EMERSON, HAVEN, 1874-1957.
Papers, 1905-1965 (bulk 1931-1934)
1 box (.35 cubic feet)

SUMMARY: Published reports and articles and manuscript notes and drafts of Haven Emerson.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Haven Emerson, physician and public health official, was educated at Harvard (1896) and received his M.D. in 1899 from the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University (P&S); he received an honorary doctorate from Columbia in 1954. Emerson was an associate in physiology and medicine at P&S, 1902-14, and was the first Director of Columbia’s DeLamar Institute of Public Health (1922-1940), now the Mailman School of Public Health. He held numerous public health positions including Deputy Commissioner (1914-1916) and Commissioner (1916-1918) of the Department of Health of the City of New York, and served as a member of the city’s Board of Health from 1938 until his death.

Emerson served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps 1918-19. Afterwards, he directed several health and hospital surveys including those in Cleveland, 1919-1920; Athens, Greece, 1921-1931; and New York City, 1935-1937. He also served as a member of the Community Expert Statisticians of the Health Section of the League of Nations, 1920-1940.

He is credited with helping to found the Hospital Council of Greater New York in 1938, was a member of numerous professional associations and societies, the recipient of various medals and awards, and was a prolific author and editor. He married Grace Parrish in 1901 with whom he had five children. He died at Greenport, NY on May 21, 1957.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The collection occupies .36 cubic feet and spans the period 1925 to 1965 with the bulk of the material from 1931-34. It consists of reports on the hospital care of the sick of various cities by Emerson with others, along with notes and drafts for the Boston report. Also included are reprints of Emerson's articles.

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