 18 April 1946.

1 volume

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/1/4 List of photographs in albums 1944-
1946

Book which accompanies the three photograph albums and provides brief details of each photograph.

1 file

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2 Loose photographs, postcards and pictures arranged by geographical area early-
mid 20th
cent

Photographs and postcards organised by various countries throughout the Middle

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East. The majority of images depict local scenery and places of interest, although there are a number of photographs which depict native peoples at work and play. Material also includes photographs of the Society's work at the Zerka Refugee Camp in Jordan; and at the Nur Ayin School for the Blind in Isfahan. Note that some photographs relating to these countries can be found in the bundle of Miscellaneous images (MS203/A/4/2/16) and photographs relating to Near East Relief (MS203/A/4/4).

Arrangement: Where files existed, these have been retained. Some images from the same country were kept in separate files, these have now been brought together into one file. The files are based on geographical areas and have been ordered alphabetically. A bundle of miscellaneous photographs and postcards had been kept together and these have been retained under the title 'Miscellaneous'.

667 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/1

Aden

mid 20th
cent

Postcards depicting scenes from Aden. Images include native peoples and animals at work.

4 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/2

Bosnia and Herzegovina

mid 20th
cent

Postcards of paintings of people wearing their native dress.

15 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/3

Bulgaria

mid 20th
cent

Annotated photograph of elderly Bulgarian protestants 'from the Methodist and

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Congregational churches'.

1 item

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/4

Egypt

mid 20th
cent

Photographs and postcards depicting scenes of life in Egypt. Includes images of the Sphinx; the Pyramids; statues and monuments; Egyptian hieroglyphs; Karnak; Thebes; the Temple of Mena; Luxor; Cairo; postcards depicting items in the Cairo Museum; the interior of the Tanta Hospital; the Bolaq Welfare Centre in Cairo; and staff at the Asyiout Mission Hospital in 1926. Also contains some images of native peoples.

72 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/5

Greece

early-
mid 20th
cent

Photographs of people and scenery in Greece. Includes images of Thessaloniki farm school in Salonica (see The Light Bearers for its history); images of Greek Bible corpoteurs; local children at the Kokinia refugee camp; children at the Mount Olympus orphanage; the Zante orphanage; preparing meals at the Quaker school in Thessalonika; the School of Religion in Athens; the nursery in the American Womens Hospital in Salonica; children at work and play in the Corinth Orphanage in the 1920s; scenes from the Singrou refugee camp; and images of Sunday School teachers and students at Ekaterini. A number of these photographs are annotated on the reverse.

65 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/6

The Holy Land and surrounding areas

mid 20th
cent

Various photographs, postcards and pictures depicting scenes and places in The Holy Land and surrounding area. Also includes

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some images of local peoples and lepers. The majority of this material comprise photographs or postcards although there are some lithograph images. Other photographs of The Holy Land can be found in the photographs of individuals (see MS203/A/4/3).

Arrangement: The files were divided 'The Holy Land' and 'David Roberts'. Miscellaneous is an artificial file used to group remaining loose photographs of The Holy Land together.

194 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/6/1

The Holy Land

mid 20th
cent

Photographs, postcards and pictures depicting scenes of life in The Holy Land [Palestine]. Includes images of churches and mosques; hotels; native peoples at work and play; blind children; missionaries including Sister Joanna; and scenes of Jerusalem; Bethlehem; Jericho; The Dead Sea; Mount Sion; and the Tower of David. Also includes two printed booklets depicting Palestinian scenes and a printed catalogue of photographs dated 1914 but which does not appear to bear a relationship to the photographs in this file. Also includes a series of postcards named 'Cards of Yesteryear' depicting scenes of Jerusalem; Nazareth; Tel-Aviv including the Great Synagogue; and a postcard signed by Bob Clothier [Society Secretary] describing the 'terrible earthquake' at Volos, Greece in 1955 and a consequent request for funds. Some photographs have been annotated.

180 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/6/2

Lithograph images of the Holy Land by David Roberts

mid 20th
cent

Ten picture cards by David Roberts, depicting scenes from Jerusalem and Mount

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Tabor. Original lithographs dated 1839 but these are reproductions. File also contains three polaroid photographs of his pictures and one booklet of postcards depicting David Roberts' lithograph images.

14 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/7

Iran

mid 20th
cent

Photographs depicting scenes from the Nur Ayin School for the Blind in Isfahan. Includes images of students and workers of the school.

10 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/8

Iraq

mid 20th
cent

Largely comprise postcards depicting scenes of Iraq. Includes images of the ruins of Babylon; Samarra; Ziggurat; and the Tomb of Sitt Zubaida in Baghdad. Also includes one photograph of students at the Assyrian School in Mosul, Mesopotamia [modern day Iraq]. Annotated on the reverse and dated 1926.

5 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/9

Jordan

mid 20th
cent

Annotated photographs of the Vocational Training Centre for the Blind in Jordan; images of King Hussein at a banquet; and scenes from the Zerka refugee welfare centre in Jordan including images of feeding and weighing babies.

14 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/10

Lebanon

mid 20th
cent

Images include the Andrew Andeweg

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Institute for the Deaf; the Antilyas Orphanage in Lebanon; a photograph of Maria Jacobsen of the Birds' Nest Orphanage; Mr Samuel, Sponsorship Secretary in Lebanon until the 1980s; and the American University in Beirut. Some photographs are annotated on the reverse.

21 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/11

Macedonia and Croatia

mid 20th
cent

Images include postcards depicting scenes including 'the gathering of roses'; people in native dress; souvenir postcards of Salonica; and four annotated photographs of the American School at Bitola [formerly Monastir] in Macedonia in 1922-1923.

Arrangement: The postcards in this file were stored in an envelope labelled 'Macedonia Herzegovina [sic]' yet the contents depicts images from Macedonia and Croatia and the sub-sub-series has been named accordingly.

17 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/12

Serbia

mid 20th
cent

Two postcards and one photograph depicting scenes of Serbia.

3 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/13

Sudan

mid 20th
cent

Postcards depicting scenes and native peoples of Sudan.

8 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/14

Syria

mid 20th
cent

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Images, largely postcards, depicting scenes of Syria. Includes images of Kafar Tkerime village; Damas; Killis; Alep; and native peoples. Also includes one booklet of postcards depicting Damas; one booklet of postcards depicting Alep; and four annotated photographs of the work of the Near East Relief at the Antilya Orphanage in 1926.

Arrangement: These postcards were stored in separate envelopes, both labelled 'Syria'. They have been brought together to form one file.

25 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/15

Turkey

mid 20th
cent

Photographs and postcards of scenes in Turkey. Includes images of St Paul's College, Tarsus; Orfa; and a blind class in Adana. Includes annotations on the reverse of the photographs.

9 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/2/16

Miscellaneous

early-
mid 20th
cent

Miscellaneous postcards and photographs (mostly postcards) depicting scenery and works of art in Syria, Egypt; The Holy Land; and Lebanon. Images of native peoples; refugees; orphanages; and bible students. Also includes booklets of postcards of paintings entitled 'Jerusalem in Colour' by P. A. F. Stephenson; a booklet containing pictures of the church of the Holy Sepulchre and Gethsemane in Jerusalem; and a cutting from 'The Round World' for 1 December 1908 entitled 'A City Called Nazereth'. Majority are postcards although there are some photographs. Some postcards have been annotated on the reverse although the majority have not.

Arrangement: Unlike the other files in this sub-series, this material was bundled

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together by the depositor. This bundle has consequently been retained although the material, unlike the other files in this sub-series, does not appear to relate to a specific theme or geographical area.

