

The papers mostly comprise letters received by Wilderspin, although there are a few in series 6 (Manuscripts) written by him. The rest of the collection comprises material collected by Wilderspin, including notices of his lectures, a few sample lessons and promotional literature on literary, scientific and educational societies, and Wilderspin's and Thomas Young's printed works laying out their theories of education. There are also two theses on Wilderspin. Series 7 (Local Infant Schools), is material collected by Wilderspin's biographers Dr Francis A. Young and Dr Phillip McCann, about schools founded by Wilderspin, in the course of writing their book on him.

Particular points of arrangement:

1. Although the material is arranged in classes there are many items that appear to be in the wrong class or which could belong to more than one. Cross-references, especially for the Gaskell letters and material relating to lectures, have been made but it would be advisable to read all the class descriptions when looking for items. References to individuals other than the Gaskells have not been cross-referenced as the class and list descriptions are a guide only to the nature of the papers.
2. Generally the collection within classes is arranged chronologically. Where material in a class was packaged in date sequences which overlapped it was resorted chronologically on arrival at the archive. The exception is 6/Manuscripts which contains three sets of material each with different provenance.
3. Endorsements - Many pieces are endorsed. Some are by Wilderspin, in ink. He tended to write the sender's name on the back of the letter. Others are in pencil and are by Dr. Francis Young who added possible dates, explanations and possible readings of illegible words. He also wrote some explanations in biro on separate sheets of paper. These have been left with the originals and are numbered in the same sequence.
4. Some letters refer to "enclosed" items. The whereabouts of these are no longer known.
5. For counting purposes note that the previous counting of pieces and items has been confused. The

number of items quoted in the class descriptions and recorded on the envelopes containing the papers may not therefore reflect the exact size of the class. For a definition of items and pieces see Cook, M The Manual of Archival Description 2nd edition (1989).

6. For some years there is copious material while for others there is very little.

7. Where possible the main subjects in a class, in terms of quantity, have been identified in the class description. Some classes, however, were too diverse to do this.

8. Many of the dates have been added to the documents in pencil by Dr. Francis Young, brother to John Young, who deposited the papers.

7 boxes

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MS917/1 General correspondence

**1824-1866,
c1980**

Letters to Wilderspin on a variety of topics. These include personal letters from friends, letters discussing his printed works and letters regarding money owed to and by Wilderspin. Four prominent subjects are:

a) Schools. Includes letters relating to specific schools, educational theory, school equipment, requests for advice in setting up schools and requests for child places and teaching posts.

b) Lectures. Includes letters arranging lectures and people discussing their reaction to those lectures. (1832 - 1857 not continuous).

c) The controversy surrounding Wilderspin's status as the founder of infant schools. Includes letters of support and one of condemnation, and letters of reference to Wilderspin's professional competence (1845 - 1846).

d) A letter book. Details letters either sent or received by Wilderspin. It is arranged chronologically and does not match the letters in this class. (1831 - 1832).

Exceptions to the bulk of the letters are:

- a) a report of an unidentified schoolgirl, n/d
- b) a specimen lesson, 1850
- c) a telegram reporting Wilderspin's death to his family, 1866
- d) a letter to John Young, 1832
- e) a letter to Mrs. Wilderspin, 1856
- f) several letters refer to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gaskell and one letter to Wilderspin is from J. Milnes Gaskell (Daniel's nephew).

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MS917/1/1 Lady Calthorpe 1824

Letter from Ampton? to Samuel Wilderspin. Confirms Wilderspin's meeting with Lord Calthorpe and requests he bring specified materials used in the infant school with him (1824 October 13).

1 sheet.

Paper brittle.

MS917/1/2 Unidentified person for Lady Powerscourt 1824

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin, Infant School, Quaker Street, Spitalfields, London. Refers to the finding of a woman for the school but does not specify her role (1824).

1 sheet.

Paper brittle and has been cut in one corner with scissors.

MS917/1/3 Joseph Wertheimer 1826

Letter from Vienna to Samuel Wilderspin. Discusses his feelings about his translation of Wilderspin's Infant Education (3rd edition), and asks to be kept informed of the progress of infant education in England (1826 May 1).

1 large sheet, folded.

Paper brittle along the creases.

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| MS917/1/4 | Joseph W. Ingraham | 1826 |
| | <p>Letter from Boston, Lincolnshire, to Samuel Wilderspin, Infant School, Quaker Street, Spitalfields, London. Sends, for Wilderspin's interest, a copy of the annual report for his Sunday School, which includes his own theories of teaching, asks Wilderspin for his own published tracts on education, the names of other useful works and details some teaching material that he would like (1826 May 13).</p> <p>1 large sheet, folded.</p> <p>Paper weak and torn at edges.</p> | |
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MS917/1/5 |
George Combe and Mrs Henry Liddons |
1830 |
| | <p>Letter from Edinburgh to Samuel Wilderspin, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Combe introduces Mrs. Liddons, who requests a teaching post for her half sister at an infant school in Liverpool (1830 January 25).</p> <p>Comprising two separate letters, one of which is an introduction to the author of the second.</p> <p>1 large sheet, folded.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
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MS917/1/6 |
Letter book |
1831-1832 |
| | <p>Details letters either sent or received by Wilderspin (1831 January 4 to 1832 April 3). Arranged chronologically.</p> <p>1 thin book in soft covers.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
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MS917/1/7 |
Lady? C. Mackenzie |
c1832 |
| | <p>Letter, from Dingwall, Scotland, to Samuel Wilderspin. Rearranges Wilderspin's visit to the Castlereaghs at Dingwall (c1832 January).</p> <p>1 sheet, folded.</p> | |

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MS917/1/8 J.A. Mackenzie 1832

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin at Dingwall, Scotland. Rearranges Wilderspin's dinner invitation with the Mackenzies (1832 January).

1 large sheet, folded.

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MS917/1/9 J. Horton 1832

Letter from 4 Wood Street, Bath, Somerset (now Avon), to T. Young. Personal letter - refers to Mr. Barber's health, and advises Young on his portrait painting and lists various colours and their uses and ingredients (1832 February 14).

1 large sheet, folded.

Paper brittle along the creases. Some text is destroyed by holes.

MS917/1/10 Mrs T.E. Von Kock 1832

Letter from Stockholm, Sweden to Samuel Wilderspin, Post Office, Halifax. Requests some teaching materials from Wilderspin to assist her in setting up schools in Sweden, which she was encouraged to do having heard Wilderspin lecturing in London.

With a note from Sarah Wilderspin to her father asking for his help with it (1832 December 13).

1 large sheet, folded.

Paper weak on creases with holes in the text.

MS917/1/11 Lady Mackenzie? 1832

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin. Refers to a letter requesting Wilderspin to delay an exhibition of an infant school so that Sir George and Lady Mackenzie might attend and invites Wilderspin to tea (1832).

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MS917/1/12 Sir George Mackenzie 1832

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin, Dingwall, [Ross and Cromarty]. Discusses needing a new Master and details his travelling plans which will affect it (1832).

1 sheet.

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MS917/1/13 William Henry Porter for Viscount Mandeville, later the 6th Duke of Manchester 1833

Letter from Newcastle, Castlewellan, County Down to Samuel Wilderspin. Acknowledges receipt of some cases and the Aurt. (sic), requests some copies of Wilderspin's latest book, and asks him to inform Lady Manderville about the 'female as nursery governess' (1833 May 28).

1 sheet, folded.

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MS917/1/14 Mrs General Ross of Bladensburg 1833

Letter from Gann Basstrevor to Samuel Wilderspin. Requests Wilderspin's company on the following weekend (1833 May 30).

1 sheet.

Paper torn.

- MS917/1/15 Mrs General Ross Of Bladensburg 1833**
 Letter from Ghan Basstrevor (sic) to Samuel Wilderspin. Requests Wilderspin's company as soon as he is able to visit (1833 June 1).
 1 sheet, folded.
 Paper brittle and torn.
- MS917/1/16 Miss Atkinson 1837, c1980**
 Letter from Gillwell House, Sewardstone, Essex to Samuel Wilderspin. Letter of introduction for Miss Thornes who wished to visit an infant school. Also encloses personal news of Mrs. T.S. Benson of Sketly Park, Glamorganshire and North Cray Place, Kent, and Miss Emma Benson (1837 September 4). With an explanatory note by Wilderspin's biographer Dr Francis Young (c1980).
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- MS917/1/17 James Carlile 1837**
 Letter from Dublin to Samuel Wilderspin, Portland Street, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Informs Wilderspin of the Board of National Education's acceptance of Sarah and Thomas Young as teachers for the Model Infant School and states their employment terms (1837 October 24).
 1 large sheet, folded.
 Paper brittle, torn and weak on the creases.
- MS917/1/18 James Carlile 1838**
 Letter from Dublin to Samuel Wilderspin, 8 Newington Row, Liverpool. Arranges for people to be sent to Ireland, possibly for the appointment of a master for a boy's school. Mentions a Mr. Buchanan in this context and encloses personal news of his daughter, Sarah Ann and her husband Thomas Young (1838 January? 10).
 1 large sheet, folded.

Paper brittle, torn and weak on the creases.

MS917/1/19 T.J. Barton 1838

Letter from Hall Place School, Bexley, Kent to Samuel Wilderspin, Alpha House School, Alstone, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Praises Wilderspin's work, discusses an infant school established at Bruce Castle School, Tottenham, and its methods of teaching, and asks Wilderspin to visit his school in Bexley if he were to attach an infant school and for advice in the appointment of a female teacher (1838 October 19).

1 large sheet, folded.

Paper brittle and weak on the creases.

MS917/1/20 Cornelius Denvir, Catholic Bishop of Down and Connor. 1838

Letter, no address, to Robert Dunning, Master of the Frederick Street Lancastrian National School, Belfast. Answer to allegations in newspapers that 'northern Roman Catholic Bishops had departed from the rules of the Catholic Church respecting the reading of the Holy Scriptures in some national schools' (1838 November 16).

Copy. Endorsed 'Original' on reverse.

1 sheet.

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MS917/1/21 William Martin, editor of 'Educational magazine' c1838

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin, Dublin. Asks if Wilderspin can do anything for the magazine, rejoices that he is in Dublin and mentions the Infant School Society in connection with Dorton & Clarke (c1838).

1 sheet, folded. Paper very thin.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/22 Richard Whately, Archbishop of Dublin 1839

Letter from the Palace to Samuel Wilderspin. Offers Wilderspin an interview in order to offer him practical support but mentions that Wilderspin's behaviour towards him could be construed as a threat (1839 March 9).

1 large sheet, folded.

Paper brittle on creases.

MS917/1/23 Receipt 1839

Receipt for the Dublin Metropolitan Police Tax issued to Wilderspin, 8 Drumcondra Terrace, Dublin. Printed pro forma completed in manuscript (1839 May 15).

1 sheet.

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MS917/1/24 Charles Dickinson, Bishop of Meath 1839

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin, Drumcondra Hill, Dublin. Acknowledges receipt of a letter from Wilderspin and anticipates word from the Board of National Education (1839 May 22).

1 sheet.

Paper torn at one corner.

MS917/1/25 Lord Lansdowne 1839

Letter from London to Samuel Wilderspin. Acknowledges Wilderspin's letter but regrets he can not interfere with decisions made by the Commissioners for Education for Ireland (1839 August 24).

1 sheet, folded.

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MS917/1/26 Unidentified man for Lord John Russell 1839

Letter from Whitehall, London, to Samuel Wilderspin. Acknowledges receipt of Wilderspin's letter but denies expressing hostile opinions about him (1839 June 21).

1 sheet.

Paper brittle on the creases.

MS917/1/27 James S. Hodson, Wilderspin's printer 1839

Letter from 15, Cross Street (location unclear) to Samuel Wilderspin. Discusses the printing of some of Wilderspin's works (1839 September 10).

1 sheet.

Paper brittle.

MS917/1/28 Mr. Kay for The Committee of Council for Education 1840

Letter from Council Office, Whitehall, London to Samuel Wilderspin, Warrington, Lancashire. Acknowledges receipt of Wilderspin's letter (1840 January 13).
Printed manuscript pro forma completed in manuscript.

1 sheet.

Paper weak on central crease.

