

Albert Lybyer (b. 1876, Putnamville, Indiana; d. 1949) holds a place of importance in the history of the Middle East and the Balkans not only as a scholar but as an observer. After World War I, Lybyer, who was highly regarded for his history of the Ottoman empire, served as a member of the Inquiry into Peace Terms and the American Commission to Negotiate Peace, conducted by Colonel Edward House (August 1918-May 1919). he also acted as a technical advisor to the Interallied Commission on Mandates in Turkey, American Section, otherwise known as the King-Crane Commission (March-September 1919). At this time, he made a 42-day tour of inquiry in Palestine, Lebanon and Syria. Lybyer had acquired a first-hand knowledge of Turkey as a mathematics instructor (1900-06) at Robert College (now University of Bosphorus), founded by Americans in 1863 in Istanbul. Lybyer's association with the Balkans continued for twenty years through his position as a trustee of the American College in Sofia, Bulgaria (closed 1943). A popular lecturer on historical topics on WILL, the University radio station, Lybyer was a professor (1913-44) and, afterwards, professor emeritus in the Department of History at the University of Illinois.

Lybyer studied at, and preserved his class notes from, Princeton (AB 1896), Princeton Theological Seminary (AM 1899) - including those taken as a student of Woodrow Wilson - and Harvard (Ph.D. 1909). His personal papers, such as Inquiry reports, personal diaries and interview notes, were drawn upon by Harry N. Howard for his study of the King-Crane Commission. Lybyer's Papers are also noteworthy for his correspondence with Ms. Halide Edib [Adivar] (1884-1964), a major Turkish literary and political figure, and his large collection of glass plate slides and photos from travels in Europe, Anatolian Turkey and other parts of the Middle East in 1912 and 1936, hundreds of which were mounted and identified by Herman H. Kreider, a long-time official of Robert College. Lybyer's unpublished manuscripts include a "Bibliography of Description and Travel in the Ottoman Empire, 1300-1937" (with indexes), compiled with Mary L. Shay; a History of Turkey, 1908-22; as well as a journal of his travels in Europe and the Near East in 1936. In addition, Lybyer's papers reflect his personal interest in the Izaak Walton League, Florida real estate and the 1948 Progressive Party.

#### Writings:

The Government of the Ottoman Empire in the Time of Suleiman the Magnificent (Cambridge, MA, 1913; repr., New York, 1966).

#### Related Sources:

Who was Who, vol. 2: 1943-50 (Chicago, 1950), pp. 333-334.

For selected Lybyer Papers see: Howard, Harry N. The King-Crane Commission: An American Inquiry in the Middle East (Beirut, 1963), pp. 333-336.

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Liberal Arts and Sciences

History

Albert H. Lybyer Papers, 1876-1949

A.B., Princeton University, 1896

D.D., Princeton Theological Seminary, 1900

Ph.D., Harvard University, 1909

Taught at Robert College, Constantinople; Harvard; Oberlin College and University of Illinois with various summer appointments, University of Illinois (1913-1944)

From August 1918 through March 1919, Lybyer was a member, successively, of Col. Edward House's Inquiry into Peace Terms (7-12/18), and of the American Commission to Negotiate peace in New York and Paris. From April to September 1919, he was with the King-Crane Commission on Mandates in Turkey, in each case as a Technical Adviser on Balkan Affairs.

Harry N. Howard has published an exhaustive study and evaluation: The King-Crane Commission (Beirut, 1963) which makes extensive use of those records which were shown him by Lybyer in 1940 (see Howard correspondence); Prof. Howard also read a paper on the subject at the December 1941 American Historical Association Meeting.

From 1923-30, Lybyer was an Associate Editor of Current History, writing a monthly news article on the Near East.