204 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/3

Loose images arranged by individual

mid 20th
cent

Photographs and related material connected to individuals related to the Society in the Middle East. Includes images of Bob Clothier, Society Secretary 1952-1985, and Dr Helen Keller amongst others. Also includes one item of correspondence concerning the character of Bob Clothier and written after his death in 1990.

Arrangement: Where files existed, these have been retained. Some images of the same individual were kept in separate files, these have now been brought together into one file. The exception to this are the three files relating to Bob Clothier which have been retained as they relate to specific themes.

127 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/3/1

Bob Clothier and associates

mid 20th
cent

Photographs of Bob Clothier [Society Secretary 1952-1985] in the Middle East and at the erection of the Helen Keller Centre in 1964. Also includes an item of correspondence kept by the Society relating to the character of Bob Clothier; and a postcard written by Bob Clothier concerning repercussions following an earthquake in Greece in 1955.

85 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/3/1/1

Wartime photographs in Jerusalem

mid 20th
cent

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Photographs depicting Bob Clothier [Society Secretary] and other mission workers in Jerusalem. Images include scenes of life depicting native peoples in Jerusalem; Bethlehem; Galilee; Mount of Olives; Gethsemane; and entertainment. One photograph depicts Revd Leslie Farmer in Jerusalem in 1943. Some photographs have been annotated on the reverse.

37 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/3/1/2 Bob Clothier and various others in Middle East locations mid 20th cent

Photographs depicting Bob Clothier [Society Secretary] and other mission workers in various locations in the Middle East. Images include Society work with blind children; the erection of the Helen Keller Centre; scenes of the River Jordan; images of native peoples; images from a child's baptism; and a photograph of the gravestone of Mary Jane Lovell. Some photographs have been annotated on the reverse.

41 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/3/1/3 Bob Clothier mid 20th cent

Six photographs depicting Bob Clothier [Society Secretary]; five photographs at the erection of the Helen Keller Centre in 1964 and one photograph with an unidentified woman. Also includes a letter addressed to Jean [Hatton] from Kathleen Young regarding the character of Bob Clothier. Other correspondence address to Bob Clothier during his period as Society Secretary can be found at MS203/A/1/3/1/3.

7 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/3/2 Samuel Gentle-Cackett early 20th

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- Images of Samuel Gentle Cackett. Including: cent
- /1: A group picture at an unidentified location. Samuel Gentle-Cackett is seated on the second row from the front, fourth from left.
- /4: A photograph of an Armenian orphanage founded by Samuel Gentle-Cackett.
- 4 items
- Access: Open
- MS203/A/4/3/3 Frances Johnson mid 20th cent
- Images of Frances Johnson, including some annotations.
- 3 items
- Access: Open
- MS203/A/4/3/4 Dr Helen Keller mid 20th cent
- Photographs of Dr Helen Keller at Gethsemene; during a visit to the Holy Land in the 1950s; and a set of seals depicting Helen Keller, produced by the Society and distributed 'in aid of Helen Keller House, Jerusalem'. Some photographs carry annotations on the reverse.
- Administrative history:** Helen Adams Keller (27 June 1880 - 1 June 1968) was an American author, political activist and lecturer. She was the first deafblind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. The story of Keller blossoming as she learned to communicate has become known worldwide through the play and film 'The Miracle Worker'. A prolific author, Keller was well travelled and outspoken in her opposition to war. She campaigned for women's suffrage, workers' rights, and socialism, as well as many other progressive causes. Keller devoted much of her later life to raising funds for the American Foundation for the Blind. She suffered a series of strokes from 1961 and died in 1968 in Westport, Connecticut.

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17 items

Access: Open

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Other individuals

mid 20th
cent

Various photographs including Riccardo Santi of Casa Meterna, Naples; a singer at an unidentified 50th jubilee service; a Miss Stolz seated with Francis Johnson; and an American missionary [possibly with Samuel Gentle-Cackett]. Some photographs carry annotations on the reverse.

18 items

Access: Open

MS203/A/4/4

Near East Relief

mid 20th
cent

Photographs of Society work under the title Near East Relief. Includes images of work in Constantinople and Alexandropol. Some photographs are annotated on the reverse.

36 items

Access: Open

MS203/B

Papers of the Lovell Society and preceding bodies

1904-
2003

This material comprises papers of Lovell Society [which became the English branch of what was known in Palestine as The Mission to the Blind in Bible Lands, founded upon the death of Mary Lovell in 1932] since its inception in 1946 until its winding-up in 1999. Some material pre-dates the Society's inception including an annual report for the Blind School in Jerusalem for 1904-1905; correspondence of Mary Lovell from the 1920s; and some photographs from the early 20th century.

The papers of the Lovell Society consist of minutes of the Society, 1946-1999; some annual reports, 1904-1958; correspondence, 1920-2003, including personal correspondence of Mary Lovell from the 1920s; financial records, 1963-1998, including balance sheets; printed

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publications and related material, including Mary Lovell's notebooks, and Lovell Society newsletters; a collection of photographs and postcards depicting scenes of life and work in the Middle East, and including some photographs of individuals related to the Society including Adele Dafesh, Christine Holmes, Swanoush Ketchajian, May Ladah and Mary Lovell; and miscellaneous material including newscuttings and a 78 RPM gramophone record.

Administrative history: An English missionary, Mary Jane Lovell (1849-1932), opened Palestine's first home for blind girls in the late 1890s. She later devised the Arabic Braille system that is now in use across the Middle East, and transcribed the Bible into Arabic Braille. When Mary Lovell died in 1932 Trustees and a Treasurer were appointed, and a Committee in Palestine was formed called The Mission to the Blind in Bible Lands. This is the title under which the Lovell Society was known in Palestine. The Lovell Society is viewed as their British channel of support.

After Mary Lovell's death some of her pupils continued her work: Swanoush Ketchajian opening the Lovell Home for the Blind in Jerusalem; and Adele Dafesh opening the Lovell Home for the Blind in Bethlehem. During the Second World War, a British soldier, Bob Clothier, was stationed in Jerusalem and became involved in supporting these Homes. On his return in England he founded the Lovell Society in December 1946, raising funds and awareness of Mary Lovell's work. He contacted the then Bible Lands Missions Aid Society (BLMAS, as Embrace the Middle East was then known) who, through the Lovell Society, began supporting the Homes. By the late 1940s, the BLMAS had incorporated the Lovell Society into its work. Dr Helen Keller visited the school during a trip to Israel in 1952 and was impressed with the work and agreed to her name being used. The Helen Keller centre in Jerusalem was opened by the BLMAS in 1960, and has

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been almost wholly funded by Embrace the Middle East ever since.

The Lovell Society viewed itself as a 'Fellowship of Christians of all denominations who are striving to bring Light into the physically darkened lives of the Blind children in Palestine'. It was established as a voluntary organisation with all incidental expenses met by members. Related organisations also working amongst the blind children in the Middle East include the two homes at Bethlehem and Ramallah. Until the Society was wound-up in the late 1990s, it was viewed as a separate registered charity to Embrace the Middle East and its funds were kept separately.

Sources: records of Embrace the Middle East (ecumenical charity) and related organisations; Jean Hatton, 'The Light Bearers', London: Monarch Books, 2003; BibleLands website (<http://www.biblelands.org.uk>) viewed 20 April 2010.

