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MATHER PAPERS

Robert Mather (1782 - 1855) settled in V.D.L. in 1822 with his family. He had married in 1811 Ann Benson (1786-1831), daughter of Rev. Joseph Benson, and their children were: Sarah Benson, who married George Washington Walker in 1840, Joseph Benson, Robert Andrew, John, Samuel.

See also M.10 and R.7 for other papers of the Mather family.

ROBERT MATHER (1782-1855) AND ANN (BENSON, 1786-1831)

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- 1 Advertisement for Messrs Mather and Hopkins 1822  
(modern copy)
- 2 Advertisement for lease of mill in Collins Street from Robert Mather 1822  
(modern copy written in pencil)
- 3 Letter from John Benson to his brother in law Robert Mather ND. 5 April  
Refers to cholera epidemic and asks for news of his sister and of the colony.

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## 4 Diary of Ann Mather 1802-1807, 1820-22, 1829-1831

Parts of a diary kept by Ann Mather. It is incomplete because, as her husband wrote to her brother, she had torn out most of the pages before her death. The parts remaining consist mainly of spiritual reflections and references to her illness. She describes their being detained for five weeks in Ramsgate in the ship 'Hope' on 8 December 1821: 'We are totally deceived in the owners'. On her daughter, Sarah's 18th birthday Ann noted that she dated her bodily afflictions from Sarah's birth, 'I took cold in my first lying in from the carelessness of the nurse'. On the birthday of son John, 11 July 1831 she noted that she had sent him to school to Mr Lindley for 12 months. She also refers to a visit from 'our missionary' Mr Hutchinson (21 July ?1831).

## 5,6 Letters to Robert Mather from his wife, Ann, May 1825, Dec. 1827

Mainly about her health and prayer

7-10 Letters from Ann Mather to her son, Joseph, 20 Nov. 1827, 9 Dec. 1827,  
29 May 1828, 8 June 1830

Mainly spiritual advice and education - she was sorry his father detains him from school in the shop, but hoped to persuade his father to permit another year at school and recommended rigid attention to his studies (1827). Also request to buy silk handkerchiefs for his father and nightcaps.

## 11,12 Ann Mather to her sons 27 Nov. 1830

Letter addressed to 'my very dear boys', containing moral and spiritual advice. Also another copy unsigned and unaddressed. (Found with her papers after her death)

## 13,14 Letter from Robert Mather to his son Joseph c 1840

Letter to 'my son Joseph Benson Mather' with draft for rent in Sydney. He suggests that Joseph might return soon and asks him to remind his brother that his father was not too old to remember he had a son Robert. Also end of a letter on wrapper sheet with love to daughter Ann (wife of Robert Andrew) and signature, dated 1840.

15 Request to Mr Mather, Ralph's Bay Neck, to allow the Norfolk Bay boat  
across his neck on Government Business. 5 Jan. 1834

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## CAPTAIN JAMES DIXON

James Dixon (d. 21.11.1865, aged 78) was the brother of Esther Dixon, second wife of Robert Mather.

16 Letter from J. P. Gell to Capt. Dixon 18 Oct. 1843

J. P. Gell, secretary of the Tasmanian Society, to Capt. Dixon at Mr Mather's asking for a copy of his work for the Library of the Tasmanian Society [Narrative of a voyage to V.D.L. & N.S.W. by Capt. James Dixon, master of the 'Skelton Castle', pub. 1822].

Note on back: 'Notes from V.D.M.L. Sir John Franklin and Sir Eardley Wilmot, with paper on the growth of flax by R. Crawford'.

17,18 Dixon to Governor and reply 16 Feb. 1846

Draft of letter from James Dixon, Skelton Castle, to Sir Eardley Wilmot, Governor, on the cause of the depression in V.D.L. and advocating growing flax, etc. Also letter of thanks from the Governor.

19 Letter from W. Lansley to James Dixon 24 May 1856

W. Lansley, an acquaintance, was ~~sorry~~ sorry he could not include 'your region of this great country' in his visit.

## ROBERT ANDREW MATHER

Robert Andrew Mather (1815-1884) son of Robert and Ann Mather, married Ann Pollard (1820 - 1892) daughter of Theophilus Pollard and Ann (Lidbetter) in Sydney in 1839. Their children were: Samuel Robert (born 1843, d. infan.), Ann Benson (born 1845, married (Shoobridge)), Sarah Benson (1846 - 1875), Robert (1847 - 1913), Theophilus Henry (born 1849), Thomas Bourne (1851 - 1925), Joseph Benson and Anna Maria (d. infan) twins (born 1852), Jane Dixon (born 1854), George Lidbetter (1859-1864).

Robert Andrew Mather founded the firm of R.A. Mather, importers and family drapers in Liverpool Street, Hobart, in 1849. In 1876 he took into partnership his sons, Robert and Thomas, and changed the name to Andrew Mather & Co. In 1894 Thomas retired leaving the business to Robert.

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- 20 Marriage record (Quaker) 22 Aug. 1839  
 Marriage of Robert Andrew Mather, draper of Sydney, son of Robert Mather of Hobart, and Ann Pollard, formerly of Great Swanport, V.D.L. at Friends' Meeting House, Sydney.
- 21 Also copy of permission from Hobart Meeting 13.6.39
- 22 Baptismal certificate of Ann, daughter of Thomas and Susan Lidbetter, Lancing, Sussex [U.K.] 10 April 1788
- 23 Birth certificate (Quaker) of Ann, daughter of Theophilus Pollard, farmer and Ann (Lidbetter) his wife, at Piddington, Sussex. Signed by 2 witnesses 3.5.1820
- 24 Birth certificate (Quaker) of **Samuel Robert**, son of Robert Andrew Mather, of Sydney, draper, and Ann his wife, at Sydney. 26.5.1843
- 25 Burial certificate of Samuel Robert Mather, died 5.12.1843, aged 6 months, buried Friends' Burial Ground, Sydney.
- 26 Birth certificate (Quaker) of Sarah Benson, daughter of Robert Andrew Mather of Hobart, draper, and Ann his wife, at Hobart, 9.8.1846

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- 27 Birth certificate of Theophilus Henry, son of Robert Andrew Mather, draper of Hobart and Ann, in Murray Street, Hobart, 12.2.1849
- 28 Birth certificate (Quaker) of George Lidbetter, son of Robert Andrew Mather, draper of Hobart, and Ann, in Liverpool Street, Hobart 10.8.1859  
(23-28 parchment certificates)
- 29 'Sketch of character of Miss Sarah Benson Mather by A. S. Hamilton' [phrenologist] Feb. 1855
- 30-32 Bills for schooling of Ann Benson and Sarah from Margaret Beale and Robert and Thomas from H. M. Pike, City School, Hobart. 1856, 1861
- 33 Copy of E. O. Cotton's letter to his father and to a friend describing the death of Sarah [Mather] his fiancée 12.3.1875
- 34 Robert Andrew Mather to Arthur - letter of thanks for birthday wishes  
17 Aug. 1884
- 35 Letter from R.A. Mather to Mrs S.A. Stevens 3 Oct. 1884  
R.A. Mather asks that his son Thomas Bourne Mather should be executor, as he felt prepared for death at any moment. (written 2 weeks before his death)
- 36 Will of R.A. Mather (attested copy) 1884
- 37 T. C. Smart, letter of condolence 18 Oct. 1884  
Thomas C. Smart, Chairman of the Hospital Board to R. Mather - condolence on death of R.A. Mather
- 38 Testimony of Hobart Monthly Meeting on R.A. Mather Nov. 1884  
(draft)
- 39 British & Foreign Bible Society 1884  
Copy of minute of Committee of the Tasmanian Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, recording the Committee's sense of the loss sustained by the Society on the decease of their Treasurer, R.A. Mather. Signed by the secretary, J.B. Mather.

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- 40 Memorial cards, obituaries and notices from newspapers, poem by Elma Ward, in envelope endorsed: 'notes from the papers of dear Father's death etc'

## ROBERT MATHER (1847-1913)

Robert Mather (1847-1913), son of Robert Andrew Mather, was a partner with his father and brother, Thomas, in Andrew Mather & Co. importers and family drapers, Liverpool Street, and took over the business in 1894 when Thomas retired. He was on the committee of the Friends High School, a trustee of the Tasmanian Temperance Alliance and was appointed a justice of the peace in 1895. Robert Mather married Elizaeth Ann Fisher in 1874 and they had ~~eight~~ <sup>ten</sup> children: Robert Douglas (died 14 Feb. 1878 aged 2½), Oswald Lidbetter (born 1876), Ruth Annie (1878), Lillie Roberta (1879), Hazel Mary (?1880), Raymond Lamont (1883-1962), Ida Sarah (1885), Robert Andrew (1886-1968) Irene (1889-1893), Clara Hope (1892-1973).

- 41 Letter from Sarah Benson Walker to her nephew Robert Mather 28 June 1869
- 42 Letter from Robert Mather to William Pollard 30 June 1871  
Robert Mather, Sindh Ghur, Essendon, Victoria, to his uncle William Pollard describing Melbourne where he was to spend a year to learn the business. Letter returned from 'Dead Letter office'. Includes engraving of Melbourne Hospital and Post Office by G. Nichols.
- 43 'Account of the wreck of the Victoria Tower' 17.10.69 (copy 6.6.72)  
'Copied for Robert by his cousin Maggie Lidbetter'
- 44 Employment testimonial of Robert Mather from Buckley & Nunn, Melbourne, 1872
- 45 Letter from Annie Shoobridge 25 Dec, 1892  
Letter of condolence from Annie M. Shoobridge, Bushy Park, to Robert and Annie Mather on death of 'Little Irene'.
- 46,47 Letters from the President of the Temperance Alliance, L. Lodge, to Mrs. R. Mather, expressing pleasure at her recovery from illness 1897 Dec.

