

Mabel Gray fonds

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Fonds Description

Mabel Gray fonds. -- 1898-1972; (predominant 1925-1945).

13 cm of textual records.

4 photographs.

Biographical Sketch

Mabel Gray (1880-1976) was born near Brampton, Ontario. She taught school for some time before enrolling in the nursing program at Winnipeg General Hospital in 1904. After graduation, she remained on staff as an instructor. Gray left the hospital in 1919 to study health nursing in Boston. She then spent several years in Saskatchewan where she organized a course for nursing housekeepers. In 1925, Gray was appointed Assistant Professor of Nursing and Health at the University of British Columbia, and in this capacity she directed the nursing program until her retirement in 1941. Throughout her career Gray participated in the affairs of nursing organizations, national and provincial and, in 1927, served as president of the Canadian Nurses' Association. Later she served as president of the Registered Nurses' Association of British Columbia. Gray's retirement years were spent in Vancouver. She enjoyed lawn bowling and at one time served as president of the Point Grey Lawn Bowling Club. Throughout the years, she maintained contact with the Winnipeg General Hospital School of Nursing and up to the time of her death, she took an active interest in the affairs of the Vancouver branch of the Alumnae.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of the following series: correspondence (1916-1972), speeches (1926-1935), writings (1920-1962) and miscellaneous material (1898-1974).

Notes

File list available.

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Series Descriptions

Correspondence. - 1916-1972.

3 cm of textual records.

Series consists of incoming correspondence (1928-1972) and copies of outgoing correspondence (1927-1961).

Speeches. - 1926-1935.

3 folders.

Series consists of speeches delivered to various groups by Gray.

Writings. - 1920-1962.

3 folders.

Series consists of copies of reports and articles (1929-1945) and teaching aids (1910-1927) prepared by Gray, and copies of material written by others that she collected (1920-1962).

Miscellaneous Material. - 1898-1974.

6 cm of textual records.

Series consists of miscellaneous personal documents including various certificates (1898-1899), letter of recommendation (1899-1901), four unidentified photographs, and assorted printed and published material.

File List

1-1 Typescript notes prepared by M. Street pertaining to the papers (n.d.)

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming Letters

- 1-1a Barnard, Mrs. (March 14, 1928) 1 pp.
Beard, Mary (March 4, 1931) 2 pp.
Bell, F.C. [to Dr. E.W. Hill] (March 19, 1928) 1 pp.
Bell, F.C. (November 2, 1929) 5 pp.
Brock, R.W. [to Dr. Hill] (April 17, 1931) 1 pp.
Chan, Agnes (January 5, 1930) 1 pp.
Edward, P. (April 9, 1962) 1 pp.
Fairley, Grace M. (May 23, 1934) 1 pp.
Hall, Gertrude (November 1929] 2 pp.
Hallows, R.M. (October 30, 1929) 2 pp.
- 1-2 Hartwell, L. Geraldine (November 26, 1929) 1 pp.
Hill, H.W. (n.d.) 1 pp.
Innes, E.S. (n.d.) 1 pp.
International Council of Nurses (n.d.) 1 pp.
McRae, Mrs. K.N. (May 31, 1972) 1 pp.
Metcalf, R. Louise (July 15, 1927) 2 pp.
Mitchell, Lena (March 26, 1942) 1 pp.
- 1-3 Moss, M. (April 6, 1928) 1 pp.
Reid, Mildred M. (November 15, 1929) 1 pp.
Sawyer, Mrs. H.N. (September 20, 26, 1927) 2 pp.
Shepherd, Mary (May 2, 1961) 1 pp.
Spencer, Mrs. K.E. (February 1, 16, 26, March 14, April 19, 1928) 5 pp.
Stanley, Hon. A. (April 18, 1916) 2 pp.
[re: The College of Nursing, London]
- 1-4 Todd, O.J. [UBC] (Oct. 7, 1927, March 29, 1928, April 4, 1929, October 2, 1930, October 28, 1931, November 2, 1931) 6 pp.
Uprichard, Muriel (September 28, 1971) 1 pp.
Van Wesep (March 24, 1931, June 8, 1932) 2 pp.
Walker, Florence H. (June 16, 1934, December 22, 1937) 2 pp.

Outgoing Letters

- 1-5 Agnew, Harvey (February 13, 1930) 1 pp.
Alumnae of W.G.H. School of Nursing [May 1961] 3 pp.
(Handwritten draft of letter)
Beard, Mary (March 18, 20, April 24, June 27, 1931) 6 pp.
Bottger, Miss (April 24, 1931) 1 pp.
Brock, R.W. [sent copy of letter from H.W. Hill] (March 20, 1931) 1 pp.
Fairley, Grace M. (May 22, 1934, October 12, 1939) 3 pp.
Hall, Gertrude M. (November 15, 1929) 1 pp.
Hallowes, Ruth M. (November 15, 1929) 1 pp.
Moss, Mrs. M. (April 14, 1928) 1 pp.
- 1-6 Sawyer, Mrs. H.N. (September 22, October 5, 1927) 2 pp.
Spencer, Mrs. K.E. (February 2, 21, March 6, 23, May 8, 1928) 5 pp.
Therese, Sister (March 6, 1930) 1 pp.
Todd, O.J. (October 28, 1927, April 4, 1928, April 16, 1929, March 6, 1930,
November 16, 1931, December 27, 1933) 6 pp.
Van Wesep, H.B. (April 24, 1931, June 28, 1933)