3 volumes, 16 files and 417 items

Access: Open

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Administrative records

1904-
2003

Administrative material relating to the Lovell Society. They comprise minute books, largely complete from the Society's inception in 1946 until its winding-up, and complete incorporation into the BibleLands Society, in the 1990s; an incomplete run of annual reports from 1936 to 1958; and correspondence from the 1920s onwards.

1 volume, 4 files and 151 items

Access: Open

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Minutes

1946-
1999

This material comprises the records of meetings of the Society. The signed minutes are comprehensive and record meetings held from the inauguration of the Society, in

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1946, until the winding up of the Society, and consequent absorption into Embrace the Middle East (then BibleLands), in 1999. It appears that meetings were held irregularly, normally between two and four times most years. The majority of minutes are typescript, although some minutes from 1957-1959, 1961-1962, and 1970 have been written by hand. Minutes typically consist of a list of members present, an opening prayer, minutes of previous meetings, matters arising, reports from both the Secretary and Treasurer, and any other business.

1 volume and 3 files

Access: Open

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Minute book

1946-
1984

Minutes run from 7 December 1946 to 22 September 1984. A photograph of blind children has been attached to the rear of the volume and labelled with their first names.

1 volume

Access: Open

Physical description: The front cover is detached and this volume needs careful handling.

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Minutes

1985-
1988

Minutes run from 20 April 1985 to 30 April 1988.

1 file

Access: Open

MS203/B/1/1/3

Minutes

1988-
1990

Minutes run from 1 October 1988 to 6 October 1990. They record three meetings held in October 1988, October 1989 and October 1990. Also includes a covering letter from Margaret [Carr].

1 file

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Access: Open

MS203/B/1/1/4 Minutes and meeting papers 1991-1999

This file contains minutes and meeting papers and forms an incomplete run. Includes incomplete minutes from 16 July 1991; notes on a meeting with Margaret Carr and Kathleen Young dated 14 August 1991; and four copies of minutes from 5 March 1999 detailing the winding up of the Lovell Society and its incorporation into BibleLands. These copies have been signed by Felicity M. Young, Kathleen M. Young, Revd David S. T. Izzett, and Revd Anthony Crowe. The minutes of this meeting indicate that all existing funds of The Lovell Society were to be transferred to BibleLands for specific use at the Helen Keller School in Jerusalem; and The House of Hope in Jerusalem and in Egypt. This file includes four covering letters sent to Society Trustees from A. P. Jong relating to the winding up of the Society.

1 file

Access: Open

MS203/B/1/2 Annual reports 1904-1958

Comprises an early annual report of the Jerusalem Blind Home for 1904-1905; and annual reports of The Mission to the Blind in Bible Lands [established after Mary Lovell's death in 1932 and a precursor to the Lovell Society].

1 file and 5 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/1/2/1 Printed annual reports 1937-1958

This file contains four printed Annual Reports titled 'Mission to the Blind in Bible Lands' for the years 1937; 1944-1945; 1949; and 1953-1958. Reports include details of officers and list that the mission was founded by Mary J. Lovell. Includes articles about the Society's work; and balance sheets detailing

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receipts and payments. The report for 1949 is described as the Centenary Report, marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mary Lovell. The report for 1953-1958 includes a foreword explaining that a printed report of Society work had not been produced for the previous five years.

4 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/1/2/2 Annual report for the Home and School for Blind Girls, Jerusalem 1904-1905

An issue of the annual report for the Jerusalem Blind Home, founded in January 1897. The report contains a record of the year 1904-1905; a list of subscribers; receipts and expenditure for the year ending 31 March 1905; and four photographs of children studying in the home.

1 item

Access: Open

MS203/B/1/2/3 Loose pages of annual reports 1935-1945

Contains loose pages of reports. These pages have been annotated with dates between 1935 and 1945. The reports are largely incomplete: for most years, only two loose pages of the annual report survive.

1 file

Access: Open

MS203/B/1/3 Correspondence 1920-2003

This material comprises the correspondence of the Lovell Society including: the personal correspondence of Mary Lovell, 1920-1929; correspondence of C. R. [Bob] Clothier which largely relates to the ongoing running of the Society, 1951-1989; and correspondence relating to the winding-up of the Society in the 1990s.

Arrangement: This is an artificial series. Within each file, papers have been arranged

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chronologically.

146 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/1/3/1 Correspondence of Mary Lovell 1920-1929

This material comprises the correspondence of Mary Lovell between 1920 to 1929. The correspondence is largely personal.

15 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/1/3/1/1 Letters from Mary Lovell to Harry [Holdcroft] 1920-1923

Letters from Mary Lovell, writing from Barachah, to Harry [Holdcroft, a soldier from the First World War who was adopted as a son of her missionary home, Barachah, in Jerusalem]:

/1: Describes the Christian men who have visited her, including two 'Bible Society agents'. States that 'there is nothing in this country for Blind girls to do'. 5 May 1920.

/2: Refers to the gift of a book she has sent to him. Signed Mary Lovell 'and girls in Jerusalem'. 18 May 1920.

/3: Describes 'our boys' and 'our girls' scattering before Christmas so that 'we are becoming a separated family'. Sends best wishes for Christmas. 11 December 1920.

/4: Describes visiting Harry's friend's grave; mentions the 'sad news' of Ireland [political unrest]. 23 November 1921.

/5: Discusses Harry's father death; describes Mr Bugby who works for the Bible Society and goes to the Christian Alliance Church. 12 May 1922.

/6: Thanks him for his gift of paper which she will use 'for the poor Armenian refugees of whom there are several thousand in Jerusalem'; describes distributing bibles and testaments primarily to the Armenians as

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'there are more than 800 Armenian orphans. Others are coming'. 4 November 1922.

/7: Discusses her interpretation of verses contained in Romans in the Bible. 5 February 1923.

/8: A religious greeting card [from Mary Lovell] to Harry Holdcroft. Dated 1927.

/9-10: Undated letters from Mary Lovell [to Harry] but incomplete as evidenced by pages missing. [circa 1920].

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

9 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/1/3/1/2 Letters from Mary Lovell to Mr Bugby 1922

Letters from Mary Lovell, writing from the missionary home, Barachah, in Jerusalem to Mr Bugby. Including:

/2: States that she misses him dreadfully; describes the political situation in Jerusalem as 'very dark [...] The Arabs are worse since the Turkish victories in Smyrna, and want the Turk back'; thanks him for his offers of help. 6 October 1922.

/3: Complains of Mr Bugby's lack of contact; debates whether she could sell her house at the moment but suspects she is not strong enough to move at the beginning of winter. 25 October 1922.

/4: Describes receiving 500 dollars for the distribution of Scriptures but is no longer in contact with the Bible Depot: 'if the Braille Bible was forthcoming, I could, of course, spend some upon that'. [circa 1922].

4 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/1/3/1/3 Miscellaneous correspondence and writings c 1929

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Material includes:

/1: From Bible House, Jerusalem. Mary Lovell to 'Our Dear Friend'. Describes work amongst the blind in Bethlehem; discusses the work of Adale and the fact Adale cannot carry on the work alone; mentions her health and the fact that 'no successor has been raised up to take my place'. 12 June 1929.

/2: Undated poem [written by Mary Lovell].

2 items

Access: Open

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Letters from Dolly Goulstone to Harry Holdcroft

1923-1924

Correspondence includes:

/1: From 22 Regent Street, Weston-Super-Mare. Dolly Goulstone to Mr [Harry] Holdcroft. Thanks him for his recent visit. 7 February 1923.