MS917/1/29 Mrs. S.G. Chichester 1840

Letter from Ebworth, Gloucestershire, to Samuel Wilderspin, Warrington, Lancashire (1840 January 14). Personal letter which:
(i) Gives personal news about Mrs. Welch
(ii) Compliments Wilderspin on his successes
(iii) Philosophises on the role of education in life
(iv) Compliments Wilderspin's daughter on her work in Dublin

- (v) Encloses a prospectus for the Street House school
- (vi) Refers to a text called "Woman's Mission" by J.W. Parker

1 large sheet, folded.

Paper brittle and torn along the creases.

MS917/1/30 Bishop of Durham 1840

Letter from 20 Curzon Street, location unknown, to Samuel Wilderspin, Trafalgar Place, Warrington. Can not guarantee that Wilderspin can lecture in his diocese (1840 April 24).

1 sheet.

Paper weak and brittle on the creases.

MS917/1/31 Bishop of Gloucester 1840

Letter from the Palace to Samuel Wilderspin. Informs Wilderspin how to arrange to lecture under the sanction of the church (1840 April 25).

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Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/32 Bishop of Exeter 1840

Letter from Exeter to Samuel Wilderspin. Rejoices at Wilderspin's idea of lecturing in connection with the church and advises him how to go about it (1840 April 27).

1 sheet.

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MS917/1/33 John Sumner, Bishop of Chester (later Archbishop of Canterbury) 1840

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin. Regrets that the church can not help with his lectures (1840 April 30).

1 sheet, folded. Paper weak.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/34 John Sinclair, secretary for The National Society 1840

Letter from The Sanctuary, Westminster, London to Samuel Wilderspin, Trafalgar Place, Warrington. Rejects Wilderspin's offer to lecture on behalf of the Society (1840 May 13).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/35 J.P. Greaves 1840

Letter from 21 Regent Street, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, to Samuel Wilderspin. Philosophises on the human spirit (1840 July 16). Note: the language is not grammatical and contains many invented words.

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/36 Dr. John Epps 1840

Letter from 89 Great Russell Street, London, to Samuel Wilderspin, Trafalgar Place, Warrington. Enquires about Wilderspin's fee to see a child from Manchester (1840 December 4). Sealed with an anti-Corn Law sticker.

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/37 Reverend Charles Thomas Barnard 1841

Letter from Boston, U.S.A. to Samuel Wilderspin.
Letter of support for Wilderspin's ideas and an
invitation to visit America (1841 March 1).

1 large sheet, folded.

Paper thin and brittle on the creases.

MS917/1/38 Reverend S. Wood 1841

Letter from Bridport, Dorset to Samuel Wilderspin, 8
James' Place, Hackney Road, London. Arranges
the transfer of some reports from the Reverend
Charles Barnard of Boston, U.S.A to Wilderspin
(1841 April 8).

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MS917/1/39 Walter Joseph 1841

Letter from 30 Broad Street Buildings, location
unknown, to Samuel Wilderspin. Informs Wilderspin
that he will put his unspecified recommendation to
an unspecified committee and asks for a newspaper
containing details of the opening of the Infant
School in Chester (1841 July 16).

1 sheet.

Paper brittle on the creases.

MS917/1/40 John Hoopper 1841

Letter from c/o R. Carter, Plane Factory, Troy, New
York, to Samuel Wilderspin, Infant School Depot,
Liverpool. Requests work from Wilderspin as a
school master with a lengthy explanation of why he
wanted to return to England. Also comments on life
in U.S.A., their schools, attitudes to death, the
weather and the need for social reform (1841
August 2).

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| MS917/1/41 | Walter Josephs | 1841 |
| | Letter from 30 Broad Street Buildings, location unknown, to Samuel Wilderspin, 4 Gwynnes Place, Hackney Road, London. Asks Wilderspin to call on Mr. Franklin to discuss 'their' school (1841 August 10). | |
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| MS917/1/42 | J. Buchanan | 1841 |
| | Letter from Inverness to Samuel Wilderspin. Covering letter for enclosed, and extant, prospectus of Dr Bells' Institution, Inverness. Relates aspects of his personal life, informs Wilderspin of the fate of the Castle Hill Infant School and states his present salary (1841 September 5).
With printed prospectus. | |
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| MS917/1/43 | J. Wilson Patten | 1841 |
| | Letter, with envelope, from Bark? Hall to Samuel Wilderspin, 4 Gwynne's Place, Hackney Road, London. Offers to exert any influence he may have with the Committee of the Privy Council on Education to obtain a job with them for Wilderspin. Also includes news of the Bark? Quay school (1841 November 6).
With envelope. Stamp has been removed. | |
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| MS917/1/44 | Unidentified correspondent | 1841 |

Letter, no author, from Sanden?, to Samuel Wilderspin. Feels he can not intervene in obtaining for Wilderspin a post with the Board of the Privy Council for Education (1841 November 6).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/45 J. Milnes Gaskell 1841

Letter, with envelope, from the 'Treasury' to Samuel Wilderspin, 4 Gwynne's Place, Hackney Road, London. Regrets he can not intervene in the appointment of inspectors for the Council of Education (1841 November 8). With envelope. No postage stamp (1841 November 8).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/46 Mrs. S. Chichester 1841

Letter from Ebworth, Gloucestershire, to Samuel Wilderspin. Asks Wilderspin to circulate something she has translated from, or to, French, enquires about his health, comments negatively on the Infant School at Cheltenham, hopes thing will improve with the appointment of a new master, and comments on the lack of education generally in Cheltenham (1841 November).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/47 Reverend R. Blacket 1841

Letter from 90 Queen Street, Cheapside, London, to Samuel Wilderspin, 4 Gwynne's Place, Hackney, London. Writes to defer Wilderspin's lectures at the St. Brides Subscription Library and Lecture Room (1841 December 15).

1 sheet, folded.

Paper brittle on creases.

- MS917/1/48 M. Linester? c1841-1842**
Letter, no address, to [Samuel Wilderspin]. Regrets he can not help Wilderspin in his "object" but informs him that his infant school system has been adopted in Rotherham, West Yorkshire.

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/1/49 Reverend Thomas Goyder 1842**
Letter from Norwich, to Samuel Wilderspin, 4 Gwynne's Place, Hackney Road, London. Introduces a Miss Forester to Wilderspin in the hope that he can employ her as a school mistress as a favour to him. Also asks Wilderspin for his patronage for a new publication (1842 January 31).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/1/50 S.G. Chichester 1842**
Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin (1842 February 20):
(i) Laments the decline of infant education and the social system that has caused it.
(ii) Mentions that Mr. Greaves is trying hydrotherapy for his failing health.
(iii) Suggests Wilderspin lectures on an associated system of education instead of an isolated one and asks him to circulate some, unspecified, tracts.
(iv) Mentions his daughter Emma's engagement, Mr. Welch's ill health over the winter and sends him £5 as a gift.

2 sheets, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/51 Reverend G. Lewis 1842

Letter from Dundee, to Samuel Wilderspin. Accepts Wilderspin's offer to open his school when it is ready (1842 May 14).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/52 F.A. Mackenzie 1842

Letter from Chateau de Talhonet, Brittany, France to Samuel Wilderspin, 4 Gwynne's Place, Hackney Road, London. Informs Wilderspin of his stay in Brittany and tells him to call at the Ridgeways, Piccadilly for more news (1842 May 25).

1 sheet.

Paper very weak. Edges are torn with text missing. Produced only under supervision.

MS917/1/53 G. Ackermann 1842

Letter from 96 Strand, London, for Samuel Wilderspin. Asks the price of a rotary swing from Wilderspin's catalogue of infant school equipment (1842 June 3).

1 sheet, folded.

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MS917/1/54 David Welsh 1842

Letter from Edinburgh to Samuel Wilderspin. Agrees to put Wilderspin's offer to lecture for the Church of Scotland before the Assembly's Committee on Education (1842 June 4).

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Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/55 Giffrod Weles 1842

Letter from Stourbridge, Worcestershire, to Samuel Wilderspin. Regrets he has not been able to attend or promote Wilderspin's lectures (1842 July 19).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/56 D. Robertson 1842

Letter from 34 High Street, Dunfermline, Scotland to Samuel Wilderspin, 4 Gwynne's Place, Hackney Road, London. Recommends Dunfermline as somewhere where Wilderspin 'might do well' (1842 July 21).

1 sheet.

Paper torn and brittle on the creases.

MS917/1/57 Reverend Henry Hill 1842

Letter from Lye Parsonage, Stourbridge, Worcestershire (now West Midlands), to Samuel Wilderspin, Post Office, Dudley, Worcestershire (now West Midlands). Arranges lectures by Wilderspin at his National School Rooms but doubts they will be successful (1842 August 10).

1 sheet, folded. Paper weak.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/58 Reverend Henry Hill 1842

Letter from Lye Parsonage, Stourbridge, Worcestershire, to Samuel Wilderspin. Cancels the proposed lecture due to an unfavourable climate (1842 August 10).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/59 James S. Hodson 1842

Letter from 112 Fleet Street, London, to Samuel Wilderspin. Explains Wilderspin's position now that his printing firm has run into trouble while printing three of his books (1842 September 19).

1 large sheet, folded.

Paper brittle on creases.

MS917/1/60 F.A. Mackenzie 1842

Letter from the Isle of Guernsey to Samuel Wilderspin, Gray's Inn Place, Hackney Road, London. Looks forward to seeing Wilderspin and details his movements for the next few weeks (1842 September 19).

One letter.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/61 Unidentified person for Reverend C. Cameron 1842

Letter from St. James', Dudley, Worcestershire (now West Midlands), to Samuel Wilderspin. Asks Wilderspin to interview a Miss ?Grainger to assess her suitability as a school mistress (1842 September 19).

1 sheet.

Paper brittle and torn.

MS917/1/62 Miss Harriet Swanley 1842

Letter from Dijon's Green? to Samuel Wilderspin, Queen's Cross, Dudley, Worcestershire (now West Midlands). Refers to plans she has drawn up with Mrs. Wilderspin (?), enquires after Wilderspin's health and asks Wilderspin to return her newspaper (1842 September 23).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/63 J.G. Ford, bookseller 1842

Letter from Stourbridge, West Midlands, to Samuel Wilderspin. Text faint in places. Refers to the exchange of a book ? and briefly discusses some payments (1842 Autumn).

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Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/64 F.A.M. ? (for the Mackenzies?) c1842

Letter from The Grove, Tooting, Surrey (now London) to Samuel Wilderspin, Queen's Cross, Dudley, Worcestershire (now West Midlands). Invites Wilderspin to visit and includes details of transport from Elephant and Castle, London (before 1842 October 4) .

1 sheet, folded.

Closed. Unfit for production. Paper very thin. Has been cut with scissors.

MS917/1/65 F.A.M. ? (for the Mackenzies?) 1842

Letter from The Grove, Tooting, Surrey (now London) to Samuel Wilderspin, Stourbridge, Worcestershire (now West Midlands) or Gray's Inn (sic) Place, Hackney Road, London. Details more specific arrangements for Wilderspin's stay (1842 October 4).

1 sheet, folded.

Paper very thin.

MS917/1/66 Mrs. C. Baylie 1842

Letter from Bloxwich Parsonage, Staffordshire, to Samuel Wilderspin. Hopes that Wilderspin will visit her proposed Girls' National School, explains how she hopes to fund it and describes at length coach times and travelling distances around Bloxwich (1842 October 7).

2 sheets, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/67 Oliver Newey 1842

Letter from Queen's Cross, Dudley, Worcestershire (now West Midlands) to Samuel Wilderspin, 4 Gwynnes Place, Hackney Road, London. Writes regarding money probably owed by Wilderspin as a result of his over charging (1842 October 20).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/68 F.A. Mackenzie 1842

Letter from Hal Grange, Coggershall, Essex to Samuel Wilderspin, Gray's Inn Place, Hackney Road, London. Informs Wilderspin of the progress of his letter to the Poor Law Commissioners on Wilderspin's behalf (c1842 November 3).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/69 F.A.M. ? (for Sir Francis Mackenzie) 1842

Letter from Hal Grange, Coggershall, Essex to Samuel Wilderspin, Gray's Inn Place, Hackney Road, London. Informs Wilderspin that he should make an appointment with Mr. Chadwick, possibly in connection with the Poor Law Commissioners (c1842 November 10).

1 sheet.

Paper thin.

