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Daniel Bliss Collection, 1852-1916

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Descriptive Summary

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Collection Title: Daniel Bliss Collection, 1852-1916.

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Abstract: Missionary, educator, founder, and first president of Syrian Protestant College (now the American University of Beirut). In addition to serving as SPC President he was also the Professor of Moral Philosophy and Biblical Exegesis, 1866-1902.

Language(s): English, Arabic and French

Administrative Information

Source: Some documents were presented to the Library by Dr. Daniel Bliss Junior and Howard H. Bliss Junior, in 1966. Many letters of the collection were donated by Mrs. Walter C. Eystor, Daniel Bliss niece, to Jafet Library as a contribution to AUB's Centennial Year.

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Scope and Content

The Collection comprises Daniel Bliss biographical information, correspondence with AUB Community and other coordinates, diaries, copy of his passport, addresses and letters of condolences to Howard Bliss on his father's, Daniel Bliss, death. It is treasured by researchers studying missionary work in Syria during the nineteenth century and scholars researching American Institutions of higher education in the Middle East, in addition intellectuals investigating relationship among American Missionaries, Ottoman Authorities, Board of Trustees, and local citizens.

Arrangement

The Collection is arranged in six series:

Series I: Biographical information about Daniel Bliss and his family.

Series II: Correspondence with David Stuart Dodge (Board of Trustees, Treasurer, New York)

Series III: Correspondence with various coordinates: Family, faculty members, Board of Trustees, YMCA, US Consulate (American), and others.

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Biographical Sketch

Founder and first president of the Syrian Protestant College, Daniel L. Bliss was born on August 17, 1823. He was an ambitious young boy who worked his way through school and later to college. He graduated from Amherst College at the age of 29, spent two years at Andover Seminary, and then was ordained as minister. He joined the Foreign Mission and came to teach at the American Academy of 'Abeih, and later at Souk el Gharb. For four years he was not only a teacher, but also a student of Arabic. It was during those years that the idea of establishing a college came into being. He was selected to oversee the project, having been one of its prime movers; he returned to the United States, arriving in New York in September 1862. He met with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions where he spoke in support of the resolutions adopted in Beirut; he met William E. Dodge who was impressed by Bliss's presentation, and helped him form a Board of Trustees. A charter for establishing a college was granted by the legislature of the State of New York, on April 24, 1863. This was followed by a long tour in the US and UK to raise the funds needed to start the college. Daniel Bliss arrived in Beirut on March 2, 1866. The Syrian Protestant College (SPC) opened its doors on the 3rd of December 1866. It was a modest beginning with Daniel Bliss both president and teacher.

During his days as AUB President, ten of the earliest AUB buildings were erected. The institution started Preparatory, Collegiate and Medical Departments, and the language of instruction was changed from Arabic to English. He finally retired in 1902, when his son Howard became president. However, he remained living on campus until his death in 1916.

Subject Headings

Bliss, Daniel, 1823-1916.
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File 3: Information and correspondence on Abby Wood Bliss Herbarium. On 29 March 2007 Abby's Herbarium was transferred to the Post Herbarium at Biology

Department. A digital copy of the herbarium is available at the Archives and Special Collections

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