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48,49 Appointment as J.P. 6 Nov. 1895  
Robert Mather's appointment as a justice of the peace and a note that he 'affirmed' the office on 22.1.96
- 50 Duncan Love to R. Mather 19 June 1913  
Letter from Duncan Love, Melbourne, to Robert Mather - glad that sons, Raymond and Andrew, were doing well in the business.
- 51 Robert Mather's death notices and obituaries, including copy of the testimony read at Hobart Monthly Meeting 1. 9. 1913
- ROBERT ANDREW MATHER (1886-1968)
- Robert Andrew Mather was son of Robert Mather He married in 1912 Ruth Anna Howie in Melbourne
- 52 Letter from Thomas B. Mather 4 August 1907  
Thomas B. Mather to his nephew Andrew - congratulations on 'attaining to "mans estate"' and recommending truth and righteousness.
- 53 Note of good wishes from assistants at 95 Liverpool Street to R.A. Mather on leaving to get experience in Melbourne 6 Aug. 1908
- 54 Marriage certificate 13 Aug. 1912  
Marriage certificate (registrar's) of Robert Andrew Mather, aged 26, draper, bachelor, of Hobart, son of Robert Mather and Ann Elizabeth (Fisher), and Ruth Anna Howie age 25, of Hawthorn, Victoria, daughter of William Howie (deceased) and Anna (Beale), celebrated at Friends' Meeting House, Melbourne.
- 55 James Murdoch to Annie E. Mather 3 Mar. 1922  
Letter from James Murdoch to Annie E. Mather thanking her for visiting him and remembering the loss of his 'dear wife Clara', signed 'your affectionate brother, James Murdoch'.

## JOSEPH BENSON MATHER (1814 - 1890)

Joseph Benson Mather was the eldest son of Robert and Ann Mather and joined his father in the business R. Mather & Son, draper and hosier in 1836. Later he established his own business and took his son, Joseph Francis, into partnership in 1874 as J. B. Mather & Son, merchant tailors and importers of Liverpool Street, Hobart. J. B. Mather was Clerk to the Hobart Meeting of the Society of Friends, and was also secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Tasmania and helped the Ragged School movement. In 1842 he married Anna Maria Cotton, daughter of Francis Cotton and Anna Maria of Kelvedon but she died in 1856 at the age of 32. Their children were: Joseph Francis (1844 - 1925), m. (1) Margaret Ann Lidbetter 1874 (d. 1876 age 23) (2) Lucy Margaret <sup>Thompson</sup> (d. 1912); Anna Maria (1846); Esther Ann (1849) m. C. H. Robey 1884; Maria Louisa (1851-1857); Emma Elizabeth (1853) m. 1885 William Benson (d. 1927); Frances Josephine (1855-1856).

56 Letter to James Backhouse from convict 14 Feb. 1837

Copy of a letter addressed to James Backhouse and George Washington Walker by a convict confined on Goat Island, Port Jackson, N.S.W. - thanks for their address which was circulated and read to them by the catechist. The letter is very discursive. The original was apparently found in the writer's Bible.

57 'The Voice from the Scissors' Mock newspaper Jan. 1862

Handwritten

58- Letters from Rev. Samuel Benson 1862, 1869, 1871

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Rev. Samuel Benson, St. Saviour's Parish, Southwark, London to his nephew Joseph:

58) 26 Sept. 1862 - glad to hear from those dear to him but so far away, reference to 'your grandfather [Rev. Joseph Benson], death of 'Uncle John Benson', his parish contained large school, also large Friends' Meeting House. (cross written)

59) 10 Apr. 1869 - death of 'Mr Mather', news of 'Uncle John and his family, his own parish large - 20,000

60) 15 Aug. 1871 - heard of death of Joseph's sister's third daughter who appeared to prefer death to life but sorry to hear of poor health of her brother. Rev. Benson praised Joseph for his good works, his father's wedding day had been one of prayer and praise.

61 Testimony of the Hobart Monthly Meeting respecting Joseph Benson Mather, deceased Aug. 1890



Written whilst visiting Sydney under a concern approved by a special Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends held at "Kelvedon", Great Swanport, Tasmania, on 13 June, 1839, when a travelling minute was issued (See S.1/11(1)) He left Tasmania on 7 Aug. 1839 on the "James" (diary entry 7 Aug. 1840).

He stated that the labours he believed himself called to do in Sydney were not generally of a public nature but lay much among the few persons there making profession with Friends, among whom the Good Seed, once sown, had become very much overgrown with weeds & were thus rendered unfruitful.

For his report, dd. 3 Dec. 1840, made to the Hobart Meeting on his return to Tasmania, see S.1/11(1).

He lived with his brother & sister-in-law at the Friends Meeting House in Macquarie Street & gave details of each Meeting for Worship. These were held once on Thursdays & twice on Sundays, sometimes with background noises of children playing with horses in an adjoining paddock. He noted the number of people attending each meeting & commented on an unQuakerly mode of dress, a frivolous hairstyle or restless behaviour with disapproval. The gay appearance of some members was 'very painful' to him when the Society of Friends generally set a pattern of plainness. He was concerned about a disowned Friend, John Tawell, 'offering a premium to Friends who will emigrate to this Colony. There are now several persons in Sydney who have come out at the instigation of John Tawell. Some birthright members, but some disowned, who are as stumbling blocks & hindrances.....The golden bait is taken by mercenary persons who so soon as they arrive here are so overwhelmed in the acquirement of wealth that nothing else is thought of by them'.

He arranged burials at the Friends' Burial Ground,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles away, sometimes hiring the man in charge of the adjoining Catholic ground to dig the grave & to attend the funeral with his ropes & planks. The coffin of their servant girl's mother was carried all the way on men's shoulders to save the expense of a hearse.

The Meeting House was occasionally used by the Temperance Society at whose meetings John Saunders, a Baptist Minister, lectured. The Governor, Sir George Gipps, chaired the Annual General Meeting & his wife set a good example by attending meetings & then signing as a member of the Society.

Joseph Benson Mather described daily life - family Bible readings, calling on friends, having visitors to dine, writing letters & taking them to the Post Office. He wrote of arrivals & departures of ships & visits on board. For example, William Boadle, the Quaker master of the "Bengalee", ran his ship on total abstinence principles to keep good order among the crew. When visited on board in July he was grieving for his previous vessel, the "Siam", which sank on his last voyage although it had been considered perfectly safe only half an hour before sinking. Captain Boadle was, however, thankful that all lives were saved - his wife & children, who had sailed with him for the past seven years, had been taken out of bed & put into a boat in their night clothes. He observed that there were no other Meetings of the Society of Friends at any other 'foreign' port at which he touched.

Local events were recorded, including two big fires in George Street. The celebrations for the 51st. Anniversary of the Colony which were to be held on 27 Jan. (the 26th. being a Sunday) were postponed due to wet weather. At the time of the Queen's Birthday festivities on 25 May, fireworks were prohibited under heavy penalty because of their danger. (The saving of waste was noted with satisfaction). Disapprovingly, he watched a procession to the site of a new Catholic chapel where a foundation stone was to be laid. "The Town was put into a considerable state of excitement.....& the main street was crowded". School children walked two by two, each school headed by a flag-bearer & persons carrying wands, followed by men & women two by two,

100 cont'd. the women dressed in white caps. The long train was followed by the Bishop bearing his crozier & the priests dressed in spangled robes, accompanied by a band of music, in spite of a message from the Governor requesting that there might be as little display as possible. A young woman in the procession later died of sun-stroke through not wearing a bonnet.

Weather conditions were frequently mentioned. Very hot & oppressive days in summer often changed suddenly after a cold southerly wind called a Brickfielder. Mosquitos were very troublesome. Continuous heavy rains caused bad floods throughout the town. The only sewer in Macquarie Street was a temporary one which emptied into a piece of waste land. It had become blocked & the Meeting House cellar where stores belonging to a disowned Quaker grocer Abraham Davy, were kept, was badly flooded & the Meeting House suffered from rising damp & mildewed benches. Workmen were employed to pump out the water & dig a drain, on one occasion working until 10p.m. Joseph Benson Mather later helped to clean & re-arrange the cellar. It was very damp & dirty & the "effluvia arising therefrom was most unpleasant".

Just prior to leaving Sydney, he collected letters from various friends & acquaintances for delivery in Hobart, ruled some books to leave as Registers of Births & Deaths to save the necessity of sending to Tasmania for copies when required & made enquiries concerning the conveyance of the Meeting House property. Nothing could be done as the solicitor had still not heard about the Grant. He also wrote to a Friend, David Richards, about his request to build a cottage on the Friends' Burial Ground at his own expense & had later conversations with him. He called at the Colonial Secretary's Office about the Grant for the Burial Ground but they were awaiting the form of Deed from the Crown Law Officers. At last, having fulfilled all his obligations in Sydney he began to "feel like a free man, not being aware of anything.....left unattended".

(quarto volume, the pages loose, apparently cut out)

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62 Obituaries and death notices of J. B. Mather 1890

## ANNA MARIA (COTTON) MATHER

Wife of Joseph Benson Mather

63 Letter from Esther Dixon ND. c 1840

Esther Dixon to Maria Cotton about Mrs Cotton's illness, Yearly Meeting and her hope that Maria would visit them after it, cherries in garden, no frost yet.

64 Letter from Esther Dixon ND. c 1840

Sorry to leave Kelvedon after her visit, news from U.K. Friends, garden.

65 Letter from Esther Dixon 5. 6. 1842

Esther Dixon to Anna Maria (Cotton) Mather about Esther's forthcoming marriage to 'Mr Mather' [Robert Mather]; she would be sorry to leave her brother alone and will miss her garden and the country life.

66 Letter from Esther Mather 20 . 8 . 1850

Esther (Dixon) second wife of Robert Mather to (Anna) Maria Mather at Kelvedon - refers to the little boy and the baby and asks for more seaweed.

67 Letter from Ann Mather 31 Jan. 1842

Ann wife of Robert Andrew Mather (1815-1884) from Sydney to (Anna) Maria Cotton - her illness, heat in Sydney, Robert's safe return, etc.

68 Letter from Ann Mather 21 . 1. 1843

Ann Mather to (Anna) Maria (nee Cotton) welcoming her into the family after her marriage with 'our dear brother', also news that Ann was expecting a 'visitor' in 5th month.