MS917/1/70 Reverend C. Cameron 1842

Letter from St. James', Dudley, Worcestershire (now West Midlands) to Samuel Wilderspin. Informs Wilderspin of the progress of his pupils, mentions lessons which Miss Grainger had not received and discusses the whereabouts of the money for them (1842 November 10).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/71 R.A. Thickness 1842

Letter from Southport, Lancashire (now Merseyside) to Samuel Wilderspin. Thanks Wilderspin for his suggestions in appointing a suitable schoolmaster (1842 November 25).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/72 Revd. C. Cameron 1842

Letter, address unclear, to Samuel Wilderspin. Refers to a pound he has received from his Sunday School Teacher and enquires about Wilderspin's fee for visiting a school for a week (1842 November 29).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/73 Mrs S.C. Chichester 1842

Writing which philosophises on the effect of a translator on a work, the weak spirit of 'the great humane family' and ways to care for them (1842). N.B The final paragraph refers to "in these pages". She may be referring to her own present writing or could be commenting on another, unspecified, text.

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MS917/1/74 Report of a schoolgirl aged 13-14 years who could not read. 1843

The examination was performed by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House in the City of London, and prompted by the fact the girl had picked up a £10 note from the street and did not know what it was (1843 February 2).

1 large sheet, folded.

Paper brittle on the creases. Some text is missing from holes.

MS917/1/75 G.W. Jones 1843

Letter from Castelnu, Barnes, Surrey, to Samuel Wilderspin. Asks Wilderspin for some of his books and hopes to see either himself or his daughter personally. Daughter's name is not mentioned (1843 February 4).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/76 Miss M.A. Anderson 1843

Letter from Northwich Infant School, Cheshire to Samuel Wilderspin, 112 Fleet Street, London. Asks to be considered for a new post of school mistress (1843 February 9).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds

level

MS917/1/77 Charles Fricker 1843

Letter from Kingston upon Thames, Surrey to Samuel Wilderspin. Encloses a bill for a lecture and asks for one of Wilderspin's books for the institution (1843 February 13).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/78 Reverend Spencer Stanhope 1843

Letter from Cannon Hall, Cawthorne to Samuel Wilderspin. Asks Wilderspin to postpone his lectures and mentions his plans for a Diocesan Society at Beverly? (1843 February 14)

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/79 Mrs Mayrey? 1843

Letter from Braefrad? Lodge, Taunton, Somerset, to Samuel Wilderspin. Regrets she can not patronise his proposed lectures, explains why, proposes an alternative and asks that her schoolmistress at the Walcot Infant School be found another position (1843 February 14).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/80 Thomas Wilson 1843

Letter from Leeds to Samuel Wilderspin. Feels that Barnsley, West Yorkshire, would not be a good location for Wilderspin's lectures. Gives examples of previous failures in Barnsley (1843 February 16).

1 sheet, folded.

Paper brittle on the creases.

MS917/1/81 Richard Bayldon 1843

Letter from Hunslet, Leeds to Samuel Wilderspin. Regrets he can not help Wilderspin lecture in Barnsley, and comments on the result of the economic depression on all aspects of the lives of the working classes and the knock on effect of that on the middle classes (1843 February 17).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/82 Reverend Brodale? c1843

Letter from Bath to Samuel Wilderspin. Regrets he can not patronise Wilderspin's lectures. Possibly gives a reason. Handwriting almost illegible 18 Feb (1843 February 18?).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/83 S.W. Bennett 1843

Letter from Blackheath, London, to Samuel Wilderspin. Writes on behalf of the Reverend Sanderson Tennant, head master of the Proprietary School to invite Wilderspin to tea (1843 February 23).

1 large sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/84 J? Shenstone 1843

Letter from Cambridge House, Bath, Somerset (now Avon) to Samuel Wilderspin. Arranges for Wilderspin to lecture, informs him of the progress of the new infant school at Bathwick, suspects other schools run by the clergy are not in good order and mentions a Mr W.J. Blair of Bathwick Hill (1843 February 24).

1 sheet, folded.

Paper weak.

MS917/1/85 Elizabeth Hilton 1843

Letter from 4 Osbourne Place, Blackheath, London, to Samuel Wilderspin. Gives personal information about her family, including her father, John Hilton, who was one of the subscribers to Wilderspin's school in Spitalfields, mentions she wishes to establish a school in Blackheath but does not have the funds, discusses her ideas on education and asks Wilderspin to advance her cause with Mr. Tennant (1843 February 28).

1 large sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/86 Bishop of Norwich 1843

Letter from The Palace, Norwich, Norfolk, to Samuel Wilderspin, 4 Gwynnes place, Hackney Road, London. Is happy for Wilderspin to lecture in Norwich but doubts there will be enough interest for Wilderspin to make cover his costs (1843 February).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/87 S.W. Bennett 1843

Letter from Blackheath, London to Samuel Wilderspin. Conveys a message from Lord Ashley that Wilderspin could meet him (March 1843).

1 large sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/88 J.B.H. Greenwood 1843

Letter from Bank End, Anstonley, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire, to Samuel Wilderspin, The Vicarage, Tickhill, Rotherham, West Yorkshire. Discusses which authors on education are followed in the Holmfirth area, how they are received, how Wilderspin would be received and the cost of hiring a hall. He gives his opinions on the beauty of the hall itself and offers, enthusiastically, to help Wilderspin arrange the lectures (1843 March 25).

1 large sheet, folded.

Paper torn, with holes.

MS917/1/89 S.W. Bennett 1843

Letter from Osborne Place, Blackheath, London, to Samuel Wilderspin, Tickhill Vicarage, West Yorkshire. Note of thanks on behalf of the Blackheath Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge for Wilderspin's recent course of lectures. Highlights and praises certain ideas in the lectures (1843 March 25).

1 large sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/90 H. Frederick Walker 1843

Letter from Blythe Hall, Lancashire, to Samuel Wilderspin. Invites Wilderspin to lecture again at Blythe, discusses the best day to bring in the largest audience and rebukes him for rebuking the labourers for taking their children away from school as soon as they can earn money (1843 April 5).

1 sheet, folded.

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| MS917/1/91 | W. Wilson | 1843 |
| | <p>Letter from Tickhill, West Yorkshire, to Samuel Wilderspin. Postpones his meeting with Wilderspin because of his workload (1843 April 6).</p> <p>1 sheet.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
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| MS917/1/92 | S? Cameron | 1843 |
| | <p>Letter from Wakefield, West Yorkshire, to Samuel Wilderspin. Invites Wilderspin to lecture at the Wakefield Mechanics' Institute. Suggests a date, justifies it at length, explains his perceived benefits for Wilderspin of the date and comments on the progress of steam travel from Leeds to Wakefield (1843 April 6).</p> <p>1 sheet, folded.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
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| MS917/1/93 | Staunton & Sons | 1843 |
| | <p>Letter from 9 Strand, London, to Samuel Wilderspin. Enquires about certain details relating to the shipment of some of Wilderspin's books overseas (1843 April 7).</p> <p>1 sheet.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
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| MS917/1/94 | Reverend E.H. Brooksbank | 1843 |
| | <p>Letter, no address to Samuel Wilderspin?. Asks Wilderspin? to inform his domestics about his arrival home (1843 April 7).</p> | |

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/95 Reverend C. Cameron 1843

Letter from Wakefield, West Yorkshire to Samuel Wilderspin, The Vicarage, Tickhill, West Yorkshire. Refers to a letter of Mr. Brooksbank's, possibly about a venue for a lecture, and promises to herald Wilderspin's arrival in the Wakefield Journal (1843 April 8).
Final page of a letter, the rest of which is missing.

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/96 H. Frederick Walker 1843

Letter from Blythe, Lancashire, to Samuel Wilderspin, Tickhill, West Yorkshire. Rearranges his appointment to visit Tickhill School and informs Wilderspin that his recommendation to appoint a socialist school master at Newark could be alienating his wealthy supporters (1843 April 16).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/97 Staunton & Sons 1843

Letter from 9 Strand, London, to Samuel Wilderspin, Tickhill, Rotherham, West Yorkshire. Discusses the payment and sending of some of his reports (1843 April 17).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/98 William Haynes, Wilderspin's lawyer 1843

Letter from 2 New Inn, location unclear, to Samuel Wilderspin. Asks Wilderspin's permission to sign his name on a postal order so that it can be cashed (1843 April 17).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/99 William Haynes, Wilderspin's lawyer 1843

Letter from Wine Office Court, Fleet Street, London, to Samuel Wilderspin, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire. Relates to the court case which Wilderspin fought against R.B Ridgeway for slander. Informs Wilderspin of Ridgeway's plea and details their next course of action (1843 April 22).

1 sheet.

Torn in places.

MS917/1/100 Reverend Edward H. Brooksbank 1843

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin, Post Office, Holmfirth, Huddersfield. Assures Wilderspin that they defend his good name where ever possible and that Mrs. Daniel Gaskell will be visiting (1843 April 25).
With envelope. Includes stamp and seal - black with a stag's head.

1 sheet, folded.

Paper brittle on creases.

MS917/1/101 E.H. Brooksbank 1843

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin. Informs him of the progress of the school and arranges that Wilderspin should send the Doncaster Chronicle to Mrs. Daniel Gaskell at 32 Charles St, Berkeley Square, London (1843 April 25).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

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| MS917/1/102 | Reverend R. Stamford | 1843 |
| | <p>Letter from Pontefract to Samuel Wilderspin.
Invites Wilderspin to give a lecture in the hope of
reviving his own failing infant school (1843 April
26).</p> <p>1 sheet, folded.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds
level</p> | |
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MS917/1/103 |
Reverend R. Stamford |
1843 |
| | <p>Letter from Pontefract to Samuel Wilderspin.
Details further arrangements for the lecture (1843
April 28).</p> <p>1 sheet, folded.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds
level</p> | |
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MS917/1/104 |
Paris Anderson |
1843 |
| | <p>Letter from Kilkenny, Ireland to Samuel Wilderspin,
Post Office, Holmfirth, Huddersfield. Letter of
support for Wilderspin's legal case against
Ridgeway. Gives details of some of his,
Anderson's, friends in Manchester - Dr Ryan of the
Polytechnic Institute and Mr. Sherlock (1843 April
28).</p> <p>1 large sheet, folded.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds
level</p> | |
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MS917/1/105 |
Unidentified person for Reverend. E. Woodland |
1843 |
| | <p>Letter from Holmfirth to Samuel Wilderspin.
Accepts a revised appointment time for dinner
(1843 April 28).</p> | |

1 sheet.

Paper torn on one corner. Writing is very faint.

MS917/1/106 Mrs. S.C. Chichester c1843

Letter from 2 Park Place, Ham Common, Dorset to Samuel Wilderspin (c1843):

(i)Requests letters on education written between Wilderspin and Mr. Greaves.

(ii)Sends greetings to the rest of the Wilderspin family

(iii)Wishes to introduce Mr. and Mrs. Forde to Wilderspin.

1 sheet, folded.

Paper brittle on creases.

MS917/1/107 Unidentified person for Mr Forde 1843

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin.

Arranges an appointment for Wilderspin to meet them (1843 May 7).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/108 William Haynes 1843

Letter from 6 Wine Office Court, London to Samuel Wilderspin, 4 Gwynn's Place, Hackney, London.

Warns Wilderspin that he needs to devote some time to preparing his case for slander against Ridgway (1843 May 13).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/109 Reverend R. Stamforth 1843

Letter from Pontefract to Samuel Wilderspin, Post Office, Huddersfield. Informs Wilderspin that the Board of Education have accepted his offer to visit (1843 May 16).

1 sheet, with stamp.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/110 R. Stamford 1843

Letter from Pontefract to Samuel Wilderspin. Arranges, and explains, times for Wilderspin's lectures in Pontefract (1843 May 17).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/111 Reverend R. Stamford 1843

Letter from Pontefract to Samuel Wilderspin. Details further arrangements for the lectures in Pontefract (1843 May 18).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/112 R. Stamford 1843

Letter from Pontefract to Samuel Wilderspin. Lists the teaching materials and equipment in his school (1843 May 24).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/113 Robert Buchanan 1843

Letter from Pontefract to Samuel Wilderspin.
Praises Wilderspin's books and sends him a
prescription for some pills (1843 May).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds
level

MS917/1/114 Miss Kate? Lindley 1843

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin. Invites
him to dinner while the Gaskells are staying with
her and refers to the rejection of Mr. Firman as
school master by 'the Committee' (1843 May-1843
June).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds
level

MS917/1/115 James Hodson, Wilderspin's printer 1843

Letter from 112, Fleet Street, London to Samuel
Wilderspin, c/o Mr. Hale's, Horse Fair, Pontefract.
Tries to encourage Wilderspin to be more
enthusiastic about his court case against R.B.
Ridgeway (1843 June 9).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds
level

MS917/1/116 Mr Wright 1843

Letter from Huddersfield College to Samuel
Wilderspin, Horse Fair, Pontefract. Rebukes
Wilderspin for the cost he incurred in receiving a
parcel sent by Wilderspin. Recommends
Wilderspin sends the next one by canal. Endorsed
inside the centre fold in a different hand, 'To the
Committee of the Pontefract Infant School Dr. To
Samuel Wilderspin' (1843 June 14).