/2: From Goulstone's Restaurant, 22 Regent Street, Weston-Super-Mare. Dolly Goulstone to Mr [Harry] Holdcroft. Thanks him for his recent letter; reminiscences of Berachah and the 'hymns we used to sing'; mentions the work of 'Miss Adale' [Adele Dafesh] in the villages. 2 February 1924.

Administrative history: Dolly Goulstone was a blind girl who went to Mary Lovell's home but had lived in England since the First World War. She was a regular attendee of Lovell Society meetings.

2 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/1/3/3

Correspondence and related material concerning Christine Holmes

1959-1966

Material includes:

/1-14: Bundle of letters relating to Christine Holmes' appointment to run the Helen Keller Home for blind girls in Jerusalem. Includes a

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printed acknowledgment of her resignation from the County of Nottingham's Welfare Department; problems with Sitt Adele, ensuring that she appreciates she 'cannot do the work'; and details of her salary.

/15: Letter to Christine Holmes [from C. R. [Bob] Clothier]. Includes a receipt for £2; and concerns details of Christine's forthcoming visit to London. 27 January 1966.

/16: Jordanian passport, partly in Arabic, issued in 1963. Includes a photograph of Christine.

/17: Jordanian driving license, in Arabic. Includes a photograph of Christine.

/18-24: Various invitation cards to functions, addressed to Christine Holmes. 1960-1961.

24 items

Access: Open

Language: English, Arabic

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Correspondence of C. R. [Bob] Clothier,
Founder of the Society

1951-
1989

Material includes:

/1: Letter address to 'Dear Tom' from Bob [Clothier]. Concerns the formers resignation from The Lovell Society. 24 January 1951.

/2: Letter address to Bob Clothier from the Clerk of the Buckinghamshire County Council. Concerns the registration of the Society under the Charity for Disabled Persons under the National Assistance Act, 1948. 12 August 1963.

/3: Letter to Mary Peacock from Bob Clothier. A brief note concerning the registration of the Lovell Society at Mary's address. 18 April 1973.

/4-5: Correspondence between 'Alf' and Bob Clothier. The latter seeks reassurance that the Lovell Society will not be wound-up without first consulting him, the Founder. 20

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December 1973 - 2 January 1974.

/6-7: Correspondence between Mary and Eric Peacock and Bob Clothier. Concerns the death of Bill Horton's wife and possible memorial to her in the proposed Bethlehem Chapel. 31 December 1973 - 4 January 1974.

/8: Letter to Bob Clothier from Mary and Eric Peacock. Personal letter regarding his wife's [Kath Clothier] health; their change of address; and the proposed date of the Society's AGM and ask if he would chair the meeting. 8 January 1974.

/9-12: Various correspondence between Mary Peacock from Bob Clothier. Concerns the illness of Sybil Rippin; the acquisition of a typewriter; and expenses bills. 13 March 1974 - 4 November 1974.

/13: Copy correspondence to the H. M. Inspector of Taxes from Bob Clothier. Concerns Mary Peacock's employment and regulations relating to National Insurance contributions. 13 November 1974.

/14: Letter to Bob Clothier from Mary and Eric Peacock. Concerns the distribution and printing of children's letters. 9 January 1975.

/15-16: Correspondence between Margaret Jeffreys, Mary Peacock and Bob Clothier. Concerns the Society's Stamp Fund. 15 June 1975 - 1 July 1975.

/17: Copy correspondence to Eric and Mary Peacock from Bob Clothier. Concerns organisational changes regarding sponsorship work following on from the discovering of inconsistencies. 13 February 1976.

/18: Copy correspondence to Miss S. A. Ketchjian at the Mary Lovell Home for Blind Girls in Bethlehem from Bob Clothier. Thanks for her hospitality during his recent visit to Bethlehem; encourages her to apply for the 'ample funds available for the proper provision of care and education of the girls

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entrusted to your care'; provides suggestions as to the work of the blind teachers for the next school term. 28 January 1976.

/19-22: Correspondence between Revd W. [Bill] Horton and Bob Clothier. Includes a copy of the draft minutes for a meeting of the Society to be held on 3 April 1976. 30 January 1976 - 25 February 1976.

/23: Letter to Bob Clothier from Mary and Eric Peacock. Their sorrow on learning of the closure of the 'Mission for the Blind Overseas Australia'; preparations of stationery envelopes for the sponsorship scheme. 27 March 1976.

/24-25: Correspondence between Mary and Eric Peacock and Bob Clothier. Concerns a gift of £1380 sent to BibleLands for the Mary Lovell Home. 27 September 1976 - 1 October 1976.

/26-28: Correspondence between Mary and Eric Peacock and Bob Clothier. Concerns alternative uses for the grant from the Lovell Society to BibleLands. 29 January 1977 - 7 March 1977.

/29-31: Letter to Bob Clothier from Eric and Mary Peacock. Concerns 'the final donation from the Overseas Mission Australia' intended to be used for heating. 7 April 1977 - 31 May 1977

/32-35: Correspondence between Bob Clothier and Mary and Eric Peacock. Concerns the functions of the Society and the feasibility in its continuance; acknowledges that the Stamp Fund continues to be active. 6 June 1977 - 6 July 1977.

/36: Letter from Bob Clothier to Eric Peacock. Concerns the price of stamps. 8 September 1977.

/37-44: Concerns grants from the Lovell Society; the Society finances; the Stamp Fund; and membership. 12 September 1977

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- 18 April 1979.

/45: Letter to Bob Clothier from Bill Horton. Concerns the production of the Society Newsletter. 1 September 1979.

/46: Copy letter to Miss K. [Kathleen] M. Young [Treasurer of the Society] from Bob Clothier. Concerns the future of the Society and concerns over the circulation of the Society newsletter. 21 March 1980.

/47-48: Correspondence between Margaret Carr of 42 Chestnut Close, Oakwood, London and Bob Clothier. Concerns the omission of her article, The Challenge of Islam, from a recent issue of the Society newsletter. 26 September 1980.

/49: Letter to Bob Clothier from Kathleen M. Young. Concerns a change in address for publication in the Christmas issue of the Society newsletter. 30 October 1980.

/50-51: Correspondence between Bob Clothier and George Middleton. Concerns the distribution of the Society newsletter. 5 December 1980 - 9 January 1981.

/52-53: Correspondence between Bob Clothier and Kathleen Young. Concerns banking arrangements. 9 August 1981 - 7 September 1981.

/54: Correspondence between Bob Clothier and Mary and Eric Peacock. Concerns the Society's recent AGM; and two new names for the mailing list for The Star in the East. 4 October 1981.

/55: Letter to Mrs [Mary] Peacock from J. V. Nielson. Offers suggestions to improve the Stamp Fund. 6 January 1984.

/56: Letter to Samar Sahhar, Jeel-Al-Amal Orphanage from Bob Clothier. Regrets that in future her salary will be paid into the Home's bank account. Also concerns some errors with her salary. 6 March 1986.

/57-58: Correspondence between Bob

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Clothier and Kathleen Young. Refers to the donation from The Lovell Society to BibleLands for £1000 to cover the cost of purchasing drying machines. 10 December 1986 - 8 January 1987.

/59-60: Letters to Bob Clothier from Mary [Peacock]. Informs him of the AGM to be held on 3 October 1987 at Tonbridge. 7 April 1987 - 22 September 1987.

/61-64: Correspondence between Bob Clothier, Maureen Lampard [Deputy Executive Secretary of BibleLands] and Revd Hugh C. Alexander of Oakington, Cambridge. Concerns his reminiscences of Miss Lovell, Sitt Adele Dafish and the Blind School in Jerusalem during the 1920s. 5 August 1987 - 24 September 1987.