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## J. FRANCIS MATHER (1844 - 1925)

Son of Joseph Benson Mather,

*Clerk To Friends' School Committee*

- 69 Letter from Esther Mather 6.4.1865  
Esther Mather to her [step] grandson Joseph Francis - congratulations on his 21st birthday
- 70 Letter from Esther Mather 1 . 8 . 1865  
Esther Mather to her [step]grandson :- her likeness from Woolleys better than the coloured ones from Smiths.
- 71 J. Francis Mather's note on the ages and deaths of his relatives and his own health, signed, and certified by J. F. Mather. 1D.
- 72 List of Benson family births and children of Rev. Joseph Benson and Sarah (Thomson), copied by Sarah Benson Walker from her grandmother's bible. Some of the children were baptized by 'Mr Wesley'
- 73 Report of memorial service at Friends' High School for J. Francis Mather 1925
- 101, J.F.Mather's miscellaneous letter files c 1875-1923  
102  
Miscellaneous letters, photos etc. from Friends, especially English Friends, relatives etc. and miscellaneous material relating to Friends' High School, Meeting House, etc. stuck into letter file albums - the cover of one marked 'F.H.S. Inquiry for G.M.' *(See Appendix)*  
(2 vols)
- ESTHER ANN(MATHER) ROBEY
- Daughter of Joseph Benson Mather  
(Married Charles H. Robey)
- 74 Letter from Ann Mather 28 Oct. 1884  
Ann, widow of R. A. Mather to her <sup>16</sup>niece Esther (Mather) Robey on the death of her husband, R. A. Mather - addressed to Stanmore, N.S.W.
- 317 Esther Mather's Commonplace Book c 1858-1881  
Album of poems, drawings, autographs, photographs, memorabilia.

## OBITUARY NOTICES OF RELATIONS

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- 75-84 Memorials, funeral notices or obituaries of relations and relations by marriage of the Mather family:

'Memoir of Sarah Lidbetter' died 1831 aged 9½, pub. 1869;  
Poem in memory of John Benson Mather, died 1856 aged 4 years, by 'G.P.';  
'lines on the death of Isabella, wife of John Mather, died 1863, by George Pullen; obituary notices of George Washington Walker, 1859; extract from the Christian Times on Rev. Samuel Benson, M.A. (d.1881), 1865 obituary notice of Francis Cotton, 1883; article on G.F. Story by E. O. Cotton]; funeral and obituary notices of J. E. Walker, 1899; William Benson 1927; T. H. Pollard 1930.

## NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF QUAKERS

- 85 Cuttings from the Mercury on the Society of Friends and the tercentenary of George Fox, 1924, by E. E. Unwin, 1924; and the centenary of Quakerism in Australia, 1933
- 86 I. May Shoobridge's draft of article on centenary of Friends in Australia 1932

## CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS

- 87-93 Reports, etc. of charities of which members of the Mather family were officers or supporters:

Benevolent Society of Hobart Town (R.A. Mather (d.1913) Secretary, T.B. Mather (d. 1925) Chairman): Reports 1876, 1884, 1925;  
Tasmanian Temperance Alliance Jubilee: Tasmanian Mail including photographs of past and present leaders, Alliance Rooms, etc 2 June 1906; The Kindergarten, founded 1910: Report 1911;  
Kennerley Boys Home: Triennial Report 1925 (T.B. Mather, Chairman of Governors) and cutting about dedication of tablets to T.B. Mather, Canon Shoobridge, and Edward Harmon;  
Young Mens Christian Association. Report 1887-8 (R. Mather one of the auditors)

## MISCELLANEOUS

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- 94 Facsimile of the Derwent Star 3 Apr. 1810 (copy)  
Funeral of Governor Collins
- 95 The Trumpeter, Hobart, 29 Apr. 1842  
Free advertising paper
- 96 'The founding of Hobart Circuit' (Methodist) c 1890  
Page from The Spectator
- 97 Cutting from the Colonial Times describing the voyage of the  
iron ship 'Swarthmore' 13 Jul. 1855
- 98 Cutting from the Colonial Times about the Eastern Coast Steam  
Navigation Co. Dec. 1855
- 99 Copy of E. O. Cotton's articles for the Courier 1905  
Short articles on The Schoutens, Swansea, Malahide,  
Smith O'Brien, 'A big black snake'. (typed carbon copy)
- 100 Diary of Joseph Benson Mather 1840
- 101, J.F. Mather's miscellaneous letter files c <sup>1853-1925</sup> 1875-1923  
102 (See Appendix)

## PHOTOGRAPHS

- 103 [Friends'] General Meeting, Hobart. (small group) Sept. 1904
- 104 General Meeting of Society of Friends in Australia ? Sept. 1904  
Picnic group at New Norfolk of Delegates etc. (from magazine)
- 105 Friends' Conference, Melbourne. 1910
- 106 Hobart Friends' Conference. (small Group) Easter, 1911
- 107 [Friends'] General Meeting, Hobart. Oct. 1925  
Garden party given by Andrew Mather at his home
- 108 Conference of Friends, Wellington, N.Z. n.d.  
From Supplement to the "Australian Friend"

## ROBERT AND ANN (BENSON) MATHER

- M.19 /  
109 Letter from Robert Mather, London, to parents Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mather, Swinton Mill Toll by Coldstream, describing 'miracle' of wife Ann's recovery from long illness and disability.  
6 February 1816.
- 110 Pocket ledger for 1822, with cash entries 1836.  
Pocket at front contains:  
cash vouchers 1823, 1826 and n.d.,  
receipt for case of cut glass 28 April 1825,  
printed advert. for Robt. Mather, hosier,  
20 Sun St., Bishopsgate St. n.d.
- 111-124 Letters from Ann Mather to son Robert [Andrew] September 1825 - September 1830 and n.d.  
Parental and moral advice, criticism of his impetuous temper, slovenliness and general conduct.  
(14 letters)
- 125 Letter of condolence from H.M. Pike, Jericho, on death of Ann Mather.  
28 August 1831.
- 126 Part letter from Robert Mather to G.W. Walker, c/o Capt. Dixon, 'Skelton Castle'.  
25 December 1840.  
(with seal)
- 127 Probate of will and codicil of Robert Mather (died 26 March 1855) proved 16 April 1855, signed by Supreme Court Registrar, 9 May 1855.  
(parchment, with seal)
- 128 The Schooner Ann  
Description of schooner built at Compton Ferry, V.D.L. in 1831 by George Edwards for Robert Mather who sold her in 1835. She was lost at sea shortly after. n.d.

## BENSONS

- M.19/  
129 Inscription on tombstone [Wesley's City Road Chapel, East London] of Rev. Joseph Benson, died 16 February 1821 aged 73 and wife Sarah, died 3 January 1810 aged 52. (parents of Ann Mather (1786-1831))
- 130 Letter from [Rev.] Samuel Benson, St. Saviour, Southwark, to sister Ann Mather. 16 August 1830.  
Concern for her health and lonely condition, news of his marriage, sale by brother John of father's plans and other works, debt of £500 for publications.
- 131-2 Letters from [Rev.] John Benson, Somerset, to brother-in-law, Robert Mather:
- 131 Replying to letter sending news of Ann's death. 26 June 1832.
- 132 News of friends and family inc. death of Robert's brother [Adam] who had taken over Robert's hosiery business in Sun St., Bishopsgate. n.d. c.1836?  
(2 letters)
- 133 Extract from "The Christian Times" of article by Rev. Samuel Benson. 28 April 1865.  
(MS)
- 134 Letter from Emma (Benson), 'Swarthmore', Killara, Sydney, to Betsy (Esther Robey) tracing the Benson family including references to Archbishop Benson and the Harleian Pedigree and meeting relatives in U.K. 19 August 1930.



## JOSEPH BENSON MATHER

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Letters from James Backhouse

- 135 From Cape Town, requesting J.B. Mather to forward parcels and to give copies of 'The Report' to Capt. Maconochie (A.D.C.?) with remembrances to him and wife and the Governor and Lady Franklin, to Friends' library, Hobart and to Robert Andrew (Mather) for Friends' library, Sydney. 1 August 1838.
- 136 Testimony for Geo. W. Walker after his death.  
(requested by J.B.M. and Francis Cotton) 13 August 1859.  
(2 letters)
- 137 'Joseph Benson Mather' (died 17 May 1890)  
Reprint from 'The Mercury'. 19 May 1890.
- 138 Testimony of Hobart Monthly Meeting (Soc. of Friends) to  
'Joseph Benson Mather, A Minister, Deceased'. August 1890.
- 139 'Re Will - J.B. Mather'  
Submission by J. Francis Mather appealing against his father's Will, giving details of his many years of hard work in his father's business. 10 June 1890.  
(10 pages in large handwriting)

## ROBERT ANDREW AND ANN(POLLARD) MATHER

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Letters from Robert Andrew Mather, Meeting House Cottage, Macquarie St., Sydney, to brother Joseph Benson Mather.

4 March 1838 - 10 Nov. 1843

Quote of memo from John Tawell concerning deeds of trust and grants for the Meeting House land and the burial ground. Also description of Meeting House contents and arrangements for window-cleaning and gardening. Quaker views on anti-slavery inc. extracts from 'The Christian Advocate' and the 'New York Evangelist' on slavery (4 Mar. 1838). Housekeepers for Meeting House after problems with George Bell (copy of note to Geo. Bell enclosed with letter 2 Jan. 1839), ex Norfolk Island convicts William Comstive and Dennis Shea (see also W.7/1) (26 Sept. 1842) family, friends, shipment of goods, Quakers incl. Abraham Davy, William Nichollias and David Richards who built a cottage at the Quaker Burial Ground. He had commenced building a badly planned cottage without consulting R.A.M. who advised him to change the lay-out. Details and small sketched plans (6 Dec. 1840).

Encl. from wife Ann thanking J.B.M. for presents (15/17 Aug. 1841) and addendum (27 Aug. 1842). Note from brother John at end of letter 1843.

(51 letters, 1 incomplete n.d.)

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Letter from Anna Maria Cotton to Robert. May 1839.

On Ann's departure, resigning her charge Ann [Pollard] into his hands and wishing them every happiness.

