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Preface

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Introduction

Collection title: Mather, Sir William
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Repository: Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections: Sudan Archive
Creator: Mather, Sir William
Language of material: English

Sir William Mather

(1838 - 1920)

?1904-1920	Trustee of the Gordon Memorial College, Khartoum
?1916-1920	Vice President of the British Cotton Growing Association

Arrangement

1. Personal Papers
2. Diaries
3. Printed Material

Form of citation

Material in the Sudan Archive is given a reference number, which is unique across the collections of papers. Usually it is not necessary to give the name of the person or organisation within which collection the item is found, although it may be convenient to do so.
The short form of citation should be GB-0033-SAD.*reference number*
Most printed references take the form: SAD.*reference number*.
To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

1. Personal Papers

SAD.404/11/1-2 1902 Feb 14
Letter from W. Mather to his son, L.E. Mather, written during his visit to the Sudan to gather political, industrial and educational information (see SAD.404/8), describing the visit and including a note about his decision to donate an industrial workshop to the Gordon Memorial College in Khartoum

2. Diaries

SAD.404/8/1-58 1902 Feb 6 - Mar 6
Diary kept by W. Mather during his 1902 survey visit to Sudan

SAD.404/8/2-26 Details of W. Mather's journey, travelling by steamer and rail between Aswan and Omdurman and back to Wadi Halfa, including visits to Korosko (SAD.404/8/5), Aswan (SAD.404/8/10), Berber (SAD.404/8/13), Halfaya (SAD.404/8/16), Khartoum (SAD.404/8/16), Omdurman (SAD.404/8/19), and the battlefield of Kereri (SAD.404/8/21). Descriptions are given of the Sirdar's palace and other government buildings, scenery, villages and town, people encountered and Egyptian temples in Cairo, and some historical information is also recorded

SAD.404/8/27-53 Notes of interviews with E.A. Stanton, governor of Khartoum Province (SAD.404/8/28-29), F.J. Nason, chief of staff to the Sirdar (SAD.404/8/30-34) and E.E. Bernard, Financial Secretary (SAD.404/8/34-36) regarding political, military and economic conditions in the Sudan, J. Currie, Director of Education, and Dunlop regarding education (SAD.404/8/36), Sir Reginald Wingate, the Sirdar, regarding the future of the Sudan (SAD.404/8/37-45), Lord Cromer, on observations made by W. Mather during his survey (SAD.404/8/46-51) and J. Artin Pasha, Minister of Education, regarding the British occupation of Sudan (SAD.404/8/52-53)

SAD.404/8/54-55 Notes made at Aswan, where W. Mather visited the Court, an election of councillors and a primary school

SAD.404/8/56 Notes made at Khartoum, relating to copies of the *Sudan Gazette* received by W. Mather

SAD.404/8/57-58 Lists of photographs taken

SAD.404/9/1-70 1910 Nov 17 - 1911 Jan 29
Diary of W. Mather's trip with his son, L.E. Mather, to India and Egypt via Marseilles, Port Said, the Red Sea, Aden and the Indian Ocean. W. Mather visited Bombay, Poonah, Uran, the “Tower of Silence” and Elephantia Island in India and Cairo in Egypt. The diary contains a section relating to talks with the Sudan Plantations Syndicate about cotton growing in the Gezira (SAD.404/9/64-70). Dunlop, Wingate, Currie and Artin Pasha are referred to in this section and Dunlop and Artin Pasha are also mentioned earlier in the diary (SAD.404/9/57ff.) [Note: 404/9/2-9 is an addresses section and 404/9/10-11 contains an itinerary and details of hotels / contacts]

Printed Material

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Printed material deposited with collection; now integrated into the library's printed collections and catalogued on the Open Public Access Catalogue