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**Presbyterian Hospital (New York, (N.Y.). Mary Harkness Convalescent Home. Scrapbook and guest book, 1937-1958**

**PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL (NEW YORK, N.Y.). MARY HARKNESS  
CONVALESCENT HOME.**

**Scrapbook and guest book, 1937-1958 (bulk 1950-1952)**

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** The Mary Harkness Convalescent Home opened in 1937 in Port Chester, N.Y. to accommodate Presbyterian Hospital patients requiring long periods of recovery and nursing attention that they would be unable to obtain at home. It was established with a generous gift from Mary Harkness (Mrs. Edward S. Harkness). Due to low occupancy and continuing financial losses, the Home was closed in 1970.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** Guest book for visitors to the Mary Harkness Convalescent Home of the Presbyterian Hospital. The bulk of the volume, however, has been used as a scrapbook largely documenting the construction of the Harkness Home's wing for handicapped children which opened on Oct. 7, 1952. Included are meeting minutes, hospital memoranda and reports, correspondence, a press release, a newspaper clipping, a seating plan for the dedication ceremony, and a photograph of the completed wing.

**LANGUAGE:** English.

**ACCESS:** Open.

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