SPEECHES

- 1-7 "Opportunities in the Field of Nursing" - V.G.H. Graduating Class (April 1926)
"Opportunities in the Field of Nursing" - C.N.R. Radio talk (October 1926)
"Parent-Teacher Cooperation in the Program for Positive Health" - Bayview Parent-Teachers Association (February 8, 1927)
"The Place of the Public Health Nurse in Epidemiology" - Read at the P.H. Nursing Section, Canadian Public Health Association (June 1927) and published in the Public Health Journal (October 1927).
"Maternal Mortality and Public Health" Burquitlam Women's Institute (October 1927)
- 1-8 "Social Service and Child Welfare" Nanaimo P.H. Nurs. Council (March 28, 1928)
"The School of Nursing" Graduation exercises of Royal Columbian Hospital (October 7, 1929)

- "Meeting the Cost of Nursing Service" - Handwritten draft of speech given at joint conference in Edmonton of the A.A.R.N., A.H.A. and the A.A.P.H.W. (November 19, 1929)
- "University Courses for Nursing" Occasion of speech unknown (ca. 1931?)
- 1-9 "University Participation in Nursing Education" - Handwritten draft of speech given in Winnipeg at refresher course for graduate nurses (July 1931)
Typescript of same speech
- "The University and the School of Nursing" - Footnote states that this paper contained excerpts from the above address given in Winnipeg. [This may have been an article rather than a speech]
- "The Future of the Nursing Profession" - Grad. Class of Royal Columbian Hospital School of Nursing (December 12, 1933)
- "The Nursing School and the Community" Annual meeting of the Cowichan P.H. Nursing Council (ca. 1935?)
- "Preparation for Community Work" - Post-graduate class at a mental hospital (n.d.)

WRITINGS

Reports and Articles

- 1-10 "The Department of Nursing and Health, the University of British Columbia"
Typescript of article for the Rockefeller Foundation (1931)
Reprint of article published by the Rockefeller Foundation (1932)
- "The Department of Nursing of the University of British Columbia" [Notes prepared by Gray for Mr. Murray Gibbons re: History of Nursing in Canada]. Photocopy of original handwritten notes held in University of British Columbia Archives in the School of Nursing records. (1945 or later)
- "Report on Hospitals and Nurses' Training Schools in Manitoba by the Health and Hospital Survey Committee of the Welfare Supervision Board, Manitoba". [This report was written by Mabel Gray based on her survey of government-aided hospitals of Manitoba, 1928]. One bound copy and one reprint. Survey forms in the back of the bound copy. (May 1929)

Teaching Aids

- 1-11 "School Health Program" - Course Outline - Typed (n.d.)
- "Osteological Drawings" - Probably an Exam taken by Gray (August 15, 1910)

"Health: Why a Public Responsibility: How it can be Secured" - Typed outline with handwritten notes (n.d.)

"Socialization of Medical Services in Canada" - Handwritten outline (n.d.)

"P.H.N. Group" - Handwritten outline (n.d.)

"Women's Place in P.H. Movement" - Handwritten outline on cards with quotations on slip of paper (January 1927)

Writings by Others

- 1-12 Beard, Richard Olding. "The Spirit of Social Service" (1922)
Dolman, C.E. "Report on the Survey of Medical Education in Canada and the United States" (1946)
Fox, Elizabeth. "Public Health Nurse's Training Standards" (1927)
Howden, Florence H. "A Tribute to My Sister, Eva Howden" (1962)
Simpson, Ruby M. "Report of a Tour of Public Health Centres in Southern United States" (ca. 1920-1925?)

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL

- 1-13 Personal Documents and Testimonials:
Canada: North-West Territories, Council of Public Instruction, Regina - Certificate (1898)
Recommendation from Principal of Regina High School (1898)
Government of the North-West Territories of Canada, Dept. of Public Instruction: Notification of success in professional examination at Normal School of a 1st class certificate (1899)
Dept. of Education, Manitoba: Teaching Certificate (1899)
Dept. of Public Instruction, Regina: Certificate of completion of course at Normal School (1898)
Recommendation from Trustees, Bloomfield School District, Plum Coulee (1899)
Recommendation from Trustees, School District No. 641, Carberry, Manitoba (1901)
Certificate of one-year program in public health nursing, Simmons College, Boston (1920)
Two letters of appreciation upon retirement from W.G.H. (1) from Alumnae and the other from student nurses (1919)
Note of appreciation (n.d.)
Letter of appreciation from the Class of 1919 (1959)

- Gray Family History - by Ethel Gray Poyntz (n.d.)
- 1-14 Program of the Unveiling Ceremony of the Canadian Nurses' Memorial to the Canadian Nursing Sisters (1926)
"An Act Respecting the Practice of Nursing" (1935)
Organizational Chart of the National Nursing Organizations (1897-1940)
Clippings
Photographs - Four unidentified photographs (n.d.)
- 1-15 Publications:
Winnipeg General Hospital School of Nursing "Jubilee Bulletin" - W.G.H. Alumnae (1937)
"Nurses' Alumnae Journal" (1958, 1964, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974)
"The Generator" (1962) - "The W.G.H. School of Nursing, 75th Anniversary, 1887-1962"
The Canadian Nurse: 50th Anniversary (1955)