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Alexander Paterson qualified as a doctor at Edinburgh in 1885. He spent a few years in London, Cairo and Aden, before entering on his main work as a medical missionary of the United Free Church of Scotland at Hebron in Palestine in 1893. He remained there until the station was handed over to the Church Missionary Society in 1922, when he retired to Edinburgh. He died in 1940. His only published work is the posthumous *Jesus Meets Paul, a Duologue in Paradise*, Glasgow, [1942]. There is a biography of William Ewing, Lond, [1931].

The most interesting part of the present collection is probably the diaries, which give details of the life of a respected missionary at a significant time in the history of the Palestine area, and are important both from the political and missionary angles. The theological and liturgical material is also of interest. The paucity of surviving correspondence is regrettable.

1. Correspondence: about 12 letters to Paterson and his wife, 1890-1942. Some other letters are inserted at the front of the diaries (8-17 below).
2. Autobiographical material, with (on the versos) fragments of a history of Israel.
3. Papers on the political state of Palestine after World War I.
4. Sermons and other theological notes.
5. Liturgical notes, including a typescript (2 copies) service book.
6. Poetry.
7. Typescript testimonial to Paterson from the people of Hebron, 1921; an envelope of newspaper cuttings; and a typescript review of Ewing's biography.
- 8-18. Diaries for 1892, 1895-6, 1914, 1918-24.
- 18-19. MS of a theological dialogue, of similar intent to *Jesus Meets Paul*.
- 20-6. Liturgical notebooks.
27. Notes on New Testament vocabulary.
- 28-34. Miscellaneous notebooks.