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Preface

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Introduction

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James Eric Mouldsdale Mellor

(1890 - 1984)

1920-1922	Assistant Entomologist to the Wellcome Research Laboratories, Khartoum
1922-1924	Curator of the Museum, Malvern College
1924-1930	Senior Entomologist to the Ministry of Agriculture, Egypt
1930-1936	Entomologist to the Cambridge University Horticultural Research Station

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Arrangement

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Form of citation

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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. Official Papers

(i) Sudan service

- SAD.827/6/1-83 1918-1922
Working papers, reports and related correspondence concerning J.E.M. Mellor's work in attempting to reduce crop damage caused by sparrows in Dongola Province, including "a note on the food of certain birds shot in the Sudan during 1920 and 1921" (SAD.827/6/69-74)
- SAD.827/7/1-61 1922-1925
Botanical notes: fish (SAD.827/7/1-29), the duck-billed platypus and echidna (SAD.827/7/30-31), the vegetative shoot (SAD.827/7/32-35), dispersal (SAD.827/7/36- 44,59-61), elementary botany (SAD.827/7/45-58)

(ii) Egyptian service

- SAD.827/13/1-55 1926-1928
Papers concerning Mellor's work for the Egyptian Government: research on spiders (SAD.827/13/1-11), bees (SAD.827/13/12-36), and *mutillidae* (SAD.827/13/37-47); internal memoranda of the Entomological Section (SAD.827/13/48-55)
- SAD.831/1/1-53 1927-1928
Further papers concerning Mellor's work for the Egyptian Government: letters written by Mellor whilst travelling in Libya and near the Red Sea (SAD.831/1/1-10); Mellor's report on his official beekeeping visit to Palestine (SAD.831/1/11-32, 41-48, 52-53), with reports on sand-dune reclamation (SAD.831/1/33-40) and stock breeding (SAD.831/1/49- 51)
- SAD.831/2/1-78 1927-1929
Further papers concerning Mellor's work for the Egyptian Government: report on the beekeeping sub-section expedition to the oasis of Baharia (SAD.831/2/1-55), including a letter written by Mellor (SAD.831/2/47-51) and a travel diary (SAD.831/2/52-55); letters and a report concerning locust control by means of aerial dusting (SAD.831/2/56-65)
- SAD.831/3/1-14 1927-1929
Notes concerning insects, spiders and ticks sent for identification
- SAD.831/3/15-63 1928
Report on the beekeeping sub-section expedition to the oases of Kharga and Dakhla
- SAD.831/4/1-8 1928
Records of temperatures taken at the oasis of Baharia
- SAD.831/4/9-24 1928
Notes on locust control methods
- SAD.831/5/1-65 1929
Further papers concerning Mellor's work for the Egyptian Government: reports relating to public hygiene in Alexandria, including one by Mellor on the subject of a preliminary fly and mosquito inspection (SAD.831/5/19-22)
- SAD.831/6/1-58 1916-1929 (predominantly 1929)

- Report by Mellor's on mosquitos breeding in Alexandria District (SAD.831/6/1-29) with relevant earlier reports (SAD.831/6/30-58)
- SAD.831/7/1-53 [1930]
 "Notes on certain *diptera (muscoidea calypratae)* from Egypt, and an account of a preliminary experiment in the control of flies in sewage sludge" by Mellor (SAD.831/7/1-33), with working notes
- SAD.831/8/1-17 1929-1930
 Experiment book relating to the above report. Five photographs of the Gebel Asfar sludge beds are attached to SAD.831/8/1:
- SAD.831/8/13 Sludge bed being levelled
 - SAD.831/8/14 Pegs marked on the sludge bed
 - SAD.831/8/15 Sludge running into the bed
 - SAD.831/8/16 Trap left open
 - SAD.831/8/17 Trap closed as the sludge settles
- SAD.831/9/1-39 1929
 Working notes concerning the experiments at Gebel Asfar
- SAD.831/10/1-52 1929
 Correspondence with colleagues concerning personal matters and research, especially the identification of specimens and pest control, with reports on the progress of work, including:
- SAD.831/10/19-24 1929 Jun 20
 Report from Mustafa Fahmi Yusuf to Mellor concerning beekeeping at Dakhla and Rashda
- SAD.831/11/1-48 1930
 Correspondence with colleagues concerning personal matters, progress reports and research, especially the identification of specimens. Enclosures:
- SAD.831/11/34-35 1930 Feb/Mar
 Mellor's report on the beekeeping sub-section for 1929-1930
 - SAD.831/11/43-47 [n.d.]
 Summary of work done by Mellor in Egypt
- (iii) Cambridge University
- SAD.831/12/1-10 1931
 Papers concerning Mellor's work at Cambridge: correspondence with colleagues concerning personal matters and research, especially the identification of specimens

