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PAPERS OF ROBERT AND ANN MATHER

1821 - 1835

Papers relating to the voyage out and settlement of Robert Mather and his wife, Ann (Benson). Many of the papers (M10/16-20) consist of extracts from letters from Ann Mather to her brother, Rev. Samuel Benson, and sisters Isabella Whytall and Sarah Benson (m. Hammond 1832), in UK and were probably given to their niece, Sarah Benson Mather who married George Washington Walker in 1840, after Ann Mather's death in 1831.

M10/1-15 Proposed voyage in ship 'Hope' June 1821 - Jan 1822

Papers relating to the proposal of some members of the Wesleyan Methodist Society to proceed to VDL and the decision at meetings of 29 June, 2 July, finalised on 4 July, to travel in the ship 'Hope' owned by Messrs Degraives and MacIntosh, Captain Francis Allison. However the ship was held up by HM Customs at Ramsgate, being both unseaworthy and overloaded, and the owners failed to provide the provisions and accommodation promised. The Government eventually chartered another ship, 'Heroine', to continue the voyage.

16 Report on arrival and prospects Jan. 1824

Notes from letters from Ann and Robert Mather from VDL

17 Appeal for books from the Christian Knowledge Society, nd.

18 Ann Mather's letters home Jan 1824 - 1829

Extracts and copies of letters from Mrs Ann Mather (nee Benson) to her brother, Rev. Samuel Benson, and sisters, Isabella Whytall and Sarah Benson in London, apparently made after her death, consisting mainly of religious sentiments. Also copy of her Memoir written by her brother Rev. Samuel Benson (18b)

(37 papers)

- 19 Letter from Sarah Benson Mather to her aunt describing her mother's death,
18 Sept. 1831
- 20 Extract of Robert Mather's letter to his brother-in-law John Benson
describing his wife's death, 16 Oct 1831
- 21 Letter from Isaac Solomon to Robert Mather, 5 Mar 1829
- 22 Robert Mather's letter concerning the sale of his stock-in-trade