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Receipt for deposit for passage to Sydney per the "James" for Joseph Benson Mather and Ann Pollard, 26 July 1839. (Enclosed in letter from J.B.M. to niece Annie (Ann B. Mather) as a memento of her mother 5 Sept. 1857).

## LETTERS FROM ANN MATHER

- M.19/  
193 To brother-in-law John. 6 March 1841  
Family, friends, scarlett (sic) and typhus fevers very prevalent in Sydney with several deaths, death of J. Reeve's young wife and baby, visit of father(in-law) to Skelton Castle in the country, possibility of a stepmother.
- 194 To sister-in-Law Anna Maria (Cotton), wife of Joseph Benson Mather.  
From Sydney: preparations for birth of baby, new servant for 5/- a week, J.B.M's health. 19 March 1843.
- 195 From Brocks Building, Hobart: Anna Maria's and baby's poor health [staying at Kelvedon?] looking after Anna Maria's other children next door. Joseph B. and Robert's steam business very harassing. Making silk bonnets for R.A. May and stepmother, five teeth extracted. 4 March 1856.  
(3 letters)
- 196 Letter to Ann (Pollard) Mather from brother-in-law Jos. B. Mather sending chair for her 36th birthday as dying bequest from his wife. 3 May, 1856.  
Endorsed with notes by: Robert Mather on death of mother, leather chair to be his - above letter given to him by sister Annie B. Shoobridge 23 Feb.1892.  
: Oswald L. Mather, letter read to him and brother Robert Andrew by their mother Ann E. (Fisher) Mather, 16 April 1921.
- 197 Deed of partnership  
Between Robert Andrew Mather and sons Robert and Thomas Bourne Mather.  
Witness: Thos. Ikin, Jr., [? of Young and Walker] 7 Feb. 1881

## ROBERT AND ANN (ELIZABETH FISHER) MATHER

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Robert Mather

- 198 Birth note, Hobart Monthly Meeting (Soc. of Friends)  
3 witnesses (born 5 Nov. 1847) 13 September 1848.
- 199 Letter from his mother Ann (Pollard) Mather n.d.  
'A New Year's Gift' to her 'dear little son', a likeness  
[of his parents].
- 200 Letter to father with poem by Cunningham copied for his  
birthday. 17 August 1858

City School, Hobart

- 201 Essay (with teacher's comments) 28 July 1860.  
"Sketch of Tasmania as it was and is now".
- 202,203 Letters to his parents written from City School, Hobart,  
announcing mid-summer vacations, prize givings, recitations, etc.  
10 Dec., 1861, 9 Dec. 1863.
- 204a,b Letter from father sending books for his birthday, thanking him  
for trying to please his parents during past year but still room  
for improvement.  
(2 similar letters - one a draft?) 5 November 1862
- 205 Letter from headmaster, H.M. Pike to R.A. Mather informing him  
that son Robert has obtained £12 scholarship for 1864 and suggesting  
some tangible show of satisfaction for Robert's industry and good  
conduct. 24 September 1863.
- 206 Quarterly accounts from City School to R.A. Mather for sons  
T., J. and R.(1), J. and R. (5). 2 Oct.1865 - 1 Jan.1867  
(6 accounts, 2 receipted)
- 207 Brochure for City School, Hobart Town. 90 Macquarie St.  
Headmaster (H.M. Pike) and five masters. n.d.
- 208 Half-term holiday permits granted for industry and good conduct,  
signed by H.M. Pike, headmaster. Feb. - Nov. 1863.  
(6 cards)

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## Robert and Ann (Fisher) Mather

- 209 Letter from James Murdoch to Miss Annie Fisher enclosing gift of 2 small paintings to commemorate (sic) a coming event and wishing her happiness. 14 October 1874.
- 210 Marriage certificate for Robert Mather and Ann Elizabeth Fisher signed by William Charles Robinson, Minister, Congregational Church, Brisbane St. 19 November 1874.
- 211 Letter to Robert from brother, Thomas B. Mather, enclosing gift of money to help pay debts. 29 July 1878.
- 212,213 Letters to 'Mr. Robert' from William Fordham, managing the shop while Robert and wife away for health reasons. Details of shop trade, other shop-keepers, Lloyds Buildings in progress, many financial failures in Beaconsfield, tenders accepted for New Norfolk and Fingall (sic) railways, death of Mrs. Jas. Lord shortly followed by her son's death at the Derwent Hotel bar while drinking whisky. (2 letters) 1884, 1885.

## MATHER AND COTTON FAMILIES

- 214 Letter from Joseph W. Mather, San Francisco enquiring about possible connections with Mather and Cotton families and enclosing 'Circular to the Mather family' by Horace E. Mather, Hartford, Conn., U.S.A. 29 May 1882.
- 215 Copy of reply from Joseph Benson Mather with details of his family and disclaiming any connection with American Mathers or Cottons. 28 August 1882.
- 216 Letter from Sarah Benson Walker, Davey St., to brother Joseph Benson Mather about family history (prep. to his writing above letter) 31 July 1882.
- 217 Articles from "The Critic" on Mather family with 2 typed copies of foreword by J. Francis Mather. 22 Sept. - 10 Nov., 1922.

## JOSEPH AND MARGARET BEALE

M.19/

## Joseph Beale

218 Letter from Joseph Beale, Illaroo, to wife Margaret, 15 July 1855, concerning road to be build by Joseph [? Mather] between Patersonia and Ringarooma. Finding out information on various allotments in the area, inc. 500 acres John French, 500 acres H.C. Cotton. Threatening letter from Geo. Yates about the Murphys.

219 To Joseph B. Mather 4 May 1857  
Requesting assistance in obtaining payment of an account, move to Melbourne very satisfactory, earning twice his Hobart salary.

## Margaret Beale

220 Receipt for articles of furniture from Joseph B. Mather with option to buy. 2 July 1855.

221-224 Letters to Joseph Benson Mather Feb. 1857 - Dec. 1858  
Move to Melbourne, sons' farm at Bendigo, ground for Melbourne Meeting House (8 Feb. 1857), sudden death of husband (21 June 1857), visit from George Yates - setting up a butcher's shop (28 Sept. 1857) deaths of Jane Ann Kirkland, John Levitt (in a mental asylum). Daughter Sarah and husband to Liverpool for few years, family, friends (12 Dec. 1858)  
(4 letters, 1 receipt)

## ISAAC SHARP

225-243 Letters from Melbourne, Adelaide, Queensland, Sydney, N.Z., Middlesbro', Wales, Kent, London, China. 7 June 1881 - 8 Jan. 1893. To Joseph B. Mather, J. Francis Mather, Anna M. Mather, the 'trio' sisters - Anna, Esther and Emma Mather, Thomas B. Mather and C.R. Robey. Religious travels with J.J. Neave, news of friends and other Quakers inc. Edward Sayce, Mackies, Bensons, travels and adventures. Note from the Yangtse, en route to San Francisco via Shangai and Japan, to Thos. B. Mather includes a printed Chinese 'Christian' Almanak (sic) (8 Jan. 1893)  
(19 letters)

244 'The Society of Friends'  
Tercentenary of George Fox, the Founder of Quakerism by Ernest E. Unwin. [1]

II History of Early Efforts by J. Francis Mather  
III The Mesage of Quakerism by Ernest E. Unwin.

Booklet of reprints from 'The Mercury' 26 July, 2, 9 Aug. 1924.

- M.19/  
245 Quakerism. Centenary in Australia.  
Cuttings from 'The Mercury' 26 July 1924 - 7 Jan. 1933.
- 246 The Ralphs Bay Neck Railway  
Photocopy of address given to Tasmanian Historical Research Assocn.  
by Jack Thwaites. 10 October 1972.
247. 'The Knopwood Historical Lecture 1983'  
Given at Rokeby High School by Robert Mather, December 1983.  
(Photocopy)

## ROBERT MATHER (1782 - 1855)

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- 248 Framed display including:  
 Freedom of City of London granted to Robert Mather 1806.  
 "Paper Currency of the Early Days" [Hobart] 1823-1826.  
 (9 samples)  
 (51cm x 30cm in carved oak frame (61cm x 40cm)).
- 249 Framed display including:  
 Receipt for £250, passage to V.D.L. for Robert Mather and family in the "Hope". London, 8 Oct. 1821  
 Lt. Governor's thanks for books, reference to enclosure of order for 1,200 acres of land to Mr. Mather.  
 22 November 1824.  
 Two pages from Hobart Town Gazette, one with notice of goods for sale by Robert Mather, Pullen's House, Potter's Hill.  
 4 January 1823 and n.d.  
 (75cm x 30cm in carved oak 'triple' frame (85cm x 39.5 cm))
- 250 Bill 1840  
 Account on headed paper for items purchased from Robert Mather and Son by Henry Hopkins (receipted).

## ROBERT ANDREW MATHER (1815 - 1884)

- 251-2 Illuminated Address. 24 December 1864  
 To R.A. Mather and family for Christmas 1864 from assistants at store and reply from R.A. Mather.  
 Inscr: Presented to A. Mather & Co. by R. Morris, grandson of Thos. Morris, 1953.  
 (Printed: 1 framed, 1 copy)
- 253 Illuminated Address. 10 July 1884  
 To R. Andrew Mather after his retirement from the Chair, from the Executive Committee of the Benevolent Society in appreciation of 22 years service with the Society.  
 (55.5cm x 40cm, framed)



## JOHN MATHER (1817 - 1865)

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254 Obituary of wife 16 June 1863

"Lines on the Death of Isabella, the beloved wife of Mr. John Mather, and second daughter of Mr. Abraham Biggs, who departed this life on the 14 June 1863" by George Pullen.  
(Printed on silk, mounted).

## ROBERT MATHER (1847 - 1913)

255 Illuminated Address 19 November 1899

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mather on their Silver Wedding, signed by store assistants.

## ROBERT ANDREW MATHER (1886 - 1968)

256 Hobart Savings Bank Executive Committee. April 1964.

Photograph of 8 members (inc. R.A. Mather) seated at Board room table.

Presented to R. Andrew Mather on his retirement, 23 April 1964. Beattie Studio.