/65-66: Letters to Bob Clothier from Kathleen Young. Asks if she could receive his covenanted subscription before the end of the financial year. 7 March 1988 - 13 March 1989.

/67: Letter to Bob Clothier from Margaret and Kathleen Young. Concerns the Christmas newsletter. 15 November 1989.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

67 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/1/3/5

Correspondence relating to the estate of Harold Allpress Thomas

1979-1982

Material includes:

/1-17: Correspondence concerning Harold Allpress Thomas, deceased, and his financial bequests to The Lovell Society. Material dated between 29 June 1979 and 29 March 1982.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

17 items

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Access: Open

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Miscellaneous correspondence

1935-
2003

Material includes:

/1: Letter to 'Mr Bugbee' [Mr Bugby] from Adele Dafesh [Headteacher of the Jerusalem Bible School]. Concerns her health and the building works in Jerusalem. 13 May 1935.

/2: Undated letter addressed 'Dear Friends' from Frances Johnson. Concerns a visit to the Holy Land to see 'old friends [...] now getting on in years who were girls with Miss Mary Lovell'. [c 1980s].

/3: Copy of an inventory of furniture in the Mary Lovell Home as at 31 August 1981.

/4: Letter to Mr E. W. Shill of Meadow Lodge, Tittleshall, Kings Lynn from Maureen Lampard [Deputy Chief Executive of BibleLands]. Acknowledges thanks for his gift; informs him that the Lovell Society is a separate registered charity but may be wound-up as there are less than 300 names on the mailing list. 13 December 1996.

/5: Letter to Jean [Hatton] from Joan Johnson of Keyingham, Hull. Concerns 'the Basingstoke friends' organisation; encloses a book. 8 May 2003.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

5 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/1/3/7

Correspondence relating to the winding-up of the Society

1963-
1995

Material includes:

/1-16: Correspondence relating to the winding-up of the Lovell Society and it being wholly administered by BibleLands in 1991. Includes material and certificates relating to the recognition of the Society under the War

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Charities Act in 1963.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

16 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/2

Financial records

1963-
1998

This material comprises an incomplete set of records representing the financial statements, balance sheets and other financial papers of The Lovell Society. Financial statements and balance sheets cover 1963-1964; 1987-1988; 1993; and 1996. The Society's printed annual reports, which cover 1937-1958, also contain various balance sheets and financial statements (finding number: MS203/B/1/2). The meeting papers for the September 1985 meeting also contain some financial records (finding number: MS203/B/1/1/2).

11 files

Access: Open

MS203/B/2/1

Annual statements and accounts

1963-
1996

These papers comprise records of the income, expenditure and balance of funds of the Society, represented by yearly financial statements and balance sheets. The sequence is incomplete and contains financial statements and balance sheets for 1963 to 1964. There are also individual balance sheets for 1987-1988; 1993; and 1996. The financial statement and balance sheets for were produced by Khadder, Ramadan and Company, Accountants and Auditors, Jerusalem. The accounts for each year include details of income including monies collected by subscription or donation. Expenditure includes wages, bills and the cost of specific items of furniture.

8 files

Access: Open

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MS203/B/2/1/1	Accounts	1963
	Typescript audited balance sheet for The Lovell Society for the year ending 31 March 1963.	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/B/2/1/2	Financial statements and balance sheet	1963
	Typescript audited balance sheet for The Home for the Elderly Blind, Bethany, for the year ending 31 March 1963. Includes a letter from Khadder, Ramadan and Company concerning the audited accounts.	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/B/2/1/3	Financial statements and balance sheet	1963
	Typescript audited balance sheet for the Helen Keller House, Jerusalem, for the year ending 31 March 1963. Includes a letter from Khadder, Ramadan and Company concerning the audited accounts.	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/B/2/1/4	Financial statements and balance sheet	1964
	Typescript audited balance sheet for the Helen Keller House (Girls Section), Jerusalem, for the year ending 31 March 1964. Includes a letter from Khadder, Ramadan and Company concerning the audited accounts.	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/B/2/1/5	Financial statements and balance sheet	1964
	Typescript audited balance sheet for the Helen Keller House (Boys Section), Jerusalem, for the year ending 31 March	

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	1964. Includes a letter from Khadder, Ramadan and Company concerning the audited accounts.	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/B/2/1/6	Balance sheet	1987-1988
	Balance sheet for The Lovell Society for 1987-1988, signed Kathleen Young [trustee of the Society].	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/B/2/1/7	Balance sheet	1993
	Balance sheet for The Lovell Society for year ending 31 December 1993. Details donations received and grants provided. Includes some annotations.	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/B/2/1/8	Balance sheet	1996
	Signed balance sheet for The Lovell Society for year ending 31 December 1996. Details donations received and grants provided.	
	1 file	
	Access: Open	
MS203/B/2/2	Other financial papers	1965-1998
	Comprise miscellaneous financial papers including a financial review of the Helen Keller House, dated 1965; a list of salaries for employees associated to the Helen Keller House, dated 1966; and a list of donors to The Lovell Society between 1996 and 1998.	
	3 files	
	Access: Open	

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MS203/B/2/2/1	<p>Financial review of the Helen Keller House</p> <p>Details expenditure for 1965 and provides details of estimated expenditure for year ending 31 March 1966.</p> <p>1 file</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	1965
MS203/B/2/2/2	<p>Helen Keller House salaries</p> <p>Details total cost of salaries per month. Includes information regarding the salaries of people in the workshop; training; the Braille Transcription Unit; and domestic staff.</p> <p>1 file</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	1966
MS203/B/2/2/3	<p>List of donors</p> <p>List of donors to the Society between 1 January 1996 and 26 November 1998. Details amounts donated by whom.</p> <p>1 file</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	1998
MS203/B/3	<p>Publications</p> <p>Comprises material published by the Society; the work of associates of the Society; and external publications collected by the Society during the course of its transactional activities.</p> <p>2 volumes, 1 file and 54 items</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	early 20th cent- 2000
MS203/B/3/1	<p>Publications produced by the Lovell Society</p> <p>This material comprises publications produced by the Society; and material produced by associates of the Society. It consists of an incomplete run of Society newsletters; historical literature relating to the foundation of the Society's work in the Middle East; and both published and</p>	early 20th cent- 1997

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unpublished material by individuals related to the Society, including two volumes of Mary Lovell's notebooks.

2 volumes, 1 file and 50 items

Access: Open

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Lovell Society newsletters

1980-
1997

This file comprises an incomplete run of 32 loose issues of the Society's printed newsletter from [1970] until Summer 1997, although there are no issues between 1971 and 1979. It appears that other issues may be missing, especially in the early 1980s, although this is by no means clear as the Society did not record the issue number on each newsletter. The newsletters include letters and addresses presented by various officers of the Society; reports and updates from the Mary Lovell Home for Blind Girls in Jerusalem; the Helen Keller School in Jerusalem; and information regarding fundraising and such as the Society's Stamp Fellowship. Later newsletters include reports from various projects in the Middle East including the House of Hope in Bethlehem; the Shams El Birr Centre in Cairo; the Lebanese Evangelical School for the Blind in Beirut; and the Peace Centre in Jerusalem.

32 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/3/1/2

Printed leaflets

mid 20th
cent

Material includes:

/1: Helen Keller House newsletter for September 1963.

/2: Undated leaflet addressed to 'Dear Friend' from the Home for the Blind in Bethlehem from Adele Dafesh [committee member of the Society]. Describes the history and foundation of the Society.

