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Administrative Records

Foundation papers: papers on the founding and early years of the College, 1926-39, including the minute book of the Executive Committee of the Proposed College 1926-29 **A1**

Council papers: minute books 1927-1988 **A2M**; attendance book 1929-1977 **A2/4/7**; precis of minutes 1929-1970 **A4A**; Internal Vaginal Tampon Subcommittee (set up at Request of Health Minister to report on use of vaginal tampons during menstruation) minutes, 1942-1943 **T6**; Financial and Executive Committee Minutes 1929-1984 **A3M**; Salaries of College Staff Subcommittee, 1935 **T1**; Committee on the health of women war-workers from the gynaecological aspect [established by Council but instructed by the F&E Committee] minutes, 1942 **T4**; Presidents' correspondence, annotated minutes, reports, 'President's Letters' and other circulated papers, 1930-1985 **A4**

Financial Records: annual accounts, 1931-1956, salaries and pensions, Appeals and Memorial Funds, 1932- Appeals and Endowments, 1932- **F1-F11**; signed accounts of College 1931- **F21**; Receipts and payments, ledgers and journal, 1926-1947 **FB1-FB2**; Members and fellows subscription and fees cash books, 1929-1967 **FB8**; Special Funds ledgers 1931-1966 **FB20**

Buildings, services and maintenance: proposed alterations, 1936-1937, inventory, 1938 **G1-G10**; House subcommittee minutes 1932 **T1**

Legal Records: Blair-Bell estate correspondence, 1933-1959 **H1**; correspondence with Hempsons, solicitors on various legal matters including by-laws, articles of association, trusts, royal charter, coat-of-arms, seal, 1929-1950 **H2**

Articles of Association: ordinances, by-laws and charters, drafts and final versions 1927-**H3**

Fellowship Records: correspondence and papers, sample election forms, 1930-1979 **B3**

Miscellaneous: photographs, plans and maps **PH, PL**; Royal Visits, Jubilees and Other Celebrations **R**

College Committees Journal Committee Directors' minutes, 1902-1950 **B5**; Examinations Committee agendas and correspondence, 1929-1979; Examination Committee and examiners' meetings minute books, 1929-1947; Diploma in Obstetrics Results Notebook, 1934-1949; Membership Results Notebook, 1937-1949; MRCOG Case Records Assessors Notebook, 1943-

1950 **B1**; Diploma Sub-committee: minutes, 1931 **T6**; Maternity Committee (later the Maternity Services and Obstetric Services Committee): minutes, 1929-1939 **T5**; Maternity and Infant Health Services Committee minutes, 1943-1946 **T14**; Procedure and Publication Committee: minutes of the single meeting, 1930 **T6**;

External Affairs Committee (on non-specific matters and public enquiries) minute book 1933-1939 **T4**; correspondence and papers, 1930s-1940s: dealing with-nutrition; Maternity Hospitals; emergency services; posts for refugees; further training; wartime arrangements; demobilisation; female circumcision in the Sudan; National Maternity Service; women war workers; care of pregnant women; army service for women; toxæmia; the use of tampons; medical education; commemoration of Professor Briggs; foundation of National Health Service and consequence for obstetrics and gynaecology; training in obstetrics and gynaecology and registration of GPs; maternity services in Rhondda Valley; industrial injuries to women; maternal mortality and midwifery; tetanus; availability of maternity clothes; population control; analgesia and including correspondence with: Joint Council of Midwifery, People's League of Health, Nuffield Hospitals Trust, the Radium Trust, the Population Commission, National Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, British Empire Benevolent Society, the British Medical Association, InterDepartmental Committee on Medical Schools, National Birthday Trust Fund, Royal Commission on Geographical Distribution of the Industrial Population, London County Council, Maternal Mortality Committee, midwives' organisations **B2**

Subcommittees of the above Committee: Maternity Hospital Subcommittee 1937-1939 **T6**; Tetanus Subcommittee 1939 **T6**