(36.5cm x 29cm., framed (55cm x 47.5cm) with brass inscription plate)

## MISCELLANEOUS

257-8 Mather family trees 1780 - 1887, 1782 - 1890

ANDREW MATHER DRAPERY BUSINESS  
(Title of business varied)

259-

261 Bills 1854, 1865, 1878

On headed paper for items purchased from:

R.A. Mather (receipted); R. Andrew Mather by John Meredith and L. Campbell (receipted).

262 Indenture 20 March 1883

For Margaret Louisa Shields, destitute child aged 12, as apprentice seamstress with Robert Andrew Mather & Co., 1 January 1883 - 31 December 1885.



## Photographs and Prints

277 J.B. Mather & Son, Tailors & Clothiers and  
& N R.A. Mather 91 [Liverpool St.] exterior before 1876  
(approx. 11cm x 20cm,  
negative approx. 6cm x 11cm)

Andrew Mather & Co., later Mathers, later  
Andrew Mather & Co. Pty. Ltd.

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289 Exteriors c.1876-1965  
(Photos, various sizes, some mounted,  
also artist's impression - pen and ink.)

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313 Showrooms, window displays 1910-1958 & N.D.  
(Photos, various sizes, framed or mounted,  
also 1 bundle un-mounted.)

## Miscellaneous Photographs

314, Early Hobart 1804,1829  
315 Sepia copies by Beattie of original sketches  
(Mounted: aprox. 34cm x 26cm and 21.5cm x 31cm,  
also copies in double frame 71.5cm x 33cm)

316 Franklin Square and waterfront [1866]  
by Samuel Clifford.  
Sepia copy.

For  
317 See after M.19/74

318  
A,B,C. Mather's Cricket Club. Premiers Drapers'  
Association 1927-1928  
(3 copies, mounted variously, with key.)

## ADVERTISEMENTS AND CIRCULARS

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- 263 Robert Andrew Mather, George St., Sydney, opening Saturday  
22 [July 1843] 21 July 1843
- 264 Mather & Son, 93 Liverpool St. Hobart. N.D.  
(3 copies)
- 265 History of Hobart firm of Robert Mather to J.B. Mather and Son  
1822 - 1874.  
(33cm x 28.5cm display notice on glass) 1874
- 266 R. Andrew Mather, Brocks Buildings [Liverpool] St.]  
(2 copies) N.D.
- 267 R. Andrew Mather, announcing partnership with sons Robert &  
Thomas Bourne, new business to be known as Andrew Mather & Co.  
from 1 Jan. 1879. [1878]  
(2 copies)
- Andrew Mather & Co.
- 268-9 4 Circulars copies 1 Dec. 1886
- 270-1 2 cards, Spring & Autumn 1 Apr. 1887 & N.D.
- 272 Illuminated Address to Lady Dobson announcing Autumn  
display (at 95 Liverpool St.)  
(Framed) 2 Apr. 1887
- 273 'View of Hobart, Tasmania from the Bay 1890' surrounded by  
illustrations of Hobart businesses inc. J.B. Mather & Son,  
97 Liverpool St. and Andrew Mather & Co., 91 Liverpool St.  
Litho by Rider & Mercer, Ballarat & Melbourne.
- 274 "Tasmanian Mail" 20 Oct. 1910.  
Full page, new summer goods.
- 275 'Reliability Cash Sale'. Wed. 7 June ? 1911
- Andrew Mather & Co. Pty. Ltd.
- 276 Spring & Summer Catalogue 1929 - 30

## DETAILS OF J.FRANCIS MATHERS' LETTER FILES (M.19/101,102)

JOSEPH BENSON MATHER

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 1858-1884 *(Alphabetical order)*

M19/

- 101(8) James Backhouse, York. 20 Jan. 1865.  
Has sent copy of journal of late George Richardson of Newcastle on Tyne; valuable record 'but not a book to be read off at once.' Also Annual Monitors.  
Received Francis Cotton's carte, asks for J.B.M's and encloses his own. His health, Friends' Meeting [York] - 259 members, details of meetings, classes, schools held by them.  
From family of James Backhouse. Written sketch, 29 Jan. 1869, of his health during last two years and his peaceful death (Printed).
- 101(11) J.B. Cotton, Brother-in-law, 'Kelvedon' 23 May 1858.  
Purchase of 47 or 45 acres from G. Arnold at £1 per acre plus 1/5. Payment to be made by instalments.  
Packing, shipment and sale of fruit, thrashing wheat, health of family.
- 101(15) M.G. Creeth, St.Kilda. 21 Aug. 1860.  
Little Helena v. ill several times, own health improving after still birth of second daughter. Influenza epidemic in Victoria and adjoining colonies. Family well, Octavius sailed for home on the "Eagle" on 19 April. To England for education. Hope S. Mather and family well since losing husband. New Meeting House [Melbourne] completed. Nice, comfortable lofty building. Mary and C. Brophy in good health. Remembrances to Ann Mather and family and to F. and R. Mackie.
- 101(15) S.T.(?) Creeth, Brighton. 25 Jan. 1875.  
Gathered from J.I. Dymond that the English Friends ('true gospel messengers') would be pleased if Hobart Friends could provide accommodation for their short stay as Adelaide Friends had done. In Melbourne they had preferred central lodgings. Dear old Friend Frederick Mackie there at present. Octavius enjoyed visit to Hobart and J.B.M's kindness. Letter from Ann Mather and mother. Visit from Lizzie Walker. Husband absent for some months, expected daily.
- 101(14) J.I. Dymond C/- S. Howie, 65 Swanston St. Melbourne 12 Jan.1875.  
Has telegraphed - 'Please hold Annual Meeting at usual time ...! Plans changed, hopes to be in Tasmania before Meeting. Would like information about Friends and other matters 'in reference to your Colony' as entire strangers to the locality.

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- 101(21) J.I. Dymond. 29 May 1884  
Refers to daughter Anna's marriage, memories of visit to Hobart, will entertain Ebenezer Shoobridge in Ilkley where he now lives. The London Yearly Meeting considered it a duty to help Canadian Friends in their 'divided condition' and several Friends (named) would visit.
- 102(4), Josiah Forster. 13 Feb. 1866, 17 July 1867.
- 101(7) From Tottenham, U.K. describing London Yearly Meeting, including address to Friends in Southern Hemisphere and Friends visiting Norway, Madagascar etc. James J. Neave and Walter Robson to visit Australia.
- 101(10) Hannah P. Fowler, Sydney. 26 October 1878.  
Visit of George Arnold from Melbourne - disappointed at smallness of Sydney Meeting. Some increase in numbers lately, however. Robert Douglas and J.J. Neave there, Jas. Martin returned after three years in America; Intended to settle there but climate too cold. Joseph Simms very feeble and aged but peaceful. J.J. Neave to attend Melbourne Annual Meeting, visit friends - particularly Bernard Alexander in Adelaide who came from England with him - then Hobart [Annual Meeting].  
Rachel Anne Mackie's husband likely to be at Melbourne General Meeting.
- 101(9) Thomas Gibson. 18 April 1872.  
Asking for cheque by return of post. Has to pay Bill lent to Mr. Spotswood on 24th.
- 101(11) O.H. Hedberg, Swedish House, Hobart, 19 Sept. 18?  
Bill head.

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102(15) William Horkin, Hobart. 14 Mar. 1854  
Happy to be assistant in Mather's Shop if suitable.
- 101(4) Henry Hunter 18, Macquarie Street. 7 Oct. 1875.  
Has inspected side wall of J.B.M's Liverpool Street premises (adjoining late Mr. Martin's property). Cause of dampness in lower rooms due to accumulation of earth, excreta, refuse banked against wall for years. Also old privy, with cesspool under, built against wall and probably draining under his floors. Details of remedy suggested but very expensive.
- 101(3) Thomas Lidbetter, Bombay. 19 March 1861.  
Attending supreme Court Criminal Sessions to give evidence against Hindu forger then returning to Kurachee (Sic) to wife and daughters. Difficulty of replacing governess.  
Receives Hobart Town Overland Summary.  
India in transition state - gradual opening up of Railway Communication, River Navigation and Irrigation.  
Imposition of Income Tax - very questionable proceeding - and other Taxes very unsettling for natives.  
Too few Christians in India.  
Fact of an Antarctic Continent seems thoroughly established in scientific minds, Lieut. Maury of Meteorological Fame urging desirability of further voyages of discovery in 'your Super Austral regions'. Opinion on Secession question in U.S.A.
- 101(10) Edward May, Adelaide. 5 June 1859.  
News of friends in Hobart on brother and sister's return from there.  
E.M. recently at Mount Barker. Met William and Mary at headquarters.  
Two Months Meeting to reply to proposition of Meeting for Suffering, London, to constitute and acknowledge several Australian Meetings for Discipline as independent Meetings.  
Two dissentients, so not accepted. Main objection - pecuniary liability.
- 101(4) William R. Wade. 1856.  
Invitation Card to Annual Recitations.
- 101(21) Young & Walker (Solicitors) Stone Buildings Hobart 29 Oct.1880.  
Payment of cheque for £14 for ½ year's interest on mortgage to 11th April last.