1 large sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds

level

MS917/1/117 John Hirst Lanch? 1843

Letter from Digley in Holmfirth to Samuel Wilderspin, Horse Fair, Pontefract (1843 June 30). Gives his opinion, and reasons, against appointing a new master for the Holme Bridge School, supports the idea of a new infant school, lists the names of the proposed committee and comments on their suitability. Also asks for Wilderspin's catalogue of school equipment.

1 large sheet, folded.

Paper weak with hole in the centre crease obscuring some text.

MS917/1/118 Robert Shornewell 1843

Letter from Burton on Trent, Staffordshire to Samuel Wilderspin. Requests the price of a piece of arithmetic equipment (1843 July 17).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/119 Mr Wright 1843

Letter from The College, Huddersfield to Samuel Wilderspin, c/o Mr. Hale's, Horse Fair, Pontefract. Discusses the college's account with Wilderspin and whether they will get a discount (1843 July 22).

1 sheet, slightly torn.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/120 Business card for Staunton & Sons, Stationers and Booksellers. c1843

Business card for Staunton & Sons, Stationers and Booksellers (1843 July).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/121 William Marley 1843

Letter from Harrogate, to Samuel Wilderspin. Expresses surprise that Wilderspin has received no reply to his letter from either Revd. Mr. Dykes or the Revd. Mr. Dick, Secretary to the Infant Schools at Hull (1843 August 11).

1 sheet.

Paper brittle and torn.

MS917/1/122 W.D. Brooksbank 1843

Letter from Tickhill to Samuel Wilderspin. Forwards a letter and hopes to see Wilderspin again visiting his school (1843 August 12).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/123 Mr. Wright 1843

Letter from 'College' Huddersfield to Samuel Wilderspin. Expresses his concern that Wilderspin has not yet received his cheque from the College Committee (1843 August 23).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/124 Charles Waterton 1843

Letter from Walton Hall to Samuel Wilderspin c/o Mrs. Brown's, Heath Common. Gives Wilderspin permission to go fishing in the grounds of the hall (1843 September 16).

1 large sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/125 W. Henry Leatham 1843

Letter from Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Regrets that Barnfield School does not have the funds to carry out Wilderspin's ideas, invites him to visit for one week and enquires about his charges (1843 September 25).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/126 William Moorhouse 1843

Letter from Marine Villa, Knottingley to Samuel Wilderspin, London. Asks Wilderspin for credit, explains his current financial situation with regard to an infant school and enquires after Mrs. Wilderspin's poor health (1843 November 11).

1 sheet, folded. Paper thin.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/127 A. Hale 1843

Letter from Pontefract to Samuel Wilderspin, 4 Gwynn's Place, Hackney Road, London. Enquires on behalf of Mr. Pease whether a bill for the Pontefract Infant School should be sent to the school or to Wilderspin. Also sends brief news of his wife and baby (1843 November 13).

1 sheet.

Paper thin, and torn on the creases.

MS917/1/128 Henry Clark, secretary 1843

Letter from Burton on Trent, Staffordshire, to Samuel Wilderspin, 4 Gwynnes Place, Hackney Road, London (1843 November 15). Encloses postal orders for the Infant School account.

1 large sheet.

Paper brittle on the creases.

MS917/1/129 Reverend R. Harris 1843

Letter from Brierley Hill, Staffordshire to Samuel Wilderspin, 4 Gwynnes Place, Hackney Road, London. Writes regarding the infant school accounts (1843 November 28).

1 large sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/130 William Martin 1844

Letter from Twickenham, Middlesex to Samuel Wilderspin, inventor of the Infant school system, c/o Mr. Hew's, Walker Street, Potteries, Hull. Informs him that he can obtain, for Wilderspin, the £20 from the Royal Bounty given by Sir Robert Peel, and invites him to go to London to discuss an appointment, 'colonial or otherwise' (1844 June 16).

1 large sheet, folded.

One corner torn.

MS917/1/131 William Martin 1844

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin, Post Office, Barrow on Humber, Lincolnshire. Arranges to meet Wilderspin to discuss how he can help him financially when he comes to London to collect the £20 from Sir Robert Peel (1844 June 22).

1 large sheet, folded.

Paper torn on one corner.

MS917/1/132 James Kay-Shuttleworth 1844

Confidential letter from the Privy Council Office to Samuel Wilderspin. Thanks Wilderspin for his offer to work for the government in a colonial dependency but rejects his offer (1844 July 16).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/133 Mr J. Stratford 1845

Letter from 7 Collier Street, location not given, to Samuel Wilderspin, Barton on Humber, Lincolnshire. Covering letter for a parcel of some prints of animals, costumes, trades and kings of England which he has ordered from a trade catalogue. Details at length what he has sent, what may be missing and the cost (1845 January 23).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/134 Reverend M.H. Miller 1845

Letter from Scarborough to Samuel Wilderspin. Thanks Wilderspin for setting up, and agreeing to open, his new school and discusses payments (1845 February 8).
See also 1/136 and 1/148

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/135 John Sargeant, Hon. Sec. to the Committee of the Infant School at Barrow-upon-Humber 1845

Letter from Barrow upon Humber, Lincolnshire to Samuel Wilderspin, c/o Mrs. Newton's, Barton-upon-Humber, Lincolnshire. Enquires whether Wilderspin would be able to find a new school mistress after the resignation of Miss Colson (1845 February 15).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/136 Reverend M.H. Miller 1845

Letter from Scarborough to Samuel Wilderspin. Regrets he can not pay all Wilderspin's charges. Offers an alternative daily rate and suggests an alternative venue for Wilderspin's visit as the school room was not yet completed (1845 February 17).
See also 1/134 and 1/148

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/137 Reverend J.B. Birtwhistle 1845

Letter from Beverley to Samuel Wilderspin. Forwards money for Wilderspin's bill for his work at Woodmansey School, queries the rest of the bill, gives an account of the school's progress and asks Wilderspin to find a new master for Beckside school as the previous one had been dismissed (1845 February 20).

1 sheet, folded.

Paper slightly torn.

MS917/1/138 Paris Anderson 1845

Letter from Kilkenny, Ireland to Samuel Wilderspin (1845 March 4):
(i) Thanks Wilderspin for his kindness and his recommendation of Anderson to an unidentified clergyman
(ii) Gives details of his family's current situation

and his own ambitions, details how his family can not make a living in Ireland from teaching alone
(iii) Asks for Wilderspin's help in getting a work on spelling by his mother published,
(iv) Gives details of the contents of the work
(v) Outlines the state of education in Ireland

1 sheet, folded.

Paper has a small hole.

MS917/1/139 H.O. Bradford, surgeon 1845

Letter from High Street, Worcester to Samuel Wilderspin. Writes in response to reading Wilderspin's books and enquires about such schools in his area for his daughter (1845 March 6).

1 sheet.

Paper brittle on creases and has had a second sheet torn away from the left-hand side.

MS917/1/140 W.H. Stephenson, secretary to Sir Robert Peel 1845

Letter from Downing Street, London to Samuel Wilderspin. Regrets that there are no employment prospects for Wilderspin with the government, offers to forward the balance of the £50 awarded by Peel and advises that if Wilderspin's takes the money now there would be no further assistance (1845 March 17).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/141 Reverend J.B. Birtwhistle 1845

Letter from Beverley to Samuel Wilderspin. Defines the type of tips on management he was hoping Wilderspin could give him, describes the talents of the school mistress and gives progress reports, including the number of pupils, on the school and on Becksides School (1845 March 20).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/142 W.H. Stephenson, secretary to Sir Robert Peel 1845

Letter from Downing Street, London to Samuel Wilderspin. Encloses £30, being the balance of the original grant of £50. Also indicates that Lady Peel wished to decline Wilderspin's offer of dedicating his next book to her (1845 April 11).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/143 Reverend J.R. West 1845

Letter, from Wrawby, Lincolnshire, to Samuel Wilderspin. Asks to visit schools at Barton-upon-Humber and details the difficulties of finding a school site at Brigg, Lincolnshire (1845 April 16).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/144 Reverend Field Flowers 1845

Letter from Tealby, Lincolnshire to Samuel Wilderspin. Reports on the progress of the Tealby Girls and Infants' School, details the teacher's pay and reports on the people at Market Rasen, Lincolnshire (1845 April 19).

1 sheet, folded.

Paper brittle on the creases.

MS917/1/145 Alfred Darby 1845

Letter from Coalbrookdale, Shropshire to Samuel Wilderspin. Asks to be sent a dozen copies of Wilderspin's new work, reports on the popularity of his daughter with the parents and children and sees a need for educating the Welsh (1845 May)

26).

See also 1/147

1 sheet, folded.

Paper thin and torn.

MS917/1/146 J. West, for the Archbishop of Dublin 1845

Letter from The Palace, Dublin to Samuel Wilderspin. Letter of thanks for the book which Wilderspin sent the archbishop (1845 May 29).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/147 Alfred Darby 1845

Letter from Coalbrookdale, Shropshire to Samuel Wilderspin. Acknowledges receipt of the books, refers to an account with Mr. Brewer that Wilderspin has not yet acknowledged and reports on the progress of Wilderspin's daughter with the school in Ebbervale, Monmouthshire (1845 July 4). See also 1/145

1 sheet.

Crumpled and torn.

MS917/1/148 Reverend M.H. Miller 1845

Letter from Scarborough to Samuel Wilderspin. Postpones Wilderspin's examination of the children because of lack of funds but reports on the school's progress and numbers in attendance (1845 July 8). See also 1/134 and 1/136

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/149 Reverend Thomas Lowe 1845

Letter from Warrington, Lancashire to Samuel Wilderspin. Letter of thanks for Wilderspin's help in setting up a school in Warrington (1845 September 9).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/150 Testimony from the Reverend J.G. Packer 1845

Testimony from the Revd. J.G. Packer, M.A, of St. Peter's Parsonage, Hackney Road, London, about Wilderspin's church attendance and educational abilities (1845 September 11).

1 sheet in letter format.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/151 Testimony from Reverend Thomas P. Gilbert 1845

Testimony from Revd. Thomas P. Gilbert, M.A of St. Mary's, Haggerston, London about Wilderspin's setting up a school in his parish and lecturing on education (1845 September 15).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/152 Reverend J.B. Birtwhistle 1845

Letter from Beverley Minster, Beverley, to Samuel Wilderspin. Letter bearing a testimony about Wilderspin's talents in setting up and lecturing on infant schools. Also describes the progress of the school he runs and his wish to open another (1845 September 16).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

- MS917/1/153 Reverend George Stewart 1845**
Letter from Knottingley, Lincolnshire to Samuel Wilderspin. Bears testimony to Wilderspin's talents (1845 September 17).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/1/154 Reverend Thomas Dykes 1845**
Letter from Charter House, Hull to Samuel Wilderspin. Bears testimony to Wilderspin's work in Hull (1845 September 18).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/1/155 Reverend J. Deck 1845**
Testimony from Revd. J. Deck of St Stephen's Church, Hull, about Wilderspin's command of East Cheap Infant School in Hull (1845 September 18).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/1/156 M.H. Miller 1845**
Letter from Scarborough, to Samuel Wilderspin. Bears testimony about the quality of Wilderspin's lectures. Also gives news of the school in Scarborough which was failing (1845).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/1/157 Reverend Field Flowers 1845**

Testimony from Reverend Field Flowers of Tealby Vicarage, Lincolnshire about Wilderspin's lectures at Market Rasen and his ability to run, and teach in, infant schools (1845 September 18).