Correspondence, 1909-48 (8 boxes) relating to: teaching arrangements at Oberlin (1911-13), Ohio State (summer school 1911), Berkeley (summer school 1929), Northwestern (summer school, 1938), University of Illinois; his graduate students' theses and careers; state and local conservation; American History Association prize committees; publications in magazines, encyclopedias; addresses and radio talks; schools and relief in Near East and Turkey; visits and trip in the United States, Europe and the Near East; First Congregational Church; family history and genealogy; foreign students and proteges; real estate affairs in Iowa, Indiana, Florida and Illinois; memo to Paul Hill on Woodrow Wilson

Box 1:

Aa-Am

Adams and Winsor Prizes

A.A.U.P (American Association of University Professors)

A.C.L.S. (American Council of Learned Societies)

American Historical Association, 1927-1991

American Historical Review, 1925 - 1939

American Oriental Society - Middle West Branch, Meeting Program, 1919

American Year Book

An-Ay

Apartments: Urbana

Ba-Bi

Babcock, K.C., 1922-1932

Beer Prize, 1929-1930

Belleff, Vladimir

Benson, Clifton D., "Florida Boom", 1924-1927

Bl-Bo

Bogart, E.L., (2 Folders)

-1936

1940-1948

Br-B

Brent House, 1941-1944

Brodie, Donald, 1919-1945

Brooke, Morgan, 1919-1947

Brush, Elizabeth P.

Busch, Clarence, "Florida Boom", 1925-1927

Box 2:

Ca-Chi

Caney Creek

Carmichael, Dean R.D., 1934-1942

Castle, C.E., 1925-1935

Chase, Harry W., 1930-32

China Aid

Chr-Com

Clark, A.J., 1926-1940

Clements, Olsen, (3 Folders)

1926-1927

1928-1929

1930-1935

Con-Cu

Coolidge, Archibald C., 1910-1930

Coral Gables, 1925-1930

Crofts, F.S. & Co., 1927-1940

Current History

Curtis, F.G.

Da-Dol

Dancheff, Christo

David, W.G.

Dodge, Cleveland

Dom-Du

Dutcher, Geo M.

Box 3:

E

Edib, Halide

Encyclopdia of the Social Sciences

Estes, Carrie Lee., 1914-1917

F

Fikret, H.H.

Foreign Students

Forest Preserve Committee

Ga-Go

Gra-Gy

Greene, Evarts, 1913-1933

Green Mt. Falls, Col.

Ha-Har

Harris Memorial Foundation

Has-Hi

Hoa-Hor

Hodson, Martha

Hoover, Herbert, 1932

Hos-Hz

Howard, Harry N.

Hutchins, Pres. W. J.

Hyzer & Padgett

I

Income Tax, 1922-1928

Indiana - in relation to land

Box 4:

Izaak, Walton L. (2 Folders)

J (2 Folders)

1916-1925

1925-1945

Joshi, S.L.

Ka-Kind

Karpootlian, 1909-1921

Key Largo Properties, 1925-1927

King-Kuo

Kinley, -1937

Kyrias School, 1913-1914

L

LaFuze, L., 1933-1945

Larson, Lawrence, (3 Folders)  
1919-1936

Dinner (2 Folders)

Library International Relations

Lincoln Apartments: Florida &amp; Urbana

Lowell, F.C. - Judge &amp; Mrs.

Ma-Me

Macedonia Political Organization, U.S.A

MaLone, Carroll, 1927-1938

Mange, Alice, 1927-1948

Marden, E.D.

Mather, W.A., 1927-1948

Mc

Mi-Mor

Box 5:

Miami Bank &amp; Trust Company, 1920-1926

Miami University

Miller, Barnette

Miller, H.R.

Moore, Laurence

Mos-My

Mutual Life, N.Y., 1909-1924

N

Near East College Association, 1925-1940

Near East Colleges &amp; Relief, 1920-1937

New Orient Society, 1931-38

Nickoley, Edward &amp; Mrs.

North Pollywog Club. Inc.

