Lebanon Hospital for Mental Diseases records, 1900-1940
MC.975.09.015
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Summary Information

Repository          Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections

Creator - Secretary Cadbury, Joel, 1838-1923

Creator - Author    Stokes, Joseph, 1896-1972

Creator - Author    Theophilus, Waldmeir, Dr, 1832-1915

Title               Lebanon Hospital for Mental Diseases records

Date [bulk]          Bulk, 1922-1932

Date [inclusive]    1900-1940

Extent              0.104 Linear feet

Language            English

Preferred Citation

Lebanon Hospital for Mental Diseases (MC.975.09.015), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Historical note

The Lebanon Hospital for Mental Diseases of Syria (now Lebanon) was founded in 1898 by Theophilus Waldmeier, who spent more than 40 years the Abyssinia and Syria in educational missionary work. During this time, he observed the maltreatment of people with mental disabilities, and decided he wanted to create a hospital for them. He and his wife travelled through Europe and America collecting resources to open the hospital in 1900. Locally it was referred to as Asfuriyeh, which translates to "place of the birds."

The American Committee was founded in 1897 by Waldemier "for the purpose of interesting Americans in this cherished plan for support of this hospital" (minutes, November 15, 1923). This was one of many committees he helped to form around the world for supporting the hospital. There was an office in Philadelphia for the hospital and committee. The last patient in the hospital was released in 1982.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains one bound volume of minutes and tipped in reports, and a collection of related materials of loose papers. The minutes span from 1922 - 1932, and include minutes from semiannual meetings of the Committee. The loose papers include letters, type and printed reports, and brochures for the hospital.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections November 2015

Use Restrictions

Standard Federal Copyright Law Applies (U.S. Title 17).

Acquisition

Unknown.
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Related Materials

Related Materials
- BX7640.L44 Z7 Pamphlets about the Lebanon hospital for the insane
- MC 975.01.077 Janet Stokes diaries, 1996-1998
- MC 962 Taylor family papers, 1755-1930
- MC 1261 Friends Hospital records

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)
- Lebanon Hospital for Mental Diseases. -- Archives

Genre(s)
- Minutes
- Social service -- Religious aspects
- Society of Friends -- International assistance

Geographic Name(s)
- Lebanon

Subject(s)
• Mental health
• Women--Mental health--United States--History
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