1 sheet, folded

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/158 J. Sanders

1845

Letter from Barton on Humber Vicarage, Lincolnshire to Samuel Wilderspin. Bears testimony to Wilderspin's character, lectures, and abilities in establishing infant schools and the whole infant school system (1845 September 20).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/159 Reverend John Dunne Hilton

1845

Letter from The Parsonage, Woolverstone, Ipswich, Suffolk to Samuel Wilderspin. Praises Wilderspin's work in establishing the school in Scarborough and asks Wilderspin if he knows the whereabouts of any published school songs (1845 September 22).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/160 Reverend G.G. Egremont

1845

Letter from Barrow on Humber, Lincolnshire to Samuel Wilderspin. Bears testimony to Wilderspin's talents in organising infant schools (1845 September 24).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/161 Revd. R. Stamforth

Letter from Pontefract to Samuel Wilderspin. Bears testimony to Wilderspin's success in establishing schools in Pontefract (1845 September 25).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

MS917/1/162 James Simpson 1845

Letter from 33 Northumberland Street, Edinburgh to Samuel Wilderspin. Letter of praise about Wilderspin's 'handsomely red bound volume', asks for news on the progress of infant schools and reports on his lectures to the working classes on how to better themselves (1845 October 13).

1 sheet, folded.

Centre crease brittle.

MS917/1/163 Reverend George Uppleley 1846

Testimony of Reverend George Uppley of
Bardney Hall, Barton-upon-Humber, Lincolnshire
about Wilderspin's character and ability to
establish infant schools (1846 January 19).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

MS917/1/164 Dean James Simpson 1846

Letter from Northumberland Street, Edinburgh to Samuel Wilderspin. Letter of amazement over Wilderspin's ideas about subscriptions and expenses for the Wilderspin Tribute Fund (1846 January 27).

1 sheet, folded.

Paper brittle.

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| MS917/1/165 | Dean James Simpson | 1845 |
| | <p>Letter from Northumberland Street, Edinburgh to Samuel Wilderspin. Discusses the printing, cost and distribution of leaflets for the Wilderspin Tribute Fund (1845 February 2).</p> <p>2 sheets.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
| MS917/1/166 | Hugh James Cameron | 1846 |
| | <p>Letter from Parliament Street, location not given, to Samuel Wilderspin, Lupset Hall, Wakefield. Welcomes the idea of a tribute fund and sends a contribution (1846 February 5).</p> <p>1 sheet.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
| MS917/1/167 | J. Bogg | 1846 |
| | <p>Letter from Louth, Lincolnshire to Samuel Wilderspin. Asks Wilderspin to lecture in Sleaford and asks for his charges. Gives the address of a woman who wanted to establish an infant school there (1846 March 27).
See also 1/170</p> <p>1 sheet, folded.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
| MS917/1/168 | Mrs Barton | 1846 |
| | <p>Letter from Stapleford Park to Mrs. Gaskell. Offers to contribute £1 to the Wilderspin Tribute Fund (1846 April 13).</p> <p>1 sheet.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |

MS917/1/169 Mr Lamport 1846

Letter from 49 George Street, Manchester to Samuel Wilderspin. Informs Wilderspin that he has proposed him, and been accepted, to lecture at the Manchester Athenaeum, reminds him to prepare his testimonials for the forthcoming lecture season and to include Mr. Salis Schwabe's donation of £5 to the Tribute subscribers list, discusses further arrangements for the Tribute Fund and refers to Wilderspin's success at the Athenaeum (1846 April 25).

1 sheet, folded.

Paper brittle.

MS917/1/170 Charles Street 1846

Letter from Sleaford, Lincolnshire to Samuel Wilderspin. Asks for Wilderspin's advice in setting up a school in Sleaford and details the existing plans, which include measurements of the school room and play ground (1846 May 26).
See also 1/167.

1 large sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/171 Thomas Smith 1846

Letter from 36 Reyner Street, London to Samuel Wilderspin. Asks Wilderspin for a list of his works and suggests he come to London to lecture there (1846 June 8).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/172 Reverend C. Whichcote 1846

Letter from Burton Coggles, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire to Samuel Wilderspin. Acknowledges Wilderspin's offer to organise the infant school in Osbournby, Lincolnshire (1846 June 16).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/173 Lady Whichcote 1846

Letter from 14 Curzon Street, location unknown, to Samuel Wilderspin. Arranges for Wilderspin to visit the Osbournby school in Lincolnshire (1846 June 17).

1 sheet, folded.

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MS917/1/174 Edward P. Lamport 1846

Letter from Manchester to Samuel Wilderspin, 16 Johns Street, Pentonville, London forwarded to Barton on Humber, Lincolnshire. Discusses making improvements to the circulars for the Wilderspin Tribute Fund, asks to see Thomas Terrington on the matter, informs him of an intended donation and of errors in the Manchester list of subscribers (1846 June 22).

1 large sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/175 Reverend C. Whichcote 1846

Letter from Burton Coggles, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire to William Mutter, agent for Lady Whichcote. Informs Mr Mutter of return of Wilderspin to Aswanley Park to oversee supply of equipment for a new infant school at Osbournby, Lincolnshire. Discusses choice of books, school fees and age of admission (1846 June 24).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/176 William Mutter on behalf of Lady Whichcote 1846

Letter from Aswanley Park, Lincolnshire, to Samuel Wilderspin, Barton on Humber, Lincolnshire. Discusses supplies and arrangements for a new infant school at Osbournby, Lincolnshire, and speaks of future visit to school by Lady Whichcote (1846 June 25).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/177 William Holme 1846

Letter from Manchester to Samuel Wilderspin, Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire. Asks for Wilderspin's advice in recommending a suitable schoolmaster at Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. Includes job specification, and invitation for visit to school and neighbourhood. Contact address provided by Mr Lamport (1846 June 29).

1 large sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/178 William Mutter 1846

Letter from Aswanley Park, Lincolnshire, to Samuel Wilderspin. Request from Infant School Mistress at the school at Osbournby, Lincolnshire, for supply of necessary books and equipment (1846 July 1).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/179 Mrs L. Gillies 1846

Letter from Cirencester Place to Samuel Wilderspin. Praises Wilderspin on his recent success in obtaining a government pension as a testimonial to his services. Speaks of her sister, Mrs Adey, in Dover (1846 July 31).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/180 William Holme 1846

Letter from Foster Mill, Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire to Samuel Wilderspin, Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire. Discusses forthcoming visit by Wilderspin to school at Hebden Bridge (see 1/177), with invitation to give lectures to school and neighbourhood, and describes location of school and railway (1846 July 3).

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MS917/1/181 H. Spencer 1846

Letter from Albanian Hotel, Hastings, to Samuel Wilderspin. Congratulates Wilderspin on receipt of Royal Grant of pension, now recorded in newspapers. Invites Wilderspin to a meeting with friends during the next London Season, when Spencer has returned to Lower Seymour Street, London (1846 July 3).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/182 Edward P. Lamport 1846

Letter from Manchester to Samuel Wilderspin, Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire. Describes his own studies into the life of I.J. Oberlin, to try and help Wilderspin establish the true founder of infant schools. Gives detailed quotations from published works and debates distinctions between 'dame schools' and 'infant schools' (1846 August 4).

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| MS917/1/183 | Joseph Greenwood | 1846 |
| | <p>Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin.
 Recognition of Wilderspin's potential influence in finding Greenwood a job -post office or customs and excise- with promise of financial reward, if he is successful (1846 August 9).</p> <p>1 large sheet</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
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MS917/1/184 |
P. Penson |
1846 |
| | <p>Letter from St Oswald's Vicarage, Durham, to Samuel Wilderspin. Requests acceptance of, and circulation of, enclosed publication 'The Plan of General Scripture Reading' (missing) written by Penson himself. Supports Wilderspin's claim to be the founder of the infant school system (1846 August 15).</p> <p>1 sheet, folded.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
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MS917/1/185 |
Rebecca Stone |
1846 |
| | <p>Letter from residence of Mr Coates, Waterloo Road, Burslem, Staffordshire to 'William' (?) Wilderspin, Barton-on-Humber. Reminds Wilderspin of promise made four years ago to find her a job in infant school teaching, when she was governess of the Parish Church National School Room, possibly at Burslem (1846 August 18).</p> <p>1 large sheet, folded.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
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MS917/1/186 |
Edward P. Lamport |
1846 |
| | <p>Letter from Manchester to Samuel Wilderspin, Barton-upon-Humber. Accuses Wilderspin of neglecting his friends, with little acknowledgement of their help. Refers to material appearing in daily newspapers and periodicals, containing evidence</p> | |

for and against the originality of Wilderspin's infant school system, and expresses fear that this could be harmful to the Tribute. Quotes latest details on subscriptions to Wilderspin's Trust Fund (1846 August 20).

1 large sheet, folded

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MS917/1/187 William Mutter 1846

Letter from Aswanley Park, Falkingham, [Lincolnshire] to [Samuel Wilderspin]. Covering letter for cheque, with additional payment from Lady Whichcote. Gives reference to Mrs Barley and her pupils at the local infant school (1846 August 22).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/188 William Moody 1846

Letter from Westbourne Park Villas, Paddington, London to Samuel Wilderspin, Barton-upon-Humber. Requests future meeting with Wilderspin to discuss his pension (1846 August 25).

1 large sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/189 William Holme 1846

Letter from Manchester to Samuel Wilderspin, Barton-upon-Humber. Encloses two London papers where Wilderspin's name has been mentioned, and invites him to his house in Manchester. Discusses sale of tickets for lectures, and requests ideas on possible teachers for school at Hebden Bridge. Letter marked 'General letters on my movements' (1846 August 25).

1 large sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/190 Edward P. Lamport 1846

Letter from Manchester to Samuel Wilderspin. Debate over originality of Wilderspin's infant school system continues, whilst Wilderspin's health declines. Lamport has written conciliatory letter to Daily News and speaks of producing a new circular (1846 August 26).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/191 Reverend Edward Brooksbank 1846

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield, to Samuel Wilderspin at Barton-upon-Humber
Letter signed: Revd Edward Brooksbank, Daniel Gaskell, Mary Gaskell, Edward Brooksbank Junior, Benjamin H. Brooksbank, and Arthur Brooksbank. Expresses concern for Wilderspin's ill-health, which could threaten an early end to his Tribute fund. Friends caution him on depending upon his all purpose remedy of brandy and salt (1846 August 28).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/192 Edward P. Lamport 1846

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin. Encloses circular (missing). Describes his style and purpose when writing within circular (1846 September 2).

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| MS917/1/193 | William Johnson | 1846 |
| | <p>Letter from Manchester to Samuel Wilderspin. Committee of the Baptist Sunday School, Rochdale Road, Manchester, requests an organ for the School Room, and wishes to know the moral effect of instrumental music within a school (1846 September 3).</p> <p>1 sheet, folded.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
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| MS917/1/194 | Edward P. Lamport | 1846 |
| | <p>Letter from 49 George Street, Manchester to Samuel Wilderspin. Refers to newspaper reports claiming that Wilderspin is seriously ill. Lamport discusses forthcoming journey to Glasgow and Edinburgh to study schools and provoke debate. Cross-written with reference to R.H. Horne working in Dublin, who witnessed Daniel Murray, the Archbishop of Dublin presenting a rose to Wilderspin's daughter (1846 September 18).</p> <p>1 sheet, folded.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
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| MS917/1/195 | Rebecca Stone | 1846 |
| | <p>Letter from residence of Mr Coates, Waterloo Road, Burslem, Staffordshire, to Samuel Wilderspin. Informs Wilderspin of her job application to Mr Moxon, giving details of her reasons for leaving former school post (1846 September 21).</p> <p>1 large sheet.</p> <p>Brittle on folds.</p> | |
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| MS917/1/196 | William Holme | 1846 |

Letter from Manchester to Samuel Wilderspin. Discusses teaching arrangements and Wilderspin's directions for setting up school at Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire. Meeting to be held by friends to form a committee to supervise his Tribute (1846 September 25).

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Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/197 William Holme 1846

Letter from Prestwich, Greater Manchester, to Samuel Wilderspin, Barton-upon-Humber, Lincolnshire. Holme awaits results of meeting regarding supervision of Wilderspin's Tribute (see 1/196) and offers his own support. Suggests visit to Manchester to combine lectures with Grand Service to be held at the Free Trade Hall on 22 October 1846, presided over by Lord Morpeth, later the 7th Earl of Carlisle, (1846 September 25).

1 large sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/198 William Holme 1846

Letter from Manchester to Samuel Wilderspin, Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire. Plan by Holme that Wilderspin should come to neighbourhood of Foster Mill and take over management of school at Hebden Bridge. Includes detail on supply of equipment for a school, possibly the one at Barton (1846 September 30).

