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Publications re health in Africa, especially kwashiorkor
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Stanley George Browne (1907–1986): Records of work at the Baptist Missionary Society hospital, Yakusu, Belgian Congo, 1938–58 (N.B. access to the patient registers and case notes is restricted); research files on the anti–leprosy drug B663 (now known as clofazimine) compiled whilst director of the Leprosy Research Unit, Uzuakoli, Eastern Nigeria, 1959–66; Christian Council of Nigeria talks, pamphlets etc., mainly concerning sex education, 1959–64; clinical slides including subjects in Abeokuta, Nigeria, c. 1962–3 (ref. K.2/7/1/2); correspondence, photographs etc. re visits to the Belgian Congo mission hospitals in which he formerly worked, 1974–5; reports on visits to Libya in the 1970s and cancelled trip in the mid–1980s, plus article on the detection and management of leprosy in Libya; reports on visits to Dakar, Senegal in 1976, 1977 and 1978 including report on the International Course on Leprosy, Dakar, which he participated in, Feb–Mar 1978; visits to Nigeria, early 1970s; some correspondence relating to purported massacres at Ossiomo, Nigeria, late 1960s; reports on visits to Zaire, 1970s–80s

Air Marshal Sir Harold Whittingham (1887–1983): Notebooks with notes of inspections, as Director of Medical Services RAF and BOAC, of airport medical and health facilities in West Africa, including Accra, Lagos, Kano and Dakar, 1940s and 1950s

George William Marshall Findlay (1893–1952): Unpublished typescript ‘Memorandum on yellow fever in Africa’ (c.1941) includes investigations in Nigeria, Sierra Leone and the Gambia; notebooks of abstracts and research notes, including re blackwater fever among military personnel 1941–5

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Health Visitors’ Association: photographs of Infant Welfare and Maternity Hospital in Lagos, Nigeria, 1947


Family Planning Association (f. 1930): Correspondence with family planning organisations and reports from clinics in Nigeria and Sierra Leone, 1950s–60s; a little correspondence with doctors and members of the public

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