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## J.FRANCIS MATHER

PERSONAL PAPERS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED  
(chronological order)

- M19/  
101(2) His summary of years after leaving school. On Grandfather's properties Kelvedon & Earlham (Sandspit on E.Coast), 1864 employment with H.R. Bastow, architect and surveyor, for survey of 10 mile stretch of Huon Rd., 1865-early 1868 apprentice at Ellenthorp near Western Tier, 1868 to father's business until selling out, 1912.
- 101(1) Cousin, George B. Walker (apprentice at Ellenthorp) 26 June 1864 Shopping commissions, life on estate, request for price of Kangaroo skins.
- 101(2) William M. Bromby, Davey St. 1 June 1866 (apprentice at Ellenthorp, son of Bishop Bromby) Thanks for sending belongings, found sisters v. ill. Stayed at Archdeacon's then Dobson's. Leaving on next steamer.
- 101(1) R. Crawford [manager] Ellenthorp Hall. 16 Jan. 1867. Thanks for plans for improvement of estate [Gift, money encl?].
- 101(2) Harry E. Headlam (apprentice at Ellenthorp) 28 June 1868. Work & affairs 'winding up', workers being discharged. [The estate was taken over by 2nd son of late owner (G.C.Clarke) & manager, et al. dismissed].
- Marriage to Margaret Lidbetter and her death
- 101(5) Thomas & Deborah Lidbetter [1874] Invitation to Jos. Benson Mather. Wedding of their daughter Maggie to his son Joseph Francis Mather, 19 March 1874 at Friends' Meeting House, Hobart.
- 101(5) Description of holiday [honeymoon] on E.Coast by J.F.M. then death of wife 2 years later. 1 July 1876.
- 101(13) Uncle Henry Wilson, Ellerlea, Kendal. England, 14 May 1877. Ingelow's Poems "from Frank as reminder of dear Maggie". 'Tell my sister Wm Whitwell, 68, has ... new bride'.
- 101(13) S.H. Lade (Sarah) St.Mary's. 14 July 1876. Thanks for mementos of dear wife.
- 101(14) G. Howe, Trinity Hill. 7 Feb. 1877. Best thanks for val. remembrances of precious Maggie.



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## Letters from Friends

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- 102(39) Wm. Henry Fr. Alexander, 67 Webb St. Wellington. 2? Aug. 1913  
Now expect to go from Welln. to Melbourne. 1 or 2 weeks  
in Hobart late Oct. Please send applicn. forms for 2 boys  
(11 & 13) to Hobart School to Mrs. F. Muggeridge, Taranaki, N.Z.  
(See also Friends' School).
- 102(35) Joel Bean, College Park, California. 1 Aug. 1897.  
Sending book just published by Friend & Elder David Scull  
of Philadelphia.  
[Enc.] 1. from David Scull to above 23 Dec. 1896.  
Description of book, also religious books recently read.
- 102(37) Poem. Joel Bean, San Jose, Calif. 16 Dec. 1905.  
Printed poem "At Eighty".
- 102(51) Joel Bean, Honolulu. 6 Jan. 1910.  
Thanks for sympathy on death of wife. Australian General  
Meeting, fine address of Thos. Hodgkin, work of young  
Eng. delegates. In Honolulu for winter with daughter Catherine  
Cox and family (place in choicest society there).
- 102(33) Henrietta Brown, 14 Grandview Grove. 14 Dec. 1900.  
Plans for visiting Friends around Tasmania with E.M. Bishop (f)  
To stay at [Friends'] School.
- 101(34) Annie Carter, The Manor House, Houghton-le-Spring, Durham  
12 Aug. 1909.  
Visiting relatives, sorry not to meet before Mathers leave [Eng].  
Children, family.
- 101(33) Tom Carter, Park Square, Masham, Yorkshire. 15 Aug. 1909.  
Returning to W. Australia by "Apic" 18 Nov. Not unpacking  
books - cannot send vocab. and notes on aboriginals at Mereil,  
but will send list of words. Visits with family etc.
- 101(12) Edward O. Cotton, Kelvedon. 2 Aug. 1882.  
No tidings of lost clock. Wants bricks quickly per  
"Dauntless" with McGrath, or the "Alice Maud".  
5 or 6 weeks until [Helen's] baby.
- 101(12) Edward O. Cotton, Kelvedon. 19 Sept. 1883.  
Thanks for maize, 'Dr. R. Giblin joke'. Challenges action  
of Executive. Does not toady to Jonathan Dymond.
- 101(16) J.I. Dymond, Ilkley via Leeds. 20 Nov. 1876.  
Nearly 2 yrs. since visit to Colonies. 3 who visited Australia  
meeting in London to farewell J.J. Neave & family, sailing for  
Sydney on "Veloire". Young Friend, Bernard B. Alexander on  
same ship - sea voyage for health, recently engaged.

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101(16) Continued.  
Treasures portrait and card of Maggie.  
J.F.M. & cousins to establish Adult School [in Hobart].  
Cheering results in Yorkshire of teaching in Friends' First Day  
Schools. Last Y.M. decided to enlarge basis of Min. &  
Oversight Meetings. War Victims Fund, admin. in Bulgaria  
for distressed from war in European Turkey. Congrats. to  
Jas. B. Walker on passing Law examinations.
- 101(40) Gertrude Ellis, Stoneleigh, Leicester. 1 July 1909.  
Health news of Lucy (visited) and Susie (at home).  
Hopes satis. time in Cttee and interviews good. Longsbeth  
Thompson gained Chadwick (Engineering) Scholarship to  
London Univ., value £100.
- 102(41) Hannah Ellis, The Limes, Leicester. 15 Mar. 1911.  
Australian C'wealth Defence Act, conscientious objectors.  
Sending book "The Great Illusion" (against futility of war).  
Printed in most Europ. languages and Japanese. Sir Edward  
Grey's Parlt. speech - perpetual treaty for all points  
bet. Eng. & U.S.
- 101(47) M. Fagg, Cape Town, S. Africa. 13 July.  
Requesting testimonial from J.F.M. or Mr. Gower for Edith,  
teaching or art classes. Also asking Miss Petersen and  
Mr. Shepperd. Comments on S.Africa, self & son.
- 101(38) George H. Fox, Friends Mtg.Hse, 12, Bishopsgate Without, London E.C.  
18 May 1909.  
Brother of Lucy Hodgkin, wishes to meet F.M. at present  
Y.M. (under clock at 2.45).
- 101(34) T.Edmund Harvey, Toynbee Hall, Whitechapel. 13 Aug. 1909.  
Leaving London for 3 wks holiday in North, regrets missing  
J.F.M. (card).
- 101(38) Thos. Hodgkin, Heathorn Hotel. 17 March 1909.  
Apology for poor response to J.F.M.'s kind thought of asking  
Ministers to meet him. Thanks for Cttee's present of  
"Early Tasmania".
- 102(3) J.A. Holdsworth, Fairfield Heaton, Bolton. 21 Feb. 1904.  
£1 sub. to "Australian Friend". Many years since arr. in  
Hobart by L'ton coach (1876) with brother John.  
Kindness of J.F.M. and others.

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- 102(26,27) John Holdsworth, Parengahan, Puha nr. Gisborne. 6 June 1909. Recd. l. from J.F.M., S.S. 'Medic', posted Durban 21 Apr. 1909 to 'Swarthmoor'. Now staying with son Granville. Came with Hodgkin family who stayed for week. Looks forward to General Meeting, Adelaide. Hodgkins now in Auckland for 2 month meeting.
- 102(29) Mary E. Horsfall, East Kew, Melbourne. n.d. Sending report of General Meeting. 2 English Friends to visit N.Z. arr. next Orient boat.
- 102(43) B.B. Le Tall, Bootham Cottage, Mt. Stewart Rd. 13 July 1893. Thanks for allowing to read letter [? from late Jas. Backhouse]. Quakerly quotes, Greek & Latin literature, Shakespeare.
- 101(18) Debh. Lidbetter [mother-in-law] "Keemaree" 1 May 1878. Misses N. Hemisphere spring. Wilson [son] better. Ida's toothache. Copy of drawing from husband [in India].
- 101(18) Sister[-in-law] Ida, Bushy Park 'Keamaree'(sic) ? 1 May 1878. Family news. Papa [in India] coming in 6 months.
- 101(29,30) Helen S. Lidbetter (cousin), Cradock [S.Africa] 18 Apr. 1909. Unable to meet them in Cape Town. Sister Mary studying art with Ablett in London after year in N.York. Drought over, Aunt Rachel sends papers, Uncle Edward's memory failing, Aunt Helen. Mary Menell likes Ireland, glad J.F.M. and wife to visit her. Molly and Violet Mall also on 'Medic'. Marcus Shoobridge should farm in S.Africa.
- 102(41) Sarah J. Lury, Margency, Clevedon, Somerset. 1 July 1904. Enc. 6/- for "Australian Friends". Saw Mrs. Benson prev. year. Dorothea at York. Memories of week's visit to Mathers. Fredk. Andrew's a/c of visit to Friends' School [Hobart] to Y.M. Also John Rigg, better now.
- 102(6) William May, "Forest Hill". May 1894. Comments on Christian manhood papers. F.Hopkin's dictum of short papers for "Australian Friend". Married men leaving families for long periods serious, e.g. in Society [of Friends] Benjamin Seebohm & Robt. Lindsey 5 yrs. in U.S.
- 102(6) William May, "Forest Hill". 30 Sept. 1898. 2 articles from "American Friend" to "Australian Friend". Encl. another, also news cutting, Prof. Harnack's "History of Dogma". J.F.M.'s brother-in-law, C.H. Robey's, illness.

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102(45) Cousin Mary Mennell, Mooncoin, Nr. Waterford, Ireland. 30 May 1924. Thanks for kind condolences on death of little daughter, pupil at Sidcot [Quaker School in Eng.]. Hopes to visit mother in Hobart, with Roger & son, when property sold. Ireland peaceful at present.
- 102(8) Saml. Morris, Olney, Philadelphia. 27 July 1895. Marriage of son. Comments on plans for Hobart School. Sure of Philadelph. Friends' help with fund raising. Wm. J. Beale's 3 sons to Hobart School from Auckland. Late travelling companion [Jonathan E. Rhoads?] now in G.B. & Ireland. To Y.M., now to Meetings around England. Death of Henry Propsting's son. Frank Marsh, recently in Melbourne. News of Friends there, inc. Wm. & Emma Benson & family. (See also Friends' School).
- 101(26) Newland on "Leeuwin" 29 Mar. 1903. Farewell on leaving Australia. Visited Quakers in S. Australia, Thomas B. Grubb, Ashbys, Fennells and Maria Phillips. Sydney Quakers hope premises ready for next Gen. Mtg. Now going home to report on journey, and 'stir up' English Quakers to support Australian Quakers. Dr. C.J. Clark, recorded Minister, (son of late Dougan Clark, M.D., U.S.A.) and James N. Richardson, both of Bessbrook visiting Aust. and N.Z. per S.S. "Gothic".
- 101(36) Sarah G. Pumphrey, B'ham. 15 May 1899. L. from Margaret Pierce. Harry Robey's health, weather, family, Mary, cousin Anna Southall. Summer School in Sept. like Tearbro'. Y.M. next week. Saw J.J. Neave at Chelmsford. L's from Evelyn Cotton (child) to Mary, Mary Carins (Myrtle Bank), Minnie King ill again, Annie Cooper longs to be back in Tasmania. Will try to see Capt. Lidbetter, his daughter top girl at S[affron] Walden School. Niece Katie Grubb, teacher there. Bright a/c of Australian Ann. Mtg. from R.A. Mackie, settled with Fred Cooper. Samuel Hurnard m. last month. Bro. Tom to marry Carrie Dixon, little older than his daughters.
- 101(35) S.G. Pumphrey "Anchises"; Indian Ocean. 28 Mar. 1915. Soon in Durban. Ship loaded with wool, Albany. V. rough to Adelaide. Visited Robsons then Edwin Storr there. Stayed in Melbourne with Alice Pierce, girls with Mrs. Le Tall. Several men on board going to Front as doctors. Dr. & Mrs. Hope, Dr. & Mrs. Lynch, Miss Elwell on ship.