/3: Undated leaflet which contains tributes to the memory of Society supporters, Harry

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Holdcroft and A. J. Flaherty.

/4: Undated leaflet entitled 'Progress and Prospects of the Schools for Blind Girls in Jerusalem and Bethlehem' which also contains information relating to the history and foundation of the Society.

/5: Undated leaflet entitled 'Fruits of Faith: A Story of the Holy Land and Two Sovereigns'. Promotional leaflet describing the work of Mary Lovell and Helen Keller.

/6: Undated leaflet entitled 'Peace: The Story of the Life and Work of Mary Jane Lovell "Mother of the Blind"'.

/7: Undated leaflet entitled 'A Brief Account of the work of Mary Jane Lovell "Mother of the Blind"'.

/8: Leaflet entitled 'Dear Friends'. Includes a report written by M[ary] M. Peacock, Honorary Secretary of the Society concerning fighting in Lebanon. August 1982.

/9: Leaflet entitled 'Dear Friends'. Includes an address from M[ary] M. Peacock; a report from E[ric] Peacock concerning the Society's Stamp Fellowship; and a poem written by Dolly Goulstone. April 1984.

9 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/3/1/3

Material produced by associates of the Lovell Society

20th cent

Manuscripts, books and articles produced by associates of the Society, including the notebooks of Mary Lovell. Some material was published by the Society, but there also includes some unpublished, draft materials.

2 volumes, 1 file and 9 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/3/1/3/1

Mary Lovell's notebooks

early 20th

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	<p>Two notebooks in which Mary Lovell has recorded addresses; passages and interpretations of the Bible; lessons; and prayers. One volume includes a list of 603 different varieties of flowers in the rear of the volume. Also contains some loose inserts including a letter addressed to Jean Hatton from Bill Collett regarding the donation of these volumes to BibleLands.</p> <p>2 volumes</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	cent
MS203/B/3/1/3/2	<p>Draft manuscripts</p> <p>A file of draft manuscripts including articles entitled 'The Fire Burns On'; 'Adele Dafesh: Miss Lovell's lifelong partner and successor in The Mission to the Blind in Bible Lands'; 'Miss S. A. Ketchijian and Miss D. Goulstone'; 'May Ladah'; 'The Story of a blind refugee whom the soldiers called Little Elsie'; 'The Home Fed by Ravens'; 'Seranoush's Story taken from "God's Response to Faith"', compiled by M. B. Siraganian, 1952; 'Madallay el Aoud (1908-1921)'; 'Sophie Muree of Nazareth'; 'Sitt Elsie Nasrallah of Tiberias'; 'Village Missionaries'; and 'Huda Khouri'.</p> <p>1 file</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	mid-late 20th cent
MS203/B/3/1/3/3	<p>Other material produced associates of the Lovell Society</p> <p>Books and articles produced by associates of the Society. Material includes:</p> <p>/1: Booklet prepared by M. B. Siraganian entitled 'God's Response to Faith'. Describes the work of Mary Lovell and the Mission to the Blind in Bible Lands. Also includes a loose insert commenting on various pages in the booklet.</p> <p>/2-3: Undated typescript papers describing the life and work of Mary Jane Lovell.</p>	1933- mid 20th cent

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/4: Typescript article entitled 'Adele's Story' reprinted from 'The Moslem World', 1933. Describes the work of Mary Lovell.

/5: Undated typescript work entitled 'While Daylight Lasts: an account of work in the land of the Bible' by Barbara Stone.

/6-8: Undated articles relating to 'Miss Mathilde Davis of Jerusalem', an Evangelist who worked alongside Mary Lovell.

/9: Undated typescript article and notes entitled 'Memories of Miss Lovell and her School for Blind Girls'.

9 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/3/2	Publications collected by the Lovell Society This material comprises publications collected by the Society. 4 items Access: Open	mid 20th cent-2000
MS203/B/3/2/1	The Holy Land Newsletter Two issues of the printed newsletter, dated Christmas 1962-1963 and Easter 1963. The newsletter was published by the Jordan Tourism Authority monthly and provides articles relating to everyday life in Jerusalem and the surrounding area. 2 items Access: Open	1962-1963
MS203/B/3/2/2	Home for the Blind, Beit Jala, Palestine Undated publication entitled 'Homes for the Blind, Beit Jala' by Adele Dafesh [Headteacher]. This file includes a letter, dated 6 November 2000, addressed to Kenneth Woods, Deal, Kent from Jean Hatton thanking him for his donation of this publication to BibleLands.	mid 20th cent-2000

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2 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/4

Photographs, postcards and related material

early
20th
cent-
1990s

Photographs and postcards relating to the work of the Lovell Society and individuals associated with the Society. The majority of the images depict native peoples at work and play; and the Society's involvement working with blind children. Some material includes images of the countryside and cities, such as Constantinople, in the Middle East. Some images have been annotated on the reverse, although many are not labelled with a date or description. The majority of the photographs appear to be from the 1920s to 1970s.

Arrangement: The majority of the loose photographs at the time of deposit were arranged in the following folders: 'Armenia and Armenian Turkey', 'Constantinople', 'HKH [Helen Keller House] and Jerusalem photos', 'Turkey', 'Adele Dafesh', 'Christine Holmes', 'May Ladah', 'Mary Lovell', 'Swanoush', and 'Swanoush 80th birthday lunch'. These folders have been catalogued as files organised by country or individual. A bundle of loose photographs and postcards depicting images of a number of people have been kept together under the file 'Miscellaneous'.

207 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/4/1

Loose photographs, postcards and pictures arranged by geographical area

early-
mid 20th
cent

Photographs and postcards organised by geographical area. The majority of images depict local scenery and places of interest, although there are a number of photographs which depict native peoples at work and play.

Arrangement: Where files existed, these have been retained. Some images from the

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same country were kept in separate files, these have now been brought together into one file. The files are based on geographical areas and have been ordered alphabetically.

76 items

Access: Open

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| MS203/B/4/1/1 | Armenia and Armenian Turkey | mid 20th cent |
| | Postcards and photographs depicting scenes from Alexandropol; Erivan; and Adana. | |
| | 4 items | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS203/B/4/1/2 | Constantinople | early-mid 20th cent |
| | Postcards and photographs depicting scenes from Constantinople. Images include three postcards of the Mosque of St Sophie; and nine faded photographs with annotations on the reverse including the Crimean memorial, images from a Turkish funeral, Florence Nightingale's hospital, Constantinople harbour and the Scotch Mission church. | |
| | 14 items | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS203/B/4/1/3 | Jerusalem, including Helen Keller House | mid 20th cent |
| | Postcards and photographs depicting the Helen Keller House and other scenes in Jerusalem. Some photographs have been annotated and include images of Helen Keller, Christine Holmes, Sybil Holmes, and native peoples. | |
| | 49 items | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS203/B/4/1/4 | Turkey | early-mid 20th cent |
| | Postcards and photographs depicting scenes from Turkey. Some photographs | |

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have been annotated and one postcard has been used to send Christmas wishes to Revd Samuel Gentle-Cackett [Secretary of the Bible Lands Society 1904-1943].

9 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/4/2

Loose images arranged by individual

early
20th
cent-
1986

Photographs and related material connected to individuals related to the Lovell Society. Includes images of Adele Dafesh [Headteacher of the Bethlehem Home for Blind Girls], Christine Holmes, Swanoush Ketchajian [Headteacher of the Jerusalem Blind Home], May Ladah and Mary Lovell. A number of photographs depict scenes of blind children at work and play.

