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**Syrian Protestant College Album, 1907-1913**  
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## Descriptive Summary

**Call No.:** Ph:SPC-AUB:1907-1913:1-78:35

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**Record Creator:** N/A

**Collection Title:** Syrian Protestant College Album, 1907-1913

**Collection Dates:** 1907-1913

**Physical Description:** 1 album (77 photographs); 18 x 14 cm. (album)

**Language:** English.

## Administrative Information

**Source:** N/A

**Access restrictions:** The collection can be used within the premises of the Archives and Special Collections Department, Jafet Memorial Library, American University of Beirut.

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## Scope and Content

The album documents various extracurricular activities and events related to the Syrian Protestant College between the years 1907-1913. Images mainly depict athletes during practices and games, fans and spectators, and awards presentations during Field Day on April 4, 1909. Sports featured include high jumps, track and field, Junior Field Day at Brummana, 1908, student excursion to Dog River, and two plays presented by Students Union: "As You Like It" 1908, and "The Foresters", 1910. The album also comprises images of campus buildings as well as portraits of Howard Bliss and Daniel Bliss with the first automobile on campus driven by Charles Jasper Glidden in 1909. The album also covers visits of important personalities to the College such as Dr. George Washburn, President of Robert College, 1907, Bishop of London Arthur Winnington Ingram, March 23, 1912, and Gabriel Bie Ravndal, American Consul General at Constantinople, Turkey. There are also three photographs of the visit of President Howard Bliss to Omdurman, Sudan, 1913.

## Arrangement

The Syrian Protestant College Album is arranged in four series:

**Series I:** Student activities: Athletics, trips, and plays 1908-1910

**Series II:** Events: Visits to campus and to Sudan, and groundbreaking of West Hall, 1907-1912

**Series III:** Buildings and grounds, 1908

**Series IV:** Miscellaneous portraits, etc...

## Subject Headings

Syrian Protestant College -- Photographs.

Syrian Protestant College -- Buildings -- Photographs.

Syrian Protestant College -- Campus -- Photographs.

Syrian Protestant College -- Sports -- 1900-1920.  
Robin Hood (Legendary character) -- Drama.  
Sports -- Lebanon -- 1900-1920.  
Athletics -- Lebanon -- 1900-1920.  
Sports spectators -- Lebanon.

## **Genre/Form**

Photograph albums -- 1900-1920.  
Photographic prints -- 1900-1920.

## **Container List**

### **Series I. Student activities: Athletics, trips, and plays 1908-1910 – 50 photos**

- Junior Field Day at Brummana, 1908 (p. 9-11) – 3 photos
- SPC Football Team, 1908 (p. 12-13) – 3 photos
- "As You Like It" written by William Shakespeare and presented by SPC students, May 29-30, 1908 (p. 14-20) - 7 photos
- Field Day, April, 4, 1908 (p 22-32, 34-44, 46-48, 50 and 59) – 33 photos
- Excursion to Dog River (p. 54) – 1 photo
- "The Foresters" by Alfred Tennyson presented by SPC students, 1910 (p. 69-71) – 3 photos

### **Series II. Events: Visits to campus and to Sudan, and groundbreaking of West Hall, 1907-1912 – 13 photos**

- Daniel Bliss and Dr. George Washburn, President of Robert College, 1907 (p. 4) – 1 photo
- Howard Bliss and Gabriel Bie Ravndal, American Consul General at Beirut, at Marquand House, (p. 5) – 1 photo
- Howard Bliss and Daniel Bliss riding the first automobile driven by Charles Jasper Glidden in 1909, (p. 6-8) – 4 photos
- Howard Bliss breaking ground for West Hall (p. 58) – 1 photo
- Visit of Howard Bliss to Omdurman (Sudan) in 1913 one is with Sayed Ali El Mirghani, Grand Mufti of Sudan on February 5, 1913. (p. 64-65 and 72) – 3 photos
- Visit of Bishop of London Arthur Winnington Ingram (1858-1946) on March 23, 1912. (p. 65-68) – 3 photos

### **Series III. Buildings and grounds, 1911 – 6 photos**

- George E. Post Science Hall, S.P.C. (p. 1) – 1 photo
- Marquand House, S.P.C. (p. 3) – 1 photo
- Jessup Hall, December 1, 1911 (p. 56) – 1 photo
- Assembly Hall (p. 60-62) – 3 photos

## Series IV. Miscellaneous Portraits, etc. 8 photos

- Teaching and Administrative Force, 1908 (p. 2) – 1 photo
- Portrait of Daniel Bliss at Main Gate (p. 4) – 1 photo
- View of rocky beach in Beirut (p. 21) – 1 photo
- Portrait of Jirji Zaydan in his office, June 13, 1908 (p. 45) – 1 photo
- Portrait of Daniel and Howard Bliss (p. 51) – 1 photo
- Antique box decorated with images of Baalbek and the Cedars presented to President Theodore Roosevelt from deputation of Syrian residents during his visit to Sudan in 1910 (p. 52) – 1 photo
- Portrait of Howard Bliss on campus (p. 53) – 1 photo
- A man at his office (p. 55) – 1 photo

## Related Material

### Archival Material

- Howard Bliss Collection, 1880-1924, [AA2.3.2](#)

### Publications

- Moore, F. T., & American University of Beirut. Art Center. (2002). *The Moore collection, AUB photographs, 1892-1902: Portfolio of campus photographs*. Beirut: American University of Beirut. [CALF:AUB:779.0956:M821m](#)
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- Penrose, S. B. L. (1941). *That they may have life: The story of the American University of Beirut, 1866-1941*. New York: Trustees of the American University of Beirut. [J 378.5692:P417t:1941](#)
- [Syrian Protestant College. \(1963\). Annual report of the board of managers of the Syrian Protestant College. Beirut: American University of Beirut.](#)

### Photos

- Franklin Moore Photograph Collection, 1892-1902. [Ph:FTM:1892-1902:1-80](#)

### Postcards

- Sarrafian Brothers Postcard Collection of the American University of Beirut, 1900-1935. [Pc:SB:1900-1935](#)