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102(9) Jonathan E. Rhoads, Wilmington, Delaware. 28 Dec. 1911.  
Enc. 8/- for Australian Friend sub. Int. in Aust. Friends  
since visit with Samuel Morris, 1893. Hobart kindness,  
J.F.M's Cousins Thos. & Robert Mather and families.  
Visit from Chas. Howie & John Hoyland (latter from B'ham, Eng.) -  
gifted younger Friends. Will send pamphlet by Alfred C.  
Garrett on Ministry & Worship to be distributed among  
pastors and others of "Friends' Church".
- 101(22) Charles Robinson, Saddlescombe, Hurstpinpoint, Sussex. 12 Oct. 1882.  
Recd. Frank's L. in San Francisco. 8 mths. away. Brother  
Ernest managed large business for him, but accident day after  
CR's return. He and friend Verrall travelled widely, liked  
Tas. best. Comments on U.S.A. Prices of farm stock.  
Economy good. Grass seed for [Hobart] Meeting House. Had J.F.M's  
'guard' made up by B'ham house 'Skilful artists in hair'.  
Sending guard with remaining hair. Pamphlet of Spurgeon's  
to J.F.M's cousin, Lewis May. Surprised at Thos. Lidbetter  
revisiting India. A/c. of Pollard relatives in Tas. to  
family in Brighton. Mather & Walker families, J.A. Pierce,  
Isaac Sharp, 'dear old man', recovering at Thos. Mason's.
- 101(34) Emily Robinson, Saddlescombe. 10 Aug. 1909.  
Sending collar box. Hopes Mrs. Mather progressing. (Plain card.)
- 102(29) Thos. B. Robson, Ellythorp, Hectorville, S.Aust. 19 Apr. 1888.  
Regrets epistle too late for annual meeting [Hobart].  
Circ. from M'bourne Ann. Mtg. brought before [S.Aust.]  
Two Mths. Mtg. in 2nd month, proposal to hold Conf. approved,  
hoped to send delegates - copy to M'bourne M.M. Subjects  
for consideration from other Meetings as soon as poss.
- 101(44) Isabella A. Rowntree, Stainton Dale, Cloughton, Yorks. 21 July 1915  
Thanks for L. of sympathy on death of husband Joshua -  
died 4 m. from Scarborough at home of his sister, Mrs. John Edward  
Ellis, 10 Feb. 1915.
- 101(22) Isaac Sharp, Humpybong, Redcliff, Moreton Bay. 22 Sept. 1881.  
At humble home of James & Jessie Mitchell & 2 sons David and  
Marshall. Edward's rabid letter of 22 Aug.  
Francis Cotton - 'dear James' on mission to Iowa & Illinois  
with Hannah Hull, to Chicago in June. ? Hobart Mtg.  
problems with Cottons, Kelvedon.
- 101(31) Joseph S 447 Hagley Rd. B'ham. 21 Sept. [1909].  
Too busy to farewell personally. Glad to hear 2 satisfactory  
assistants secured. Encouraging letters from Thorp and Littleboy -  
useful work in N.S.W.

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- 102(45) F.T. Whittington, Yattalunga, Anglesea St. 'Sunday night' n.d.  
Thanks for kind letter on verbal contr. at gathering for silent  
prayer.
- 102(39,38) Y.M. Australasian Reunions 22 May 1919, 1924.  
Cards, 1 with verse, signed by 16 Friends. var.
- 102(44) To J. Francis & Lucy M. Mather from Hobart Gen. Mtg. 20 Oct.1924.  
signed Fredk. Coleman, clerk.  
Greetings and loving sympathy in Mather's enforced absence from  
Meetings due to illness.

From J. Francis Mather

- 102(46,47,48) Copy of letter from S.S.'Medic' to W.H. Burgess. Apr.1909.  
Thanks for views of W.Coast of Tasmania, sent through Mr. Lamb.  
Also for providing afternoon for public goodbye for  
S.H. Burrows, W.M.Williams and self. Good voyage, 24 hours  
in Durban, description of various Municipal works. Native  
question, Cape Town, conditions on board, variety of  
passengers. Written at length to help intending passengers.

#### MISCELLANEOUS QUAKER CORRESPONDENCE

- 102(39) To J. Ridley Walker from Cephas Butler, Barnt Green near B'ham.  
4 August 1915.  
Enc. sub. for Australian Friend, 3/- . Happy recollections  
of visits to colonies especially Hobart and 'nice little Meeting'.  
War, war, war in England.
- 102(33) Priscilla (Wells) to William Wells. 1 June 1905.  
Sad ceremony previous day - death of 'dear aged saint'.  
'Dear girls to Scarborough'. Francis Brown M.A., Flounder Inst.  
Leeds, knows 2 or 3 possibilities for assistant master at  
Hobart School. Suggests brother writes or visits. William's  
bill at lodging £2.16. 8 including washing. Details of Y.M. just  
ended, Australian discussion very satisfactory. Mary Clemes,  
Thomas Cooper, William Barrow of Sydney, spoke on Hobart School.  
Committee authorised to raise further 3 or 400 pounds to assist  
non-affluent parents. Separate Women's Session. Religious  
teaching in elementary schools. Emily Gravely and father  
want William to visit. Bessie and Eliza Lidbetter, Mary.  
(see also Friends' School).

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## HOBART FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE

- M19/  
102(1) Printed card. 5 May 1856.  
Intention to hold weekly meeting for Audible Public Reading  
illus. principles and practices of Religious Soc. of Friends  
at Friends' M.H. Murray St., 7 p.m. on Fridays.  
First meeting, 9 May 1856.
- 101(16) Letter from William Beck, Stoke Newington N.London 25 Feb. 1880.  
Sending L. of credit on Bk. of Australia, Hobart £33-10-0  
subscribed at last Y.M. for new [Hobart] Mtg. Hse. fund.  
Holding further £2-4-9 for book a/c. Langley Kitching(?)  
returned so Isaac Sharp will visit [Hobart] alone. Hannah  
Hall, Uncle James, Henry Propsting's operation, death of  
'bulky' Friend - 10 men staggered under wt. of coffin.
- 101(19) A/c from R. Shield, Builder, Arthur St., Hobart. 1 Sept. 1880.  
Detailed a/c to Soc. of Friends for Mtg. Hse. with itemised  
costs. Total £1106.16.3, less cash payments £900,  
balance £206.16. 3.
- 101(19) Receipted a/c from Rippon Shield, as above. 13 Jan. 1881.  
To Soc. of Friends for making 22 seats for Meeting House,  
£2.17. 6 each.
- 101(20) Receipted a/c from J. Whitesides & Son, 48 & 50, L'pool St., Hobart.  
30 Sept. 1880.  
To Friends' Mtg. Hse for matting, binding & laying £9. 2.11,  
venetian blinds & fixing £2. 7. 0, total £11. 9.11.
- 101(20) Itemised list of costs for Mtg. Hse. Total £1,115.
- 101(20) Details of Mtg. Hse. building arrangements by J.F.M.  
Architect's plans rejected, J.F.M.'s plans used. Great  
reduction in cost - surplus stone from rebuilt Roman Catholic  
Cathedral supplied by Rippon Shield.

## FRIENDS SCHOOL, HOBART

## LETTERS TO J.FRANCIS MATHER AS CHAIRMAN 1890-1924

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- 102(1) Joseph J. Neave, Sydney 16 May 1890  
On behalf of mother, who sent croquet set to girls at school per Vincent Shoobridge, offer to donate cost of materials for boys' gymnasium. Visit to John Damson - Trusteeship.
- 102(8) Saml. Morris, Olney, Philadelphia. 27 July 1895.  
Comment on plans for F. School.  
Philad. Friends ready to help when fund raising for School needed. Wm. J. Beale's 3 sons from Auckland to F.School. (see also letters from Friends).
- 102(18) Madge Clemes, Friends' High School. 18 June 1897.  
Thanks to C'ttee for kindness [on leaving] after 3 years.
- 102(1) J.J. Neave, Longueville, Sydney. 8 May 1901.  
Trials of school over last 2 yrs. Suggests sending School prospectus to Mr. Southern, returning to India, for younger son.
- 102(33) [To Wm. L. Wells from sister Priscilla] Y.M., Friends Mtg. Hse, Leeds. 1 June 1905.  
Francis Brown M.A., Flounders Inst. Leeds, knows 2 or 3 possibilities for assistant master at Hobart School. Suggests brother writes or visits ... At Y.M. Mary Clemes, Thos. Cooper, Wm. Barrow of Sydney, spoke on Hobart School. C'ttee authorised to raise further £3 or 400 to assist non-affluent parents. (See also letters from Friends).
- 102(3) R. Clark, Street, Somerset. 1 March 1908.  
Matter in hands of Emma M. Bishop, Sidcot [Friends' School there].
- 101(37) Uncle Henry Thompson, Dungarth, Arnside. 13 Aug. 1908.  
At request of Chas. Holdsworth, comments on 3 applicants for vacant headmastership (sudden death of Godfrey Williams) - Dudley, Rowntree and Linney. Family news.
- 101(42) School parent, Hobart. 20 Mar. 1909.  
Appreciation of school, good influence on son Cedric.  
Ref. to late Principal, Godfrey Williams.