1 large sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/199 HM Treasury 1846

Letter from Treasury to Samuel Wilderspin.
Explains necessary administration work for
Wilderspin's pension (1846 October 3).

1 sheet, folded.

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MS917/1/200 John Bennett

1846

Letter from 65 Cheapside, London to Samuel
Wilderspin. Content unclear. Acknowledges receipt
of note from Wilderspin and of unidentified
enclosure to be presented (circular?). Discusses
advertisement sent to 'The Ecclesiastical Times',
described as an 'announcement' (1846 October
27).

1 sheet, folded

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds
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MS917/1/201 Edward P. Lamport

1846

Letter from 95 Lloyd Street, Manchester to Samuel
Wilderspin. Discusses future lectures at
Manchester following Wilderspin's expedition to
Ipswich. Lamport requests syllabus for
advertising, and suggests improvements for lecture
topics. Includes offer of accommodation whilst in
Manchester. Cross written with latest details on
Trust Fund (1846 November 1).

1 sheet, folded.

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MS917/1/202 William Holme

1846

Letter from Manchester to Samuel Wilderspin.
Confirms visit of Wilderspin to Holme's house on
following Monday (1846 November 5).

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MS917/1/203 Edward P. Lamport 1846

Letter from 95 Lloyd Street, Manchester, to Samuel Wilderspin. Suggests topics for lectures and encloses related material (missing) for Wilderspin's use. Dwells on moral training of neglected children. Gives detailed description of plan to have John Rogers Herbert, 'perhaps the first portrait painter in England', paint portrait of Wilderspin for future purchasers (1846 November 8).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/204 James S. Hodson 1846

Letter from Clifford's Inn Passage, London to Samuel Wilderspin. Discusses purchase and delivery of books to Mr Downes at Audit Office (1846 November 11).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/205 William Porter 1846

Letter from Hembury Fort, Honiton to Samuel Wilderspin. Requests advice regarding tutor for 14 year old boy of special needs (1846 December 22).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/206 John Bennett 1846

Letter from 65 Cheapside, London to Samuel Wilderspin. Regards ill health of himself and family. Advertisements sent off for Wilderspin at unknown price. Bennett dwells on circumstances of rich and poor people as he contemplates life (1846).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/207 John Hargreaves 1847

Letter from Sabden, near Whalley, Lancashire to Samuel Wilderspin. Suggests meeting to show Wilderspin his teaching system whilst superintendent at the Sabbath School, Padiham, Lancashire (1847 January 11).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/208 Fred Loudon 1847

Letter from Infant School, Eastcheap, London to Samuel Wilderspin. Acknowledges receipt of a 'valuable' gift sent from Wilderspin via Thomas Terrington (1847 June 4).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/209 Margracia Loudon 1847

Letter from 42 Davies Street, Berkley Square, London to Samuel Wilderspin. Informs Wilderspin of her temporary address and requests his company, when convenient (1847 June 16).

1 small sheet, folded.

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| MS917/1/210 | Edward E. Fisher | 1847 |
| | <p>Letter from Temple Infant School, Tower Street, Great Gardens, Bristol to Samuel Wilderspin. Former acquaintance from Meadow Street Infant School, Bristol, requests Wilderspin's advice on how to apply for a pension from the Educational Grant (1847 June 16).</p> <p>1 sheet, folded.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
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| MS917/1/211 | G.W. Yapp, Secretary to the Whittington Club and Metropolitan Athenaeum | 1847 |
| | <p>Letter from offices , 68 Cheapside, to Samuel Wilderspin. Notice of approval following John Bennett's nomination of Wilderspin as master of the Institution (1847 June 22)</p> <p>1 sheet, folded.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
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| MS917/1/212 | John Bennett | 1847 |
| | <p>Letter from 65 Cheapside, London to Samuel Wilderspin. Explains his ill health and inability to visit Treasury on Wilderspin's behalf, and provides details on administration of Wilderspin's pension. Also asks for acknowledgement of receipt of clock sent out in previous post (1847 July 13).</p> <p>1 sheet, folded.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
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| MS917/1/213 | William Holme | 1847 |
| | <p>Letter from Manchester to Samuel Wilderspin. Comments on letter sent by Wilderspin from Luppet Hall, left by Holme at Prestwich. Forwards letter to Wilderspin from Her Majesty's Services, sent to wrong address. Also gives details on work conditions at Foster Mill concerning Hebden Bridge School (1847 July 20).</p> | |

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/214 J/I? Dudding

1847

Letter from Newall, West Yorkshire to Mary Wilderspin, third wife of Samuel Wilderspin. Answer to enquiries made regarding formerly vacant teaching post at Newall Infant School (1847 August 13).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/215 Edward P. Lamport

1847

(i)

Letter from 49 George Street, Manchester enclosing letter from James Simpson (see 1/215/ii) to Samuel Wilderspin (1847 August 19). Informs Wilderspin of his need to move, due to increased responsibilities in business, and quotes new address for Glasgow. Also speaks of his obligation to give up all public business, but concludes with latest information on Wilderspin's portrait (see 1/203).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/215 James Simpson

1847

(ii)

Letter enclosed in 1/215/I. From 33 Northumberland Street, Edinburgh to Samuel Wilderspin. Informs Wilderspin of closure of his infant school and asks for advice on future employment for teacher. Also quotes poor money market and anticipates its bearing on Wilderspin's Tribute Fund (1847 August 14).

1 sheet, folded

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/216 Mr Salmon 1847

Letter from Thorne, Barton, South Yorkshire.
Permission to fish in Keelby Canal, Lincolnshire
(1847 August 30).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/217 William Martin 1847

Letter from Monepellen? Rooms, Twickenham to Samuel Wilderspin. Accuses Wilderspin of neglect following lack of communication with him since the 'Peel affair' (see 1/130-1/131). Gives details on family, quotes several reminiscences from the past, and declares he will never write to Wilderspin again if he receives no reply (1847 September 25).

1 large sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/218 Reverend John B. Birtwhistle 1847

Letter from Beverley, Yorkshire to Samuel Wilderspin. Proposes to open an infant school after Christmas at Beckside and asks Wilderspin to recommend an efficient school mistress. Provides job specification and asks for financial advice (1847 December 17).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/219 Reverend John B. Birtwhistle 1847

Letter from Barton-upon-Humber, Lincolnshire, to Samuel Wilderspin. Requests further advice on possible school mistress (see 1/218) and discusses cost of school materials required. Has been studying Wilderspin's own school system in Barton-upon-Humber for new ideas. Letter debates number of pupils expected at new school (1847 December 27).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/220 Reverend J.B. Birtwhistle 1848

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin concerning expenses, particularly the purchase of buildings possibly intended for use as a school (1848 January 7).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/221 Edward P. Lamport 1848

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin concerning the completing of an engraving of a portrait, possibly of Wilderspin (1848 April 1).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/222 C. Lamport 1848

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin requesting he send a dog as a present (1848 April 4).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/223 Reverend W.D. Hawke 1848

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin announcing the death of Mary Gaskell (1848 April 16).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/224 Reverend J.B. Birtwhistle 1848

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin inviting him to the public opening of a new national school possibly based in Beverley (1848 July 13).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/225 James Hodson, George Benson 1848

(i) Letter to Samuel Wilderspin's printer James Hodson from George Benson requesting information on how to establish an infant school based on Wilderspin's principles (1848 July 14).
(ii) Note written on the above letter to Wilderspin from Hodson inviting Wilderspin to reply to Benson (1848 July 15).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/226 Edward P. Lamport 1848

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin concerning a portrait, possibly of Wilderspin, which was to be reproduced in a publication (1848 August 23).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/227 Cecilia Payne 1848

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin asking for advice concerning the education of her children (1848 August 30).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/228 Reverend Richson 1848

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from the Reverend Richson, secretary of Manchester Church Education Society, concerning the impact of his daughter Emma's ill health on her duties as a teacher at a school in Salford (1848 September 27).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/229 Reverend Richson 1848

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from the Reverend Richson, secretary of Manchester Church Education Society, concerning the death of his daughter Emma, who has been working as a teacher at a school in Salford (1848 October 1).

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Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/230 W.F. Good 1848

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from W.F. Good requesting advice as regards what school text books and other school equipment would be required for an infant school of about 30 children he plans to establish at Newton Abbot in Devon (1848 October 3).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/231 William Holme 1848

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from William Holme expressing condolences on the death of his daughter Emma and inviting Wilderspin and his wife to visit him in Manchester (1848 October 10)

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MS917/1/232 Alfred Darby 1848

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Alfred Darby accepting Wilderspin's offer to deliver a course of lectures to his employees, also that Darby hopes to open an infant school in the spring (1848 December 20).

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Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/233 Reverend Richson 1848

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Reverend Richson concerning demands made on the property of Wilderspin's late daughter Emma (1848 October 16).

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Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/234 Mrs. Arkwright 1849

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Mrs Arkwright concerning Wilderspin's offer of assistance in the establishment of a school (1849 February 19).

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Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/235 Reverend Henry Arkwright 1849

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Reverend Henry Arkwright concerning using Wilderspin's residence as a base for his work (1849 February 23).

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Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/236 Mary Ann Jones 1849

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Mary Ann Jones concerning her forthcoming visit to the Wilderspin's residence (1849 March 23).

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Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/237 Reverend W.R. Bowditch 1849

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Reverend W.R. Bowditch notifying Wilderspin that Mr. Blandford, who inspected the Barton-upon-Humber school will joining them for dinner the next day (1849 April 9).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/238 Pay Master General's Office 1849

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from the Pay Master General's Office requesting Wilderspin obtain the signature of the District Surveyor and Commissioners for General Purposes for the enclosed form to ensure Wilderspin's pension can be paid without abatement (1849 May 28).

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Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/239 Edward P. Lamport 1849

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Edward P. Lamport concerning the work load and abilities of the school master at an infant school in Lower Mosley Street in Manchester, and invites Wilderspin to spend a month at the school to help raise teaching standards (1849 July 2).

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Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/240 John Hargreaves 1849

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from John Hargreaves concerning inviting Wilderspin to a meeting in Wakefield concerning 'Hungarian affairs' (1849 July 31).

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MS917/1/241 Dr Lant Carpenter 1849

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Dr. Lant Carpenter concerning bills for educational equipment such as stationary and other matters (1849 July 31).

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Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/242 Reverend John Dunne Hilton 1849

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Reverend John Dunne Hilton inviting Wilderspin to visit him (1849 August 7).

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Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/243 Reverend John Dunne Hilton 1849

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Reverend John Dunne Hilton asking if Wilderspin still gives lectures (1849 August 3).

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Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/244 J.G. Smyth 1849

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from J.G. Smyth concerning fishing rights (1849 October 20).

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Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/245 Mr? Payne 1849

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Mr? Payne requesting advice concerning the establishment of an infant Sabbath school (1849 December 7).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/246 E. Kenway, Mr. Payne 1850

(i) Letter to Mr Payne from E. Kenway asking him to forward Wilderspin's address so he can contact him to ask if he would lecture at the Sunday School in Cardiff (1850 January 9)
(ii) Letter to E. Kenway from Mr. Payne notifying him of Wilderspin's address (1850 February 11).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/247 Charles Castleman 1850

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Charles Castleman requesting Wilderspin's advice in connection with an infant school Castleman was planning to establish in the Weymouth area (1850 January 17).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/248 Charles Castleman 1850

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Charles Castleman responding to Wilderspin's advice in connection with an infant school Castleman was planning to establish in the Weymouth area (1850 January 25).

Two sheets.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/249 Mr? Cuderson 1850

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Mr? Cuderson concerning a report by Wilderspin which had been reproduced in 'Kilkenny Moderator', the art of lecturing, etc. (1850 January 25).

Two sheets.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/250 Francis Davis 1850

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Francis Davis concerning the arrival of some boxes (contents unspecified) to Wilderspin's address, the situation of farmers in Herefordshire, etc. (1850 January 26).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/251 E. Kenway

1850

Letter to an unidentified correspondent, not Samuel Wilderspin, from E. Kenway concerning the lack of a suitable venue in Cardiff for Wilderspin to use for his lectures (1850 January 28)

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/252 E. Kenway

1850

Letter to an unidentified correspondent, not Samuel Wilderspin, from E. Kenway concerning the forthcoming decision of the Athenaeum Committee whether to invite Samuel Wilderspin to lecture in Cardiff (1850 January 30).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/253 Charles Castleman

1850

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin to Charles Castleman concerning difficulties in finding appropriate buildings to use for a school (1850 February 1?)