Northwestern University, 1937-1939

O, 1909-1944

Oberlin College, 1911-1927

Pa-Pe

Palestine

Palm, F.C.

Panaretoff, Stephen, 1909-1931

Papazanian, Haget, 1911-1916

Pease, Theodore C., 1925-1941

Box 6:

Peritch, Ismailko, 1913-1921  
Ph-Py  
Phi Beta Kappa, 1924-1934  
Pilgrim Foundation (Congressional Church)  
P.A.C. (Political Action Committee)  
Ponafidine, Mme P., 1923-1933  
Presbyterian Ministers Fund, 1910-1942  
Price, Price & Neeley, 1912-1926  
Pritchard, Earl H., 1929-1941  
Q  
Ra-Ri  
Radio Lecture Fan Mail, 1940-1945  
Raynolds, Joshua  
Religioius Conf. (Univ.), 1939  
Ro-Ry, 1913-1944  
Robert College  
Robinson, Maurice  
Rodkey, F.S.  
Rozenbaum, Z.W., 1934-1938  
Sa-Se  
Sabri, Ibrahim  
Sage, Leland  
Sarkiss, Harry  
Savides, A.P.  
Schwartz, S  
Sh-Sm  
Sn-Sz

Box 7: S - T

Social Science Research Council Abstracts  
Sofia American Schools, 1926-1940  
Speaking Engagements, 1944-45  
Stripling, George W.F.  
Strong, S.M.  
Suliman: Reviews, Notes, Correspondence  
T  
Tsai, W.F.  
Tsui, C.H.  
Twenty Fifth Anniversary  
U  
University Club (2 Folders)  
1922-1929

1945-1948

Universities Com. - Post - War Int. Problems

V

Wa-We

Washburn, Dr. & Mrs. G.H.

Wh-Wy

W.I.L.L. (See also: Radio Lecture Fan Mail, 1940-1945, Box 6)

Wright, Mrs. Florence or G.T.

X.Y.Z.

Y.M.C.A., 1920-1943

Young, Ellen

Zeki, A. & H.

Box 8: U - Zeki + Record/Journals

Records/Journals Include (roughly 16 bound/tied items at back on box):

Robert College Gradebooks and Mathematics Lecture, 1900-09

Chronology of Mohammed II

World War I Bibliography, ca. 1916

Syrian and Armenian Relief Conference Notes, 1917

Personal Notes and Memoranda, 1918-25

Journal of Trip to Europe and Near East, 1936

Oberlin Study on Student Life, 1911-1912

French Rev., 1911-1912

Asiatic History, 1911-1912

Medieval, S. School, O.S.U., 1911

Med. History, Misc. 1910-1919

Roman Hist., S. School, O.S.U., 1911

Medieval Hist., 1909-1910

Mod. European Hist., 1909-1910 (3 Folders)

Oct. - Dec. 1909

Jan. - Mar. 1910

Apr. - June 1910

Mod. European Hist., Misc., 1910-1914

Renaissance & Reformation (2 Folders)

1910-1911

1912

Box 9: Lecture Notes, Assignments and Exams. 1909-1944

Western Asia, 1912-1913

German History, 1910-1911

Modern H., S. School, 1912

Levant, 1909-1910 (2 Folders)

Sept. 1909 - Feb. 1910

Mar. - June 2010

Misc. Lectures, Exams, etc.

Exam Questions (2 Folders)

1913/14 - 1929/30

1930/31 - 1943/1944

Tutorials & Honors Students, 1931 - 1939

A.S.T. & V.12 Programs [Armed Forces]

Published articles, 1910-21, 1936, 1942 (manuscripts)

Ottoman Turks and Trade Routes, 1915

Current History, 1924-33

Bibliotheca Sacra (Eighty-Sixth Year) Pamphlets (2 books)