Hospital Recognition Committee minutes and papers with files on particular hospitals recognised for training purposes, in UK and internationally 1936-1989 **B4**; Library correspondence on staffing, catalogues and inventories, printed material, 1937-1981 **B6**; subcommittee minutes 1934-1961 **T1**; Museum visitors books 1939-1975 **B10**; papers of museum curators and relating to administration of museum, including notes and forms on pathological specimens from 1938 with correspondence of Aleck William Bourne (1886-1974) F.R.C.S. as curator, 1938-1944 and minutes, 1945-1964 **T11**; Ad Hoc Committee on Emoluments and Conditions of Service of Obstetrical Consultants minutes, 1939 **T6**; Demobilisation Committee 1944-1945 **T8**; Consultants' Training Subcommittee minutes, 1945 **T7**; Hospital Construction Committee minutes, 1945-1953 **T7**; Dominions Committee minutes, 1945-1954 **T14**; Miscellaneous sub-committees: may have been subcommittees of the External Affairs Committee, but no clear evidence of this has been found: Subcommittee to Investigate the use of analgesics in Labour by Midwives, 1934-1949 **T4**; Meetings at RCOG of representatives of London Teaching Schools, 1939 **T6**

Meetings papers: British Congresses of Obstetrics and Gynaecology:- Central Congress Committee: minutes and papers, 1929-1971; 5th Congress papers donated by Sir John Stallworthy, 1924-1925 **E6**

Officers' papers: William Blair-Bell, P.R.C.O.G., correspondence with William Fletcher Shaw, 1931-1932 **A4**; correspondence and copies of documents concerning his will and estate, 1933-1959 **H1** (see also Special Collections **S1**, **S10**, **S14**, **S33** below); Sir William Fletcher Shaw, President's papers and correspondence, 1935-1955, including with Blair-Bell, John Shields

Fairbairn (1868-1944) F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P., George Frederick Gibberd (d.1976) F.R.C.S., Donald Whately Roy (1881-1960) F.R.C.S., and on the Dominions, W F Shaw's book, Maguire and McGregor Gifts, on Central Council for Health Education, on definition of stillbirth, and about gynaecological consultants in the Army **A4** (see also Special Collections (S34) below); John Shields Fairbairn correspondence, 1930-1935; Sir Ewen John Maclean (d.1953) F.R.C.P., correspondence, 1935-1938; Sir Eardley Lancelot Holland: correspondence and printed reports re NHS and National maternity services, 1943-1947 **A4**

Government liaison and joint committees: Ministry of Health/Department of Health and Social Security **D7**; Committee on Abortion (1937) Report on Fertility and Sterility (1944-1949) **M35**; Standing Joint Committee of Royal Colleges (O&G, Physicians and Surgeons): correspondence, papers and minutes, 1944-1972 **C1, T2**; RCOG and British Paediatric Association minutes of Joint Committee on Neonatal Mortality, 1943-1947 **T10**; RCOG and Central Midwives Board Inquiry into analgesia, 1933-1945 **B2/26-27**; Joint RCOG/Eugenics Society Investigation Committee into maternity services: minutes, 1945-1951 with minutes of follow-up subcommittee **T8**

Surveys [see also Government Departments and Joint Committees, and External Affairs Committee]: Human Fertility Committee and Questionnaire subcommittee papers, survey of infertility services (E Lewis-Faning), scientific papers, questionnaire, 1944-1949 **M35**; minutes, 1944-1945 **T8**; Questionnaire subcommittee minutes, 1945-1948 **T14** (NB Report of this committee is held in College Library, press mark CT); Nutrition Committee: correspondence and papers, 1944-1947 **M37**; minutes, 1945-1947 **T8**

Special Collections (Archives)

William Blair-Bell (1871-1936) F.R.C.S., P.R.C.O.G.: papers, 1920-1929 **S1**, additional papers including material on the Liverpool Medical Research Organisation, 1909-1932; B-B's work in Liverpool including at the Nursing Home for Cancer patients, 1922-1931; papers on British Empire Cancer Research Organisation, esp Lancashire and Cheshire Branch, 1922-1929; on cancer including case-notes and correspondence, and lead treatment for cancer (teraethyl lead); correspondence with colleagues, notably Harvey Cushing (1869-1939), Carter Wood, Bertrand Dawson (1864-1945), Viscount Dawson of Penn F.R.C.P., Norman Jeffcoate, Ralph William Johnstone (d.1915) M.D.; papers concerning the British College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 1923-1931 **S10**; Ephemera, c.1920s-1930s **S14**; 'History of the British College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists', 1934, typescript [special conditions of access apply] **S33**; [see also Library Collections for further Blair-Bell material]

Sir John Chassar Moir (1900-77) F.R.S.O.G.: notes and correspondence on ergot, 1930-1939 [held in Library Collections and listed in more detail with them] **S2**