[J.F.M. & wife visited Eng. & Ireland to see Friends' Schools and recruit staff. Apr.- Sept. 1909].



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 102(33) Arthur Rowntree, Bootham School, York. 2 July 1909.  
 Pleased F.M. going North to see school. Offers accommodation  
 at school.
- 101(28) H. Winifred Sturge, The Mount School, York. 6 July 1909.  
 Glad to see F.M. at school next day. Directions from station.
- 101(28) Lucy M. Reynolds, Carlisle. 20 Aug. 1909.  
 Post not sufficiently dignified or settled for teacher in mind.  
 Hopes arrangements with Mr. Linney and Miss Irvine right.
- 101(40) E. Maria Bishop, Winscombe, Somerset. 8 Sept. 1909.  
 (Bristol & Somerset Quarterly Meeting).  
 Has made enquiries in Bristol about Sylvia Brison  
 (applicant as teacher for F.H.S.).
- 101(36) "The British Friend", editor & publisher Edward Grubb, Croydon,  
 21 Sept. 1909.  
 Apology for stating Y.F. Linney headmaster in last issue.  
 Anna Propsting's intent to discontinue "British Friend".
- 101(32) Chas. Beninglow(?) Co. Down, 21 Dec. 1909.  
 Friends School Brookfield, near Moira,  
 Comments on Margaret Linton as teacher. Regrets trouble  
 with S. Clemes.
- 101(41) University of Tasmania Registrar. 11 Jan. 1910.  
 Alan Field Payne (pupil at F.H.S.) First in 2nd Class of  
 Junior Public Exam 1909. Inscribed by J.F.M. "Dr. Payne  
 informed. Smith Scholarship for 1910".
- 102(52) Herbert Corder, R.M.S. "Orontes". 6 Oct. 1911.  
 Suggests listing Soc. of Friends' children - possible future  
 scholars of F.H.S. Impressed, on travels, by school's standing.  
 Comments on Marjorie Harrison, Brisbane, as teacher for  
 F.H.S. Financial help with clothing etc. could be arranged.
- 101(48) "Rise and Progress of The Friends' High School, Hobart".  
 25 years after establishment of school in 1887.  
 14p. booklet. Pub. N.H. Propsting, Hobart [1912].
- 102(39) William Henry Francis Alexander, Wellington. 2 Aug. 1913.  
 Please send application forms for admission of 2 boys (11 & 13)  
 to Hobart School to Mrs. F. Muggeridge, Taranaki, N.Z.  
 (see also Letters from Friends).

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- 101(45,46) Gilbert ? Church of Eng. Grammar School, Melbourne. 21 June 1915  
Thanks for "Pastor Pastorum". Relief that Linney leaving F.H.S.  
Melbourne Grammar staff problems. Welcome for Bensons at  
Mtg. Hse. Visited Lewis (ex F.H.S.).
- 102(11) Wm. B. Harvey, Ye Olde White Hart Hotel, Melbourne. 24 May 1915.  
Hopes to help with Friends' School problems. L. Wells  
travelled to M'bourne from L'ton with them. Alfred Brown  
arr. prev. day. To Ballarat then Adelaide. Also from  
William C. Allen, 25 May 1915.
- 101(51) Expression of appreciation for 30+ years 'greatness' of service  
to Friends' High School & beyond, signed by 59 Friends and  
attenders at General Meeting, Sydney, Sept. 1923 (On J.F.M's  
approaching retirement).
- 102(17) Wm. A. Cadbury, West Hills, King's Norton, U.K. 12 Oct. 1923.  
Thanks for 'hearty reception' for Ernest Unwin (new head of  
F.H.S.) and family on arrival in Hobart.
- 101(49) Herbert Corder, 1 Carlton Terrace, Sunderland. 21 Jan. 1924.  
(Clerk of the Australasian Committee).  
Thanks and appreciation for thirty years of devoted service,  
on J.F.M's retirement from chairmanship of F.H.S. Committee.  
'Goodly' number [of Friends] from homeland in Australia at  
present. L.F. Morland, Mary Pumphrey, Herbert Sefton Jones and  
wife on way, and Margaret Roger, evangelist, in N.Z., later to  
Australia.
- 101(27) Circular of thanks to Old Scholars, Teachers and other  
supporters of F.H.S. from J.F.M. and wife, 15 Church Street,  
Hobart, for gifts at last breaking-up function.

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## BUSINESS

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- 101(9) From Foster W. Wilson, Melbourne. 7 Feb. 1881.  
Letters and papers received. Progress with possible  
business venture with Mr. Ward, Geelong or Andrew Bros. -  
Barvon Woollen mills, Geelong.
- 102(50), 101(50). Hobart Savings Bank. 6 March 1925.  
Notice of Meeting of Executive Committee,  
Signed E. Murdoch, Manager, and Notice of half yearly  
meeting as above.

## IN MEMORIAM

- 102(1) William Jones, Sunderland, d. 28 July 1899 aged 73.
- 102(43) Thomas Lidbetter, Wolverhampton, d. 27 Feb. 1908 aged 85.
- 102(29) Sarah Benson Mather, Hobart, d. 12 Mar. 1875 aged 28 yrs 10 mths.  
(second daughter of R. Andrew and Ann Mather).
- 101(4) Thomas Pierce, Newport, I of W., d. 4 June 1869 aged 67.
- 101(41) Edwin Rayner Ransome, 28 June 1823 - 17 May 1910.
- 102(29) Selina Reed (wife of Alexander) [Stoke Newington] d. 17 July  
1874, aged 52.
- 101(11) Deborah Ann Sayce (wife of Edward), Hawthorn, d. 4 Jan. 1878,  
aged 59.
- 102(41) George William Sharp, d. 12 Mar. 1920.  
Thanks from Dr. Stanley Sharp, Mr. Noel Sharp and  
Mrs. H.S. Baker.
- 102(41) Richard Ralph Sharp, 3rd Field Ambulance, A.A.M.C. (son of  
Rev. G.W. Sharp) died on Active Service in France of wounds,  
7-8 May 1917, aged 28.

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## PHOTOGRAPHS

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- 101(6) Edward O. Cotton (J.F.M's uncle) )  
 'M.A.M.' [Margaret Ann Mather née Lidbetter] wife ) c. 1874  
 'J.B.C.' ? Jas. or Joseph Cotton (uncle) )
- 101(43) J. & I.A.R. [Joshua & Isabella A. Rowntree] Woodbrooke, 1904.
- 102(37) Joshua Rowntree n.d.
- 102(37) Caroline E. Stephen n.d.
- 102(39) [Mrs. Tanner, Friends' High School Housekeeper, 1890.  
 See R7/144].
- 101(24,25), 102(3,7,45) Misc. photographs, cuttings, post card of  
 S.S. 'Medic'.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- 101(49) Copy of letter from B. Carvossa(sic) Penzance, to Robert  
 Mather, senior. 22 Mar. 1831.  
 12 months since leaving S.Hemisphere. Religious sentiments.  
 Love to Tasmanian friends, Deans, Turnleys, Watchorns  
 and Eldridges.
- 102(5) To Francis Cotton from Immigration Office, Hobart. 1 June 1856?  
 If Francis Smith forwards application with £5 deposit, family  
 bounty allowed for wife and children to Colony.
- 101(23) Letters to (copy) and from Bishop Montgomery on death of  
 Bishop's child 20, 23 Nov. 1889.
- 101(27) William Law, Launceston, to Rev. J.K. McIntyre, Hobart. 12 Dec.1891.  
 Arrangements for colporteurs, W., N.W. & E.Coasts.
- 102(15) From W.H. Neale, Education Dept. Hobart. 8 June 1905.  
 Encl. news cutting. Boy charged and whipped for stone throwing.

- M19/
- 101(39) From Wm. Dent Priestman, Hull & London. 26 June 1909.  
Thinks enclosed (?) is J.F.M's. Kind of him to visit.
- 102(49) From D. Barclay [Mg. Director] Commercial Bank of Tas. Hobart  
16 Feb. 1916.  
Thanks for appreciation from 'an honest man'.
- 102(15) Invitation to tea at Government House. 25 May 1920.  
Hosts T. Murdoch & C.W.Grant. To meet 3 reps. from  
Cadburys, Frys & Pascalls, England at express wish of  
Governor, Sir Wm. Lamond Allardyce.
- 102(49) From R.S. Tasmania [Bishop R.S.Hay] Hobart. 12 Sept. 1921.  
Thanks for kind remarks about Meeting.
- 101(49) From Hobart Free Kindergarten Assoc. 23 July 1925.  
Meeting on 20 July. Tribute to J.F.M., 6 members of Committee  
to join Childrens Aid Assoc. Sub. 10/-.
- 101(17) Proposed N.West extension to Tas. Railway System. n.d.
- 101(50) Hobart Savings Bank. 'Historical Sketch on Eightieth  
Anniversary 1845-1925'. Booklet, with illus.
- 102(23,25) Newspaper cuttings. n.d.  
Committee on Work for Unemployed, Sanitary Assocn., Report of  
Sub-Committee on Improvements.
- 102(36) MSS. n.d.  
Quote from Spectator. May 14. Closure of mills in Farringdon,  
arrival of cotton to relief of people. "A Lancashire  
Doxology" by author of "John Halifax, Gentleman".
- 102(13) Printed pamphlets.  
'State Aid'. Published by The Assoc. for the Abolition  
of State Aid to Religion, 1867.
- 102(21) "Constitution of the Tasmanian Tourist Association". n.d.
- 102(43) W.B. Matheson, Candidate for Parlt. Wellington. inscr. 1919.
- 102(45) Small card with printed quote from "Life of Caroline Fox" p.226. n.d.
- 102(21) From Mr. & Mrs. James Longmore, 32 Osborne Place, Aberdeen.  
Printed card with Christmas Greetings. n.d.