2. Diaries, Memoirs, Trek Notes

- SAD.827/8/1-61 1912-1913
Mellor's journal recording his travels in India and Egypt collecting mammals and studying folklore
- SAD.827/9/1-102 1924, 1926-1927
Journal kept by Mellor containing a diary of his pilgrimage to the home of J.H. Fabre in France in 1924 (SAD.827/9/1-16); entomological observations made in Egypt (SAD.827/9/17-75,84-90) and Palestine (SAD.827/9/76-83)
- SAD.827/10/1-109 1928 Jul-Sep
Journal, including entomological observations, kept by Mellor on his journey through East Africa: Zanzibar and Tanganyika
- SAD.827/11/1-102 1928 Sep-Nov
East African Journal: Tanganyika and Kenya
- SAD.827/12/1-102 1928 Dec-1930 Mar
East African Journal: Sudan and Egypt; also a copy of a letter concerning the identification of spiders (SAD.827/12/51-54), and notes concerning a camel ride across Sinai in search of locusts in 1930 (SAD.827/12/55-78)
- SAD.831/13/1-4 [n.d.]
"Chance encounters and unforgettable moments" by Mellor

3. Articles (Drafts)

(i) By Mellor

SAD.831/12/11-17 [n.d.]

“Summer in Egypt”

SAD.831/12/18-20 1971

“Doomed insects of the White Nile”

SAD.831/12/21-24 1931

“Some insect-potters of the Sudan”

SAD.831/12/25-27 1928

“Queer diet in Uganda”

SAD.831/12/42-72 1932

“Notes from Zanzibar, Tanganyika, Kenya, Uganda, and the Sudan (August-December, 1928)”

SAD.831/12/77-78 1933

“The use of blowflies (*calliphora*) in the pollination of onions”

SAD.831/12/81-91 [n.d.]

“Observations on the honey-bee in the cotton fields”

SAD.831/12/92 [n.d.]

“Mosquitos”

(ii) By others

SAD.831/2/66-73 1928

“A method for destroying bedbugs” by Dr N.J. Lorando

SAD.831/2/77-78 1927

“The Qattara power scheme” by Husayn Sirri

4. Photographic Material

- SAD.843/9/1-20 1926-1929
 Various scientific photographic illustrations: maps of Cyprus and Palestine (SAD.843/9/1-3); trees (SAD.843/9/4-5); a dried sewage sludge bed? (SAD.843/9/6); enlarged copies of the photographs of sludge beds filed at SAD.831/8/13-17 (SAD.843/9/7-11); fly specimens (SAD.843/9/12-14); beekeeping charts and diagrams (SAD.843/9/15-17); diagrams of an antproof shelf (SAD.843/9/18), how to fit a mosquito net (SAD.843/9/19), and how to prevent typhoid infection (SAD.843/9/20)
- SAD.843/10/1-18 1928
 Photographs taken by Mellor whilst journeying through East Africa:
- SAD.843/10/1-2 Itinerary of the journey
 - SAD.843/10/3-5 Hollow tree-trunks used as beehives (Tanganyika)
 - SAD.843/10/6 Termite-damaged stairway (Amani, Tanganyika)
 - SAD.843/10/7 Mvuli tree?
 - SAD.843/10/8 Termite nests (Kampala, Uganda)
 - SAD.843/10/9 Sailing to Mfo Island on Lake Victoria: Dr Hoare and G.R.L. Hancock
 - SAD.843/10/10 Landing place on Komé Island, Lake Victoria
 - SAD.843/10/11-13 Mellor's porters on the road
 - SAD.843/10/14-15 Spider colony on the shore of Lake Victoria
 - SAD.843/10/16-18 Notes accompanying the photographs
- SAD.843/11/1-7 [n.d.]
 Glass plate photographs of unidentified wooden objects (SAD.843/11/1-2) and pottery (SAD.843/11/3-7)

5. Maps

SAD.831/13/16[MP] 1914 Jul
The Anglo-Egyptian Sudan

SAD.831/13/17[MP] 1929 Sep
North Eastern Desert and Southern Sinai

6. Miscellanea

SAD.831/13/5-6 [n.d.]
Sample story for translation into Arabic

SAD.831/13/12-14 [n.d.]
Illustration of potato blight and wart disease? (SAD.831/13/12), the
head hooks of a dipterous larva (SAD.831/13/13) and a beekeeping
instrument? (SAD.831/13/14)

7. Museum Objects

SAD.844/1/1; 1968
SAD.844/2/1 Engraving block of an ancient carving depicting a falconry scene: an illustration for Mellor's book on falconry

8. Printed material

Separated printed material now in Durham University Library

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