January, 1916

October, 1916

Macedonia and the Balkan Policy at the Paris Peace Conference, 1944-45

Articles, 1914-1936 + No Date

Encyclopedia of Social Sciences, 1931-1933

History of Civilization, 1939-40

Constantinople: Capital of the Ottoman Empire

World Book Encyclopedia Articles, 1940-41

Questions of the Near East Syllabus, 1921

Bibliographies

Book Reviews, 1914-30 (manuscripts)

Box 10: Manuscripts, Speeches and Studies, 1914-1947

Fragments, Unidentified

Speeches (7 Folders)

1895-1896

1907, 1910-1914

1916-1917

1922-1923

1931, 1934

1936-1938

1939-1940, 1944, 1947

Speeches, Talks, Addresses, Undated

Math Studies (4 Folders)

1945 (2 Folders)

1935-1945

General Notes on Turkish history, 1907-22

MSS. History of Turkey, 1908-23

MSS. Bibliography of Description and Travel in the Ottoman Empire, 1300-1937, with M.S.

Shay; index and bibliography  
Publishers' Copies  
1300-1700  
1700-1849  
1850-75  
1875-1900

Box 11:

1900-25  
Notes for the Bibliography  
News Bulletins: Jewish Agency, Sep.-Oct., 1924  
AHL Notes on Books, Speeches, 1927-41  
Smryna, 1922 / Armenian Deportation, 1916  
Sansovino, Tursun Bey, Mahmood Badeem Bey  
The Reign of Osman, Brattuttis Saidino  
Hoja Stories, from Turkish  
Decree of Selim I, Laws of Sultan Suleiman  
Mohammed the Conqueror as Poet  
Prayer Boards - reproduction  
Tunis Bey  
Mustafa Kemal  
Voyage...to the Indies, 1537  
Notes on Mohammed  
Turkish Translation Service (American Board), 1927-31  
Turkish Translation Service, 1933-37  
Turkish Translation Service (American Board), 1938-43

Box 12:

Alphabetical and chronological entry slips for the History, Description and Travel  
Bibliographies of the Ottoman Empire, ca. 1937  
First Layer: Alphabetical index to Vol. II of A Bibliography of the History of the Ottoman Empire  
Second Layer: Chronological index to Vol. I of A Bibliography of Description & Travel. . .  
Third Layer: Alphabetical index to Vol. I, as above

Box 13: Reference Files and Photographs

From Turkish Press, 1926  
Turkey, Miscellaneous  
Bulgaria  
Near East Society Bulletins, 1939-42

Photographs: glass plates, possibly for two lectures, "Constantinople" and "Life of the Turks," negatives of family portraits; 250 photos taken in 1936 in Europe and the Near East. The latter enlarged by H.H. Kreider and mounted and identified (negatives also); snapshots of family and friends; AHL and American Macedonian delegation at the United Nations (1946).

Near East, Kreider, 1936

Mounted Photos, Near East, Kreider, 1936

Mounted Photos, Anatolia, Kreider, 1936

Anatolia, Kreider, 1936

Glass Plates

Key to Kreider Prints

Lybyer, Albert H, Mr and Mrs.

Family and Friends

Photos, Negatives

Bulgaria

California, Grand Canyon, Yosemite, 1929

England

Greece

Hungary

Italy, Venice

Palestine

Syria

Robert College, Istanbul

Turkey, Adrianople

Turkey

Yugoslavia

Macedonia Delegation to UN, 1946

Greenough, Whitlock Genealogy Photo

U.S. Oberlin, Ohio

Photos with Identification Stamp "22" on Reverse

Photos with Identification Stamps "3," "6," or "54" on Reverse

Photos with Identification Stamp "42" on Reverse

Unidentified Prints and Negatives

Educational Program Committee (sub-committee of Committee of Nine), 1931-32 (12 folders);

Military Sc, Journalism

Departmental Questionnaires

Suggestions Received (folder 1 of 2)

Suggestions Received (folder 2 of 2)