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/254 E. Kenway, Mr. Payne 1850

(i) Letter to an unidentified correspondent, not Samuel Wilderspin, from E. Kenway concerning the decision of the Athenaeum Committee not to invite Samuel Wilderspin to lecture in Cardiff (1850 February 1).

(ii) Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Mr. Payne concerning the decision of the Athenaeum Committee not to invite Samuel Wilderspin to lecture in Cardiff, and a request for a list of equipment Wilderspin would recommend as necessary for the opening of a infant Sabbath School (1850 February 14).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/255 Mr. Payne 1850

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Mr Payne concerning the arrival of some boxes (contents unspecified) to Wilderspin's address, etc. (1850 February 11).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/256 Charles Castleman 1850

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Charles Castleman reporting that it had been decided to build an infant school as soon as the plans had been completed (1850 February 20)

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/257 George Bateman, Francis Davis 1850

- (i) Letter to Charles Allen from George Bateman, concerning the whereabouts of some boxes (contents unspecified) which were to be delivered to Samuel Wilderspin's address (1850 February 1850).
- (ii) Letter to Wilderspin from Francis Davis informing him about the aforementioned matter (1850 February 21).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/258 Paris Anderson

1850

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Paris Anderson, concerning an unpublished work by Anderson aimed at improving pupils' spelling (1850 April 9). The letter is accompanied by three specimen spelling exercises by Anderson for Wilderspin's perusal.

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/259 Reverend Henry Arkwright

**1850,
c1980**

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Reverend Henry Arkwright concerning Wilderspin's forthcoming visit to his house (1850 April 3). Accompanied by a handwritten note by Samuel Wilderspin's biographer Dr. Francis A. Young (c1980).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/260 James Simpson

1850

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from James Simpson concerning financial matters (1850 April 9).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/261 James S. Hodson 1850

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from his printer James Hodson telling him personal news about his family, etc. (1850 September 7)

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/262 Sarah Craven 1850

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Sarah Craven, enquiring if Wilderspin can recommend a suitable school mistress for the infant school at Aldborough (1850 November 15).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/263 Reverend Cox 1851

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Reverend Cox concerning a decision to build an infant school (1851 January 7).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/264 Paris Anderson 1851

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Paris Anderson asking Wilderspin to contact him if he hears of any vacant teaching positions (1851 February 13).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/265 Henry Jones 1851

Printed circular letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Henry Jones, Curate of Wakefield, notifying correspondents of the forthcoming publication of Jones' lectures on Romanism (1851 February 13).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

MS917/1/266 Richard Bayldon 1851

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Richard Bayldon, reminiscing about Wilderspin's first lectures at Barnsley about 26 years previously (1851 October 18).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

MS917/1/267 Reverend J.B. Birtwhistle 1852

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Reverend J.B. Birtwhistle inviting Wilderspin to attend the official opening of a new infant school at Beckside, Beverley (1852 January 13).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

MS917/1/268 Reverend J.B. Birtwhistle 1852

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Reverend J.B. Birtwhistle (1852 February 4) concerning:

- (i) Wilderspin's attendance of the official opening of a new infant school at Becksde, Beverley
- (ii) The illness of one of his daughters .

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/269 Mr? Lockeby 1852

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Mr? Lockeby inviting him to visit to discuss the recruitment of a teacher and also an infant school for the upper classes in Barnsley (1852 July 14).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/270 Elizabeth Dobson 1852

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Elizabeth Dobson concerning her son's musical lectures (1852 December 15).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/271 Dr. Kendall 1853

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Dr. Kendall, thanking him for sending him a manual to be used for educating young children, etc. (1852 February 11).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/272 W.S. Banks 1853

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from W.S. Banks, asking Wilderspin to give a favourable character reference of the bearer of the letter, Edwin Luik, to Benjamin and Daniel Gaskell (1853 May 8).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/273 Mary Ellen Spetch 1853

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Mary Ellen Spetch informing him that 'a gentleman' would be contacting him about how to obtain the same school equipment as used at Mary Spetch's Bishopsgate Infant School in York (1853 May 31).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/274 Reverend George Fenton 1853

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Reverend George Fenton (1853 June 3):
(i) Asking if he knows of any place in London where he can purchase a copy of Wilderspin's 'Scripture lessons with pictures' (sic), a possible reference to Wilderspin's published work 'Manual for the religious and moral instruction of young children'.
(ii) Asking if Wilderspin has a depot for all the necessary equipment required by an infant school.

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/275 Paris Anderson 1853

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Paris Anderson concerning his personal situation as a teacher in Kilkenny, and requesting if Wilderspin can help find a job in England (1853 June 14).

Two sheets.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

- MS917/1/276 Paris Anderson 1853**
Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Paris Anderson concerning his employment prospects in England (1853 September 1).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/1/277 Martha Isabella Nugent 1854**
Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Martha Isabella Nugent asking for his help in obtaining every work he has produced, also discusses Wilderspin's published work 'The infant system' (1854 January 10).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/1/278 Reverend William Tait 1854**
Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Reverend William Tait asking for a list of school equipment and relevant suppliers in order to make improvements to his infant school at Rugby (1854 July 11).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/1/279 Reverend Thomas Johnstone 1854**
Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Reverend Thomas Johnstone congratulating Wilderspin on the marriage of one of his daughter (1854 December 11).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

- MS917/1/280 William M. Holme 1855**
Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from William M. Holme inviting Wilderspin to visit him at his house at Prestwich (1855 January 10).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/1/281 Stephen Robinson 1855**
Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Stephen Robinson comparing the abilities of pupils in Irish and Yorkshire schools, and speculating whether it would be appropriate to establish an infant school at Skipton (1855 April 11).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/1/282 Stephen Robinson 1855**
Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Stephen Robinson concerning Wilderspin's forthcoming lecture at Skipton on infant education, the financial obstacles preventing an infant school being established at Skipton, etc. (1855 May 3).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/1/283 John Bucks 1855**
Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from John Bucks of Wakefield Mechanics' Institution concerning the purchase of a building in connection with the Institute (1855 August 27).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

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| MS917/1/284 | Mary Parker | 1856 |
| | Letter to Mrs Wilderspin from Mary Parker concerning social matters such as the health of Wilderspin's and her own family, the death of Benjamin Gaskell, etc. (1856, month illegible). | |
| | One sheet. | |
| | Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level | |
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| MS917/1/285 | B.G. Wilson | 1856 |
| | Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from B.G. Wilson, inviting Wilderspin to lecture at Barnsley (1856 July 20). | |
| | One sheet. | |
| | Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level | |
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| MS917/1/286 | Governor of Wakefield Prison | 1856 |
| | Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from the Governor of Wakefield Prison (signature illegible), asking Wilderspin to visit him to discuss the education of the children of the prisoners (1856 August 18). | |
| | One sheet. | |
| | Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level | |
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| MS917/1/287 | Reverend Henry Arkwright | 1857 |
| | Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Reverend Henry Arkwright concerning the state of the school building (location not certain, possibly Bodenham), the possibility of a training master from the 'National Society' (possibly The National Society for Promoting Religious Education) coming to the neighbourhood, etc. (1857 February 13). | |
| | One sheet. | |
| | Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level | |

MS917/1/288	F.L. Jackson	1859
	Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from F.L. Jackson inviting Wilderspin to a 'service' (1859 March 11).	
	One sheet.	
	Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level	
MS917/1/289	Reverend Alfred Gatty	1859
	Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Reverend Alfred Gatty concerning a reference for an infant school mistress (1859 March 14).	
	One sheet.	
	Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level	
MS917/1/290	Mary Wilderspin, wife of Samuel Wilderspin	1866
	Telegram from Mary Wilderspin, wife of Samuel Wilderspin to his son-in-law Thomas Urry Young, informing him of the death of Wilderspin (1866 March 10).	
	One sheet.	
	Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level	
MS917/1/291	Mr? Smith	[19th century]
	Letter from Mr? Smith enquiring about teaching posts in infant schools (undated).	
	One sheet.	
	Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level	
MS917/1/292	Dean of Ripon	[19th century]

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from the Dean of Ripon concerning the Dean's forthcoming visit to Wakefield (undated).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/293 Reverend W.H. Cartwright

**[19th
century]**

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Reverend W.H. Cartwright requesting Wilderspin's assistance in connection with the opening of a school at King Street, Dudley (undated).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/294 Reverend C.A. Tryon

**[19th
century]**

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Reverend C.A. Tryon requesting a testimonial concerning an application to a school mistress post at a village girls' school (undated).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/295 Lucy Leman Adey

**[19th
century]**

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from Lucy Leman Adey thanking him for a book which will enable her to teach hymns to her pupils more effectively (undated).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/1/296 M.J. Pernell

[19th

century]

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin from M.J. Pernell enquiring which of the schools established by Wilderspin does he consider to be the most successful (undated).

One sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/2 Family correspondence

1840-1860

Letters to Wilderspin from his daughters, Sarah Anne, Emily and Rebecca and his sons-in-law, Thomas Terrington and Thomas Urry Young, mostly from Dublin. The letters are mostly personal but contain some detailed and passing references to the Model Infant School, Dublin which Sarah and Thomas Young ran.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/2/1 Family correspondence

1840

Photocopy of a letter to Samuel Wilderspin from his son-in-law Thomas Urry Young, concerning a delay in sending Wilderspin a syllabus, family matters, etc. (1840 December 5).

A handwritten note is attached stating that the photocopy was amongst sent to Senate House 1989 May 31 by Wilderspin's descendant and biographer Dr. Francis A. Young after he had finished using the Wilderspin papers for his own research.

One item.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/2/2 Family correspondence

1842

Photocopies of letters to Samuel Wilderspin from two of his daughters from Dublin concerning family matters:

Three letters from his daughter Sarah Ann Young, concerning family matters etc. (1842 May 12 to 1842

October 6)
One letter possibly to Wilderspin's third wife Mary from his daughter Rebecca Wilderspin, later Terrington (1842 September 8)

One item.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/2/3 Family correspondence 1843

Photocopies of letters to Samuel Wilderspin from his son-in-law Thomas Urry Young, daughters Rebecca (later Terrington), Emily, Sarah Anne, concerning family, educational, financial and other matters, including:

Letter from Thomas Urry Young theorising about child education (1843 January 29)

Covering letter possibly from Rebecca Wilderspin later Terrington (1843 March) accompanying a letter to Wilderspin from Sarah Colson concerning teaching jobs (1843 February 28).

Thirteen items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/2/4 Family correspondence 1845

Photocopies of letters to Samuel Wilderspin from his son-in-law Thomas Urry Young, daughters Rebecca (later Terrington), Sarah Anne, Emma concerning family, educational and other matters (1845 March 21 to 1845 December 21)

Eleven items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/2/5 Family correspondence 1846

Photocopies of two letters to Samuel Wilderspin from his son-in-law Thomas Urry Young, concerning the state of Wilderspin's health, his claim to be the inventor of the infant school system, etc. (1846 August 7 to 1846 December 23).

Two items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/2/6 Family correspondence 1848

Photocopies of six letters to Samuel Wilderspin from his son-in-law Thomas Urry Young, and daughters Rebecca and Sarah Ann, concerning family and other matters (1848 January 24 to 1848 December 22).

Six items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/2/7 Family correspondence 1849

Photocopies of six letters to Samuel Wilderspin from his son-in-law Thomas Urry Young, and daughters Sarah and Rebecca, concerning family and other matters, such as Sarah Ann's health and the birth of her child, etc. (c1849 April 1 to 1849 December 24).

Six items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/2/8 Family correspondence 1850

Photocopies of eight letters to Samuel Wilderspin from:
One letter from Dr. Wright concerning lectures at Cheltenham (1850 January 29)
Two letters from Anna Young (1850 January 29 and 1850 January 30)
Five letters from his son-in-law Thomas Urry Young, and daughters Sarah and Rebecca, concerning family and other matters, such as Wilderspin's birthday, etc. (c1850 March 21 to c1850 December).

Eight items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/2/9 Family correspondence

1851

Photocopies of seven letters to Samuel Wilderspin from his son-in-law Thomas Urry Young, daughter Sarah Ann and Urry Young's sister Anna Young concerning family and other matters, such as the illness of Wilderspin's wife Mary and other family members, theories of educational reform, the writing of Young's book 'The teacher's manual for infant schools', etc. (1851 February to 1851 December 23). Photocopies of two letters concerning the Young family:

Letter from Thomas Urry Young to his sister Anna concerning the death of Thomas' mother (1851 April 28)

Letter from to possibly Thomas Urry Young from his father concerning the aforementioned death of his mother (1851 May 2).