Arrangement: Where files existed, these have been retained. Some images of the same individual were kept in separate files, these have now been brought together into one file. The exception to this are the two files relating to Swanoush Ketchajian which have been retained as they relate to specific themes. A bundle of miscellaneous photographs had been kept together and these have been retained under the title 'Miscellaneous'.

131 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/4/2/1

Adele Dafesh

mid 20th
cent

Photographs of Adele Dafesh [Sitt Adele], a worker for the Lovell Society who worked alongside Mary Lovell to translate the Bible into Arabic Braille. Includes photographs of her at the erection of the Helen Keller Centre in 1964; and at the Bethlehem Home for Blind Girls. Some photographs carry annotations on the reverse.

13 items

Access: Open

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MS203/B/4/2/2	Christine Holmes	1960s
	<p>Photographs of Christine Holmes, who ran the Helen Keller House in Jerusalem from 1959. Includes photographs of her with students; and with the Governor of Jerusalem in December 1964. Also includes two items of ephemera: an invitation from the Bible Lands Society to attend a service of thanksgiving for the completion of part of the Helen Keller House; and an invitation to an exhibition of work and demonstration of equipment used at the Helen Keller House. Some photographs carry annotations on the reverse.</p>	
	22 items	
	Access: Open	
MS203/B/4/2/3	Swanoush Ketchajian	mid 20th cent-1986
	<p>Photographs of Swanoush Ketchajian [also known as 'Mamma'], the Headteacher of the Jerusalem Home for Blind Girls.</p>	
	32 items	
	Access: Open	
MS203/B/4/2/3/1	Swanoush Ketchajian	mid 20th cent
	<p>Photographs of Swanoush Ketchajian. Includes images of her with students. Some photographs carry annotations.</p>	
	19 items	
	Access: Open	
MS203/B/4/2/3/2	Swanoush Ketchajian's 80th birthday celebrations	1986
	<p>Photographs of Swanoush Ketchajian's 80th birthday celebration lunch, held on 14 January 1986. The photographs are accompanied by an independent sheet of captions.</p>	
	<p>Arrangement: Photographs are numbered 1 to 14, although photographs 4 and 11 are</p>	

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missing from the file.

13 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/4/2/4

May Ladah

mid 20th
cent

Two photographs of May Ladah [principal of a blind school] with blind boys in Bethlehem.

2 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/4/2/5

Mary Lovell

early
20th
cent

Photographs of Mary Lovell. Images include Mary Lovell with blind children; the funeral of Mary Lovell; Mary Lovell at the graves of British Soldiers in Jerusalem; and images of her home town of Stickney, Lincolnshire. Some photographs carry annotations.

27 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/4/2/6

Miscellaneous

mid 20th
cent

Miscellaneous photographs, largely depicting people working amongst blind children. Images include blind children playing musical instruments; working with hand loom; the gardens at the Helen Keller House; and Mary Lovell and her students. Some photographs have been annotated on the reverse.

Arrangement: Unlike the other files in this sub-series, this material was bundled together by the depositor. This bundle has consequently been retained although some material inevitably overlaps with other files in this sub-series.

35 items

Access: Open

MS203/B/5

Miscellaneous material

mid 20th
cent

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- 5 items
- Access: Open
- MS203/B/5/1 Newscuttings mid 20th cent-1990s
- Material includes:
- /1: Newscutting, brief history and photograph of Mary Lovell, Adele Dafesh and Miss [Swanoush] Ketchejian.
- /2: Newscutting depicting Adele Dafesh singing hymns with her students.
- /3: Newscutting entitled 'The Lovell girls unite'. Describes a visit to William Lovell School at Stickney [Mary Lovell's home town] by six blind Israeli girls. [c 1990s].
- /4: Newscutting, from the Southern Journal, entitled 'Gives Her Life to Helping the Blind in Jordan'. Regarding the work of Christine Holmes. 13 January 1961.
- 4 items
- Access: Open
- MS203/B/5/2 Sound recording mid 20th cent
- A 78 RPM gramophone record entitled 'Lord of Glory', sung by blind Arab children and produced by the Lovell Society.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS203/C Papers of the Bulgarian Bible School 1870s-2004
- This material comprises papers of, or related to, the Bulgarian Bible School since its inception in 1931. The papers consist a minute book, 1931-1939; a list of donors to the school; a number of legal documents including land deeds; plans of the site of the school; and photographs and postcards depicting scenes from Bulgaria.

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Administrative history: The Bulgarian Bible School was established in 1931 by members of the Bible Lands Mission Aid Society. A committee was set up with the intention of establishing a Bible Seminary at Samokov, Bulgaria.

Sources: records of Embrace the Middle East (ecumenical charity) and related organisations.

2 volumes and 66 items

Access: Open

MS203/C/1	Administrative records	1931-1939
	<p>These papers comprise administrative material relating to the Bulgarian Bible School. They comprise one minute book, covering the period of the schools inception in 1931 to 1939; and a volume detailing donors of the school.</p>	
	2 volumes	
	Access: Open	
MS203/C/1/1	Minute book	1931-1939
	<p>Signed minutes which run from 12 February 1931 to 28 December 1939. The volume includes an index and minutes cover the establishment of the school; the constitution; a number of references to property and title deeds; details of the principalship and tutors appointed to run the school; students applications and support; bible courses; and the proposal of temporarily closing the school in 1939 'as the prospects of getting students for the new session were very bad' although the school re-opened for the new session with nine students. The volume contains some loose inserts.</p>	
	1 volume	
	Access: Open	
MS203/C/1/2	Donors' book	1930s
	A register of donors of the Bulgarian Bible	

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School. The volume contains alphabetical lists of donors and contains their addresses.

1 volume

Access: Open

Physical description: The binding of the volume has been water damaged.

MS203/C/2	Papers relating to the building of the Bulgarian Bible School	1870s-1946
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27 items

Access: Open

MS203/C/2/1	Material relating to land purchased to build the Bulgarian Bible School	1870s-1946
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Material relating to the purchase of land in Samokov, Bulgaria, used to build the Bulgarian Bible School. Items are written in a mixture of Bulgarian (cyrillic), English, Turkish and Greek. A number of items are labelled 'Hoget' or 'Hodjet' which is derived from the Ottoman Turkish for 'title deed of house or land'. Material includes:

/2: Undated title deed of Abdurrahman.

/3: Deed of half 'cheshme' [from the Persian for 'fountain'] purchased for house occupied by H. P. Page, Samakov. Dated December 1871.

/4: Conveyance of property of Ali Molla Husain and Arif Hassan, dated 23 November 1879. [In Bulgarian].

/5-8: Various undated title deeds.

/10: Title deed of a property owned by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions formerly held in the name of Nicola T. Boyadjieu and transferred to J. F. Clarke. Dated 1875.

/11: Receipt of Kaimil Akhmetour to J. F. Clarke. Dated 16 December 1879.

/13: Deed of Epifan George Metkolu.

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Annotated in Greek and signed E. G. K. Metkolchou. Dated 30 May 1874.

/14: Deed of Mission premises at Samokov House.

/15: Title deed of a property owned by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions formerly in the name of Nicola K. Martinchev and transferred to J. F. Clarke. Dated 1875.

/19: Deed of half 'cheshme' for Girls' School. Dated 1874.

23 items

Access: Open

Language: English, Turkish, Greek, Bulgarian

MS203/C/2/2 Plans of the Bulgarian Bible School 1930s

/1-4: Maps and plans depicting the layout of the Bulgarian Bible School in Samokov.