Roy Dobbin (1873-1939) F.R.C.O.G.: correspondence, biographical material, list of his gift of books, 1931-1938 **S3**; manuscript gifts including letter from Eliab Harvey (nephew of William) to William Garnay, 1676 and correspondence between Ernst Wertheim (1864-1920) and Probyn Williams on anaesthetics, 1900-1901 **S6**

Aquarelles donated by Professor Buschbeck and Dr Schmidt (formerly of Wurzburg) **S5**

Miscellaneous Gifts: letter Edward Jenner (1749-1823) to Mr Hulme on vaccination, 1812; correspondence between James Matthews Duncan (1826-90) and Joseph Lister (1827-1912) P.R.S., concerning the use of Chloroform, 1875-1877; letter of Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) to Heywood Smith (1838-1928) concerning Lying-In Institutions, 1876 **S6**

John Martin Munro Kerr (1868-1960) F.R.C.O.G.: documents relating to his life and career, 1868-1947, and 'Historical review of obstetrics and gynaecology 1800-1950' **S12**

Sir Eardley Lancelot Holland (1879-1967) F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P.: memorandum on inclusion of clinical examination in obstetrics and gynaecology as part of Conjoint exam, and report of meeting on subject, 1927 **S13**

Bethel Solomons (1885-1965) F.R.C.P., F.R.C.O.G.: papers on pathological conditions of the fallopian tubes, 1935; correspondence with Victor Bonney (d.1953) F.R.C.S., on ovarian cysts and myomectomy, 1941-1942 **S15**

Morris Datnow (1901-1962) F.R.C.O.G.: papers, 1929-1946 **S21**

Gynaecological Visiting Society: copies of records, mostly relating to foundation of RCOG, 1926-1943 **S26**

Sir Norman Jeffcoate: memorabilia, 1932-1991 **S28**

William Rotherham M.R.C.O.G.: professional and clinical papers, including some on dentistry and maxillo-facial surgery, 1939-1953 **S30**

Keith Vernon Bailey (1898-1989) F.R.C.O.G.: cases at Altrincham General Hospital, 1933 **S31**

Obstetrical and Gynaecological examination papers: Durham, Birmingham and Conjoint Board, 1896-1897 **S32**

Sir William Fletcher Shaw (1878-1961) F.R.C.P., F.R.C.O.G.: professional papers, including draft versions of his History of the College, and unpublished memoirs c.1920-1961 **S34**

Donald Whately Roy (1881-1960) F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G.: personal papers, 1881-1960 **S45**

Sir William Gilliatt (1884-1956) F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G.: correspondence relating to wartime services, 1917-1918 **S46**

Special Collections (Library)

Royal Maternity Charity (founded in 1757 as the Charity for Attending and Delivering poor Married Women in their Lying-In at their Respective Habitations): minute books of Council and

Committees, 1761-1949 [volume beginning in 1761 is described as 'Noc.1' c. Volume May 1830 to May 1832 appears to be missing] 'Commonplace Book 1855: Royal Maternity Charity Oct 1857'; casebook of Robert Barnes, 1857-1868 contains patient's ticket blank and midwife's order; rough minutes 1772-1803 9 vols, 1819-1826 2 vols, Stewards of the Anniversary only 1791-1806 1 vol

Gynaecological Visiting Society; Records 1911-1948 6 vols

William Blair-Bell (1871-1936), F.R.C.S., P.R.C.O.G.: Notebooks, variously titled; 'W B Bell, Rossall: Chemistry'; 'Anatomy' [x 2]; 'Physiology'; 'Physiology-W Blair-Bell/04'; 'W B Bell: Histology'; 'Zoology: W B Bell, King's College' 1890-['?']; 'II Surgery'; 'Surgical Pathology'; 'Psychology'; untitled: notes on various diseases and kinds of diseases; 'Diseases of the Eye'; 'Diseases of the Gall-Bladder and bile-ducts (Mayo-Robson) and Disease of the Pancreas'; 'Tumours, Innocent and Malignant'; 'Intestinal Obstruction'; 'Physiological Tracings' by W Blair-Bell and G H Lansdown 'won Prof Halliburton's Prize for Advanced Practical Physiology, King's Mar '93'; Notes in folder: 'Midwifery and Gynaecology Dr H Bodian'; Duplicated notes on General Ophthalmology and instructions for optical examinations, n.d.