Admission of Students

Notes

Physical Education

Problems Suggested

Diagrams and Statistics

Improvement of Teaching Sophomore Certificates  
 Correspondence and Reports  
 "Minutes," Reports  
 College Policy Committee, 1934-35 (2 folders)  
 Inactive Material  
 Active Material  
 Department Affairs. 1930-41 (2 folders)  
 Correspondence, Reports, and Statistics, 1930-1940

Box 14:

State Conference of Hist. Teachers, Headship, 1938-41  
 Graduate School Committee (Committee of Nine), 1931-32  
 Committee on Religious Foundation Courses, 1920  
 Committee on Library, 1920 / Statutes, 1931 / Choosing a President, 1933  
 Florida Land Affairs (further material throughout General Correspondence File), including  
 deeds, titles, correspondence, balance sheets, partnership agreements, syndicate balance  
 reports, land plats, operations accounts, individual investment accounts and bills. (5  
 folders)  
 Florida Land Affairs  
 Florida Land Affairs  
 City National Bank and Trust, Miami (formerly Miami B and T Co.), 1926-30  
 Wagner, Ward, Miami, Fruit Sales  
 Florida Land (6 folders)  
 AHL to Clara A. Lybyer, August 1918 - September 1919 (5 folders)  
 Diary, 1918

Correspondence; memoranda; notes on conversations with experts, travellers, and politicians;  
 statistics; reports and maps; photographs; minutes; work papers; souvenirs  
 December 1917 - October 1918  
 November 1918

Box 15:

December 1918  
 January 1919  
 February 1-19, 1919  
 February 20-28, 1919  
 March 1-6, 1919  
 March 7-31, 1919  
 April 1919  
 May 1919  
 Library of the American Commission to Negotiate Peace, October 1918 - April 1919

Statistics, Paris, Greece

Inquiry, Diplomatic History of Balkans, 1878-1908

Inquiry, Copies of Outlines, Diplomatic Histories of Bulgaria and Macedonia

Article Reprints

“Balkan Reference, Treaties, Protocol, and Article Abstracts”

“Bulgaria”

Macedonia; “Bulgaria Dardanelles”

“Paris” Balkan Policy of the Peace Conference, December 1918 - April 1919

“Smyrna Before Greek Occupation”

Work Papers, A.H.L.

Document File #1 - numbered documents ordered and numbered by AHL for H.N. Howard in  
1941 (2 folders)

Document File #1, Items 1-61 (170 pages)

Document File #1, Items 62-85 (220 pages)

Documents File #2 - As above, but documents unnumbered; Photos from King-Crane  
Commission (138 pages)

King-Crane Commission

Petitions and addresses to King-Crane Commission - in Arabic and Hebrew (131 pages)

Hungary-Romania - “Maid of Honor” (1 page)

Palestine (51 photos)

Lebanon, Jordan (14 photos)

Syria (45 photos)

Turkey (6 photos)

Photos, May-August 1919 (49 photos)

King-Crane Commission - Chronological Files

June 1919 (27 pages)

July 1919 (185 pages)

August 1-7, 1919 (275 pages)

Box 16: King-Crane Commission (May-August 1919), Chronological File

August 8-31, 1919 (107 pages)

September 1919 (10 pages)

October 1919 (1 pages)

November 1919 (1 pages)

December 1919 (4 pages)

Memo and Address Books (220 pages)

Transcripts of Diary (2 Folders)

January - March, 1919 (88 pages)

March 31 - September 15, 1919 (167 pages)

Diary - January 1 - September 6, 1919 (316 pages)

Correspondence and materials relating to King-Crane Commission

1920 (6 pages)

1922 (12 pages)

1923 (49 pages)

1924 (7 pages)

1928 (1 pages)

1933 (2 pages)

Harry N. Howard's The King Crane Commission, typescript of 1940 drafts (3 folders)

Chapter V - "The Problem of the Turkish Homelands"(111 pages)

Chapter VI - "Evolving an American Policy"(104 pages)