4 items

Access: Open

MS203/C/3 Publications and related material 1919-2004

This material comprises a published report of the work of American missionaries in Bulgaria; and an article detailing the work of missionary schools in Samokov.

2 items

Access: Open

MS203/C/3/1 Reports and Letters of American Missionaries 1919

Report entitled 'Reports and Letters of American Missionaries: referring to the distribution of nationalities in the former provinces of European Turkey 1858-1918' by Vladimir A. Tsanoff and published in Sofia in 1919. Contains letters from, and

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photographs of, missionaries.

1 item

Access: Open

MS203/C/3/2 Article entitled 'The Samokov Schools' 2004

A printed article sent to Jean Hatton from Dony Donev regarding 'The Samokov Schools'. The article describes the work of American missionaries in Bulgaria during the 19th and early 20th centuries.

1 item

Access: Open

MS203/C/4 Photographs, postcards and maps mid 20th cent

Photographs and postcards depicting scenes from Bulgaria and native peoples at work and play. Some material includes images of the countryside and cities, including Sofia. Some images have annotations, although many are not labelled with a date or description. Also includes a coloured map depicting missions in Turkey and Persia.

Arrangement: The loose photographs at the time of deposit were arranged into three folders each entitled 'Bulgaria'. These folders have been brought together to form one series.

37 items

Access: Open

MS203/D Papers of the Four Homes of Mercy 1960s-2002

This material comprises papers of, or related to, The Four Homes of Mercy. The papers consist a report detailing the work of the Homes from 1982; some items of correspondence; newsletters produced by the Homes; and photographs and postcards, mostly depicting individuals associated with the Homes.

Administrative history: The Four Homes of

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Mercy were established by Katherine Siksek (1894-1973), a Palestinian Christian living in Jerusalem, during 1940. Her work expanded to include a 'Home for the Aged Invalids'; 'The Crippled Children's Home'; 'St Mary's Children's Home'; and 'St Mary's Maternity Hospital'. In 1964 these 'Four Homes' moved from Beit Jala, near Bethlehem, to a single site in Bethany. Following Katherine's death, her work has been continued by her daughter, Henrietta Siksek Farradj, and a committee of Palestinian Christian women.

Sources: records of Embrace the Middle East (ecumenical charity) and related organisations; BibleLands website (<http://www.biblelands.org.uk>) viewed 23 April 2010.

1 file and 45 items

Access: Open

MS203/D/1	Administrative records	1979-2002
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These papers comprise administrative material relating to The Four Homes of Mercy. They comprise one report from 1982; and three items of correspondence concerning the work of supporter Deaconess [Mary] Evelyn Morris.

1 file and 4 items

Access: Open

MS203/D/1/1	Report	1982
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A report detailing the work of The Four Homes of Mercy including the services offered by the Homes; income and expenditure; and future projects.

1 file

Access: Open

MS203/D/1/2	Correspondence	1979-2002
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This file contains:

/1-4: Material relating to the Deaconess

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[Mary] Evelyn Morris. Includes a letter addressed to Miss [Nora M.] Hardwick from Marjorie L. Panning, Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; and information regarding The British Support Fund for the Four Homes of Mercy which had been established by Deaconess [Mary] Evelyn Morris.

4 items

Access: Open

MS203/D/2

Publications and related material

1970s-
1990

This material comprises an incomplete run of Society newsletters; and publications relating to the work of Katherine Siksek.

19 items

Access: Open

MS203/D/2/1

Newsletters of the Four Homes of Mercy

1979-
1990

/1-13: Issues of the newsletter produced by the Four Homes of Mercy. Comprises Issue 15, January 1978 to the issue produced in Summer 1990. These newsletters were produced by the Honorary Secretary of the British Committee of The Friends of the Four Homes of Mercy: Deaconess [Mary] Evelyn Morris (1978), Nora M. Hardwick (until 1981), Barbara Hook (1981-1990), and Peter Emerson (1990). The newsletters include reports of work undertaken by the centre; donations and appeals for help; and articles relating to individuals related to the Four Homes of Mercy including Deaconess [Mary] Evelyn Morris, Katherine Siksek and Henrietta Siksek Farradj.

13 items

Access: Open

MS203/D/2/2

Material produced by, or relating to, individuals associated with the Four Homes of Mercy

1970s

Material includes:

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/1: Leaflet entitled 'The Story of Mrs Siksek and the Four Homes of Mercy in Bethany', reprinted 1973.

/2-3: 'A Glimpse into the life of Katherine Siksek: A Life of Light & Love' by Henrietta Siksek Farradj. Includes published booklet and typescript version.

/4: Booklet entitled 'Katherine Siksek: an impression and a tribute' [by Deaconess [Mary] Evelyn Morris].

/5: Article [written by Henrietta Siksek Farradj] concerning her mother's life and work.

/6: A letter to Deaconess Eleanor Postaus from Deaconess Constance Frost of Tarring, Worthing, Sussex. Contains her reminiscences and appreciation of the work of Deaconess [Mary] Evelyn Morris. 4 April 1976.

6 items

Access: Open

MS203/D/3

Photographs

1960s-
1990s

Photographs and postcards depicting scenes from Bethany and people associated with the Four Homes of Mercy, including the founder, Katherine Siksek. Some images have annotations.

22 items

Access: Open

MS203/D/3/1

Loose photographs and postcards

1970s-
1990s

Photographs and postcards depicting scenes from Bethany and people associated with the Four Homes of Mercy. Images include photographs of Katherine Siksek and her daughter, Henrietta Siksek Farradj; a postcard depicting the Four Homes; a photograph of Deaconess [Mary] Evelyn Morris who established a support fund for the Four Homes of Mercy; and residents of

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the centre.

17 items

Access: Open

MS203/D/3/2

Transparencies

1960s

Photograph transparencies of Deaconess [Mary] Evelyn Morris, supporter of the Four Homes of Mercy.

5 items

Access: Open

MS203/E

Papers of Anatolia College

1943-
2002

This material comprises papers of, or related to, Anatolia College in Greece. The papers consist one item of correspondence; a published celebration marking the 75th anniversary of the College in 1961; a history of the College; and four photographs.

Administrative history: Anatolia College was founded at the Merzifon Seminary in Greece in 1886, with Charles Tracy as President. The Girls' School was founded in 1893 and students were principally Greek and Armenian. The College was temporarily closed between 1916 and 1919 as the campus was occupied by Turkish troops during the First World War. It was closed again during the Second World War. The exact relationship between Anatolia College and Embrace the Middle East is unclear although internal evidence indicates that Embrace the Middle East supported the school during the early 20th century when atrocities were being perpetrated upon the Armenians.

Sources: records of Embrace the Middle East (ecumenical charity) and related organisations.

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Papers of Embrace the Middle East

MS203/E/1	Correspondence	1943
	A telegram sent to Revd [Samuel] Gentle-Cackett [Secretary of the Bible Lands Mission Aid Society] requesting five pounds 'for widows'.	
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MS203/E/2	Publications	1961-2002
	Material includes:	
	/1: A history entitled 'Anatolia College 75th Anniversary 1886-1961' detailing names of trustees and associates of the college; and its history and achievements. Contains some photographs.	
	/2: A print-out of webpages chronicling the history of Anatolia College from 1810 until 2001. This item was printed in 2002 and the web address is no longer valid.	
	2 items	
	Access: Open	
MS203/E/3	Photographs	mid 20th cent
	Photographs depicting Anatolia College; the boys' dormitory; students in a home economics lesson; and refugee students. Three photographs carry annotations on the reverse.	
	4 items	
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