Casebooks: 'Medical Practitioner's Private Register' [on title page Register of Cases Professionally attended, John Smith, Government Stationer, London 1848]: list at back of Vaccinations from Lymph, 1871; a longer list of 'Patients Attended, also 1871; around middle of book a number of detailed case-reports, 1898-1899; many blank pages and some cut out; some loose pages inserted; Case Book, W Blair-Bell, 1 Aug 1900: notes of cases 1898-1903; notebook 'Kept for Dr Blair-Bell' mainly charts, apparently records of tests all taken at Liverpool Royal Infirmary c.1911-1913, 1929; Hospital Case Book [? Liverpool Royal Infirmary], largely blank, includes inserted correspondence and other papers, c.1908-1912; duplicated notes 'Dresser's Duties 1921' [?Liverpool Royal Infirmary]; paper by Helen Standring, MB, ChB, DPH annotated ? by Blair-Bell]; personal notebook: lists, addresses; 'Catalogue of Old Furniture etc Belonging to W Blair-Bell, Jan'y 1906'; 'Catalogue of Old Books (medical) belonging to W Blair-Bell, commenced Jan 1907'; 'Catalogue of Old Books (general) belonging to W Blair-Bell, Jan 1907'; Inventory of library 30 Jan 1957

Sir John Chassar Moir (1900-1977), F.R.C.O.G.: papers on ergot and its derivatives including 39 letters from Harold Ward Dudley (1887-1935) F.R.S., 1931-1935, with reprints, 1920s-1950s; reprints, c.1930s-1960s; articles (and correspondence), 1930s; correspondence with individuals, medical journals, pharmaceutical companies, on research issues and clinical usage of ergot derivatives including out-letters 1932-64: Henry Hallett Dale (1875-1968) P.R.S., 1932-1957 8 letters; also extensive correspondence with Burroughs Wellcome and Co over film 'The story of ergot' 1950s-1960s; article on 'The History and Present-Day Use of Ergot' (Canadian Medical Association Journal); misc material on the history of surgery, esp but not only gynaecological surgery; Charles F Thackray Catalogue Supplement 17, Gynaecological Instruments [p.2 is 'as used by Professor J Chassar Moir at Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford]

Robert Barnes (1817-1907) obstetric physician: Notebook of miscellaneous material re public health, c.1840s-1850s; reports as City Medical Officer of Health, 1850s; Case Book miscellaneous male and female c.1840s-1850s; Case Book obstetric and gynaecological, c.1840s-1850s; rough case notes, male and female, c.1854-1856; Notebooks c.1850s-1870s: notes on books and articles, inserted articles, correspondence, illustrations, case material on various topics including - `Gestation'; `Laceration'; `Labour Woodcuts for Vol II not used'; `Rickets Osteomalacia'; `Caesarian Oper'; `Cancer'; `Miscellaneous'; `Forceps'; `Asphyxia Neonat'; `Hydatids'; `Ovary'; `Deformities of Pelvis and Spine'; `Pelvis'; `Histology [etc]'; `Forensic Medicine'; `Abortion'; `Jaundice-Diseases of Pregnancy'; `Chloroform Anaesthesia'; `Polypus [etc]'; `Labour'; `Pregnancy'; `Dystocia'; `Phlegmasia Dolens'; `Hygienic Meteorology and Hygiene'; `Statistics'; `Vomiting [and Diarrhoea] of Pregnancy/Puerpery'; `Craniotomy [etc]'; `Insanity and Sexual Dis.'; `Transvc.presentsc.Turning'; `Fistula vesico-vaginal'; `Menstruation'; `Embryo'; `Puerperal Convulsions'; `Urine'; `Placenta Retention Adhesion'; `Foundling Hosps'; `Nervous Complications'; `Haemorrhage Postpartum'; `Monsters'; `Placenta Anatomy'; `Displacements of Uterus'; `Placenta Praev.'; `Retroversion Anteversion'; `Inversion of Uterus'; `Retro-uterine Hematocele'; `Displacements of Uterus Malformations'; `Puerperal Fever--Meteorological relations [etc]'; `Puerperal Fever'; `Post-Puerperal'; `Puerperal Fever Rheumatism'; `Diseases of Children'; `Gynaecological notes Vol II' [mostly engravings]; `Extra-uterine Gestation, superfetation [etc]'; `History Bibliography'; `Puerperal Insanity'; `Breast'

Unbound notes correspondence on jaundice in pregnancy; Commonplace book, c.1850s-1870s; Chart, Births and Deaths 10 years 1875-1884