Chapter VII - "American-Turkish Relations"(78 pages)

Box 17: Harvard Notes, 1906-1909

Semitic History 1, 7, 15 and 11

Box 18: Harvard Notes

Box 19:

List of References

1908

1910

1914

1916

Theses

Lecture Notes

Outside reading notes

Course notes for History of Religions (Moore)

History of Babylonia (Lyon)

Revival of Greek (Emerton)

Medieval Church History (Emerton)

Roman History (Haskins)

Sources of Medieval History (Haskins)

Roman Law (Haskins)

Greek History (Ferguson)

Government 10 (Lowell)

History 1 Reference Lists, 1908-16

Box 20: Princeton Notes

Class Notes on Hebrew (Davis)

Systematic Theology (Warfield)

Advanced General Psychology (Baldwin)

Latin (West)

Life of Christ (Purvis)

Finance, English Literature, Political Economy (2 books)  
 History of Philosophy (5 books)  
 Old Testament History  
 Bible Study  
 Biblical Theology  
 Systematic Theology  
 Politics  
 History 59  
 Geometry  
 Life of Paul  
 Science and Religion  
 Astronomy  
 English  
 Psychology  
 Politics of the U.S.  
 Logic  
 Metaphysics and Woodrow Wilson's International Law  
 Public Law  
 Constitutional Law  
 Jurisprudence  
 Examinations and diplomas  
 Personal correspondence  
   Lybyer to wife, 1900-01 from Europe, Istanbul and summer 1929 from California  
   Mrs. Lybyer to A.H.L., 1923-49  
 Personal Records  
   Reports on teaching, publications, travel  
   Contracts  
   Entertainments  
   Farewell speech notes, 1913-41  
   List of Lybyer's books, 1948

Box 21: Family Papers, 1851-1945

Correspondence of families of Andrews, Layman, Paul Lybyer, Dan Lybyer, Odell, Ella Young, Baker, Whitlock and Greenough; the Ogden Greenough correspondence (1859-1862) has been transcribed and edited  
 Old Letters Sorted & Marked by A.H.L. (~25)  
 Daniel Lybyer's family bible - Includes: photographs, noted pages, locks of hair  
 Transcriptions of literary descriptions of the Prairies (Printed Descriptions)  
 Letters To & From:  
   Howe, Laymon, Thompson, Williams  
   Baker Family  
   Whitlock Family, 1855-1864

Andrews Family, 1923-1945  
 Greenough, Ogden (3 Folders)  
     Transcripts (2 of 3 Folders)  
         1859 - Feb. 1862  
         Mar. 1862 - June 1864  
     Documents (Transcripts, Copies)  
 Odell, Lucy, Helen, & Jeanette (cousin)  
 Odell, Chas., Lucy, 1923-1925  
 Lybyer, Dan  
 Lybyer, Paul, Harriet  
 Lybyer, Paul, Harriet, Jenine  
 Lymau; Greenbough J.C., 1851-1868  
 Laymon Family (Property & Correspondence)  
 Layman Estates  
 Layman, G.W., Estate  
 Ellen S. Young, Estate (2 Folders)

Box 22: Glass Slides of Europe and Ottoman Empire, 1912

Collection of 3" x 2 1/2" color glass slides made during a trip through France, Germany, Austria-Hungary and the Ottoman Empire in 1912

Slides show scenes in Paris, Munich, Stuttgart, Innsbruck, Salzburg and Vienna. There are a large number of slides taken on a trip through Armania (Works of Art) and the Caucasus to Mount Ararat. There are also picture of Lake Vais, Anatolia, al-Bittes, Erzroom, France & Germany Misc., and a number of Middle Eastern scenes.

Lake Vais  
 Mount Ararat - black and white negatives  
 Armania - Works of Art  
 Russia - Anatolia, al-Bittes, Erzroom  
 Austria - Hungary  
 France, Germany - Miscellaneous