Photocopy of a letter from Thomas Urry Young to the secretaries of the Office of (illegible word) Education concerning what textbooks and manuals were used by him when teaching his pupils (1851 October 2)

Photocopy of a letter to Samuel Wilderspin from an unidentified individual, possibly a relation of Thomas Urry Young concerning a death in his family (1851 December 5).

Eleven items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/2/10 Family correspondence

1852

Photocopies of a letter to Samuel Wilderspin from his son-in-law Thomas Urry Young, concerning the death of Wilderspin's granddaughter (1852 August 7).

One item.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/2/11	Family correspondence	1853
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Photocopies of five letters to Samuel Wilderspin from his son-in-law Thomas Urry Young and his daughter Sarah Ann Young concerning family and other matters, such as developments at the Young's school in Dublin, illness, etc. (1853 Spring to 1853 December 19 1853).

Photocopies of three letters, two of which are incomplete, to Wilderspin from his daughter Rebecca Terrington concerning family and other matters, such as a forthcoming visit by Wilderspin to her house at Hull, etc. (c1853).

Eight items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

MS917/2/12	Family correspondence	1856
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Photocopies of one letter to Samuel Wilderspin possibly from his third wife Mary giving instructions concerning preparation for a forthcoming dinner (1856)

One item.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

MS917/2/13	Family correspondence	1857
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Photocopies of eleven letters to Samuel Wilderspin from his son-in-law Thomas Urry Young and daughters Sarah Ann Young and Rebecca Terrington, concerning family and other matters, such as Wilderspin's forthcoming birthday, illness in the family, etc. (1857 March 21 to 1857 December 23).

Eleven items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

MS917/2/14	Family correspondence	1858
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Photocopies of three letters to Samuel Wilderspin from his son-in-law Thomas Urry Young and daughter Sarah Ann Young, concerning family and other matters, such as remembering family members at Christmas time, etc. (c1858 December 21).

Three items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/2/15 Family correspondence

1859

Photocopies of four letters to Samuel Wilderspin from his son-in-law Thomas Urry Young and daughters Sarah Ann Young and Rebecca Terrington, concerning family and other matters, such as the behaviour and moral conduct of Wilderspin's grandson Samuel Wilderspin Young, etc. (1859).

Four items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/2/16 Family correspondence

1860

Photocopy of one letter to Samuel Wilderspin from his son-in-law Thomas Urry Young, concerning the ill health of Wilderspin's daughter Sarah Ann, Young's financial difficulties, etc. (1860 January 21)

One item.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3 Gaskell correspondence

**1843-1855,
1875,
c1970,
c1980**

Letters to Wilderspin from the Gaskell family, Daniel and his wife, Mary at Lupset Hall, Wakefield and Daniel's brother, Benjamin and his wife, Mary at Thornes House. Most of the letters are from Mrs Daniel Gaskell of Lupset Hall. The letters cover

diverse topics but principally offer encouragement, practical and some financial support, request advice about the running of Horbury School and arrange lectures. Some letters refer to the Wilderspin Tribute in the 1840s.

Exceptions to the bulk of the letters are:

- (i) Letter addressed to "Madam" from H.J. Morton (1843)
- (ii) Printed testimonial to Wilderspin sent to Lord Brougham. Photocopied from the Brougham Papers.
- (iii) Photocopied obituaries of Mrs. Daniel Gaskell, 1848 and of Mr. Daniel Gaskell (1875)
- (iv) Handwritten notes by Wilderspin's biographer Dr. Francis A. Young on the life of Mrs. Daniel Gaskell (c1980)

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/1 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1843

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Enthuses about Wilderspin's chance to lecture at Wakefield Mechanics' Institute and discusses dates and times (1843 February 15).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/2 Daniel and Mary Gaskell 1843

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin, Gwynne's Place, Hackney Road, London. Details arrangements and terms for lectures at the Mechanics' Institute in Wakefield for Wilderspin and other lecturers in order to encourage Wilderspin to lecture there (1843 February 17).

1 sheet, folded.

Paper very thin.

MS917/3/3 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1843

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield, to Samuel Wilderspin. Enthuses at the response in Wakefield to Wilderspin's proposed lectures and finalises dates and travel arrangements for them (1843 February 27).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/4 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1843

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Finalises arrangements for the lectures and includes a letter from H.J Morton to herself of 3rd March regarding the hire of a room at the Crown Court (1843 March 5).

2 sheets, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/5 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1843

Letter from the Library, Lupset Hall, Wakefield, to Samuel Wilderspin, Maresbro' (sic). Covering letter for an enclosure that is now missing. Also mentions a letter from Mr Mousehall of Leeds to Daniel Gaskell regarding whether schools in Leeds needed aid (1843 March 22).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/6 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1843

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Invites Wilderspin and his wife to stay at Lupset Hall when he next lectured in the area (1843 April 19/26).

1 sheet, folded, brittle.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/7 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1843

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Laments that Wilderspin was not able to visit her and the school at Horbury as arranged and invites him and his wife to stay at Lupset Hall (1843 May 1).

1 sheet, folded. Paper brittle.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/8 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1843

Letter from the 'Silent Library', Lupset Hall, Wakefield, to Samuel Wilderspin. Discusses a possible course of lectures for Wilderspin at the 'Wakefield Lambs'. Also refers to a school for Jewish children (1843 June 30).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/9 Daniel Gaskell 1843

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Informs Wilderspin that Mr Charles Stanhope will not be promoting his lectures in Barnsley (1843 August 7).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/10 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1843

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin at Mrs Brown's Heath, Wakefield. Invites Wilderspin and his wife to stay at Lupset Hall while they are in Wakefield (1843 September 13).

1 sheet, folded.

Brittle.

MS917/3/11 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1843

Letter from the 'Peaceful Library', Lupset Hall, Wakefield, to Samuel Wilderspin. Sympathises with Wilderspin about his wife's ill health, asks for his help in finding a Master for Horbury School and details the personal qualities she is looking for (1843 November 30).

1 sheet, folded.

Brittle.

MS917/3/12 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1843

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Discusses the personal qualities and living arrangements for new Master for Horbury School (1843 December 14).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/13 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1843

Letter from the Library, Lupset Hall, Wakefield, to Samuel Wilderspin. Discusses which lessons the new Master will teach, when he will start and where he will live (1843 December 23).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/14 Daniel Gaskell 1844

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Discusses a sum of money owed to Wilderspin by the Superintendent of the Horbury School for furniture and refers to the possibility of Wilderspin's receiving a pension from the Queen's

Civil List. Endorsed by Wilderspin, 'looked over June 13th 1860' (1844 September 17).

1 sheet, folded.

Paper torn along crease.

MS917/3/15 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1844

Letter from the Library, Lupset Hall, Wakefield, to Samuel Wilderspin at Beverly. Recounts her social life for the previous months and affairs at the school, and reports the death of Mr A. (1844 November 25).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/16 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1845

Letter from Lupset Hall to Samuel Wilderspin. Invites Wilderspin to stay at Lupset Hall while he is in York and discusses whether Mr Sharp will leave his school (1845 June 20).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/17 Mr & Mrs Benjamin Gaskell c1845

Letter from Thornes House, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Thanks Wilderspin for sending them some fish (1845? September 4). Endorsed incorrectly by Wilderspin that the letter was from Mr Leatham.

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/18 Mrs Benjamin Gaskell 1845

Letter from Thornes House, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Mentions she is to approach the William Howley, Archbishop of Canterbury via James Croft, the Archdeacon of Canterbury [regarding Mrs Daniel Gaskell's idea of a National Tribute to fund Wilderspin's retirement], asks for his assistance with the opening of a school she is building near Wakefield and details plans to build a cricket pitch for her son (1845 September 26).

2 sheets. Negative photograph.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/19 Mrs Benjamin Gaskell 1845

Letter from Thornes House, Wakefield, to Samuel Wilderspin. Refers to James Croft, the Archdeacon of Canterbury, proceeding with the Tribute Fund, and sends Wilderspin £5 in gratitude for possibly his assistance with the school. Also discusses Mr Parry's suitability as a teacher, but does not mention at which school he was teaching (1845 September).

1 sheet, folded.

Brittle.

MS917/3/20 Possibly Mary Gaskell 1846

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin. Refers to illness, possibly in relation to Wilderspin's family in Dublin, and mentions that the 'Lambs' or children, possibly at Horbury School, have contributed to the Wilderspin Tribute Fund. Also asks for Wilderspin's help and refers to his contacts in Hull, Barton-upon-Humber and Ipswich (1846 January).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/21 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1846

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Lord Brougham in London (1846 February 12):
1 sheet. Photocopy. Source unknown. The ends of the lines have been cut off by the photocopier and words are missing.
Asks Lord Brougham for a contribution to the Tribute Fund. Encloses printed details of the Fund, a list of present subscribers and a testimonial to Samuel Wilderspin.
3 sheets photocopied from the Brougham Papers, University College, London, file 24, 966.

4 sheets.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/22 Mrs Daniel Gaskell

1846

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Reports on the progress of the Tribute Fund, details some of the donations and asks Wilderspin for the names of other possible donors who could be approached. Also questions him about his recent lecture tour (1846 July 1).

1 sheet, folded.

Paper torn.

MS917/3/23 Mrs Daniel Gaskell

1846, c1980

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Reports on the progress of the Tribute Fund, details more of the donations and estimates how much Wilderspin will receive per annum (1846 July 8).
With a note in the handwriting of Wilderspin's biographer Dr Francis A. Young giving details of the 'Bills' referred to in the letter (c1980).

1 sheet, folded.

Paper weak and torn.

MS917/3/24 Mrs Daniel Gaskell

1846

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Feels that the Tribute Fund has been timed well to coincide with the Queen's pension to Wilderspin, mentions the bankruptcy of the Earl of Meresbro' (sic) and details a Fete she has visited recently (1846 July 21).

1 sheet, folded.

Paper brittle.

MS917/3/25 Daniel Gaskell 1846

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Details the arrangements for Wilderspin's pension from Queen Victoria, and refers to his ill health (1846 August 30).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/26 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1846

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin, Barton-upon-Humber. Recounts a social event at Summerville which she used to further Wilderspin's cause. Also refers to his ill health and asks for help in finding a schoolmistress for a school in Ipswich (1846 October 24).

1 sheet.

Paper weak.

MS917/3/27 Mrs Daniel Gaskell c1846

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin. Content unclear. Refers to seeing Wilderspin on the 3rd, the League, Mrs Gillies collecting autographs and a trip to Oldham (c1846 December).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

- MS917/3/28 Mrs Daniel Gaskell** **?1847,
c1980**
- Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin, Barton-upon-Humber. Refers to a report, possibly on the Tribute Fund, in the Wakefield Journal, details more donations, and possibly explores other avenues for donations (1847 March 28).
With an explanatory note by Wilderspin's biographer Dr Francis A. Young (c1980).
- 1 sheet, folded.
- Paper thin and torn.
- MS917/3/29 Mrs Daniel Gaskell** **1847**
- Letter from 12 Stratton Street, Piccadilly, London, to Samuel Wilderspin. Discusses further sources of funds for the Tribute Fund and details more donations, including one from Charles Dickens (1847 April 10 or 1847 May 8).
- 1 sheet, folded.
- Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/3/30 Mrs Daniel Gaskell** **1847**
- Letter from 12 Stratton Street, Piccadilly, London to Samuel Wilderspin. Details arrangements for the presentation of the Tribute to Wilderspin on 7 June in Stratton Street (1847 May 22 or 29).
With an explanatory note by Wilderspin's biographer Dr Francis A. Young (c1980).
- 2 sheets. Negative Photograph.
- Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/3/31 Daniel Gaskell** **1847**
- Letter from 12 Stratton Street, Piccadilly, London to Samuel Wilderspin. Refers to Wilderspin's financial difficulties and encloses money until more can be given to him (1847 May 26).
- 1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/32 Daniel Gaskell 1847

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Discusses the accounts for the Tribute Fund (1847 July 2).
See also the next item - 3/33.

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/33 Accounts of the Wilderspin Tribute fund. 1846-1847

Accounts of the Wilderspin Tribute fund.
See also 3/32 above.

1 sheet, folded.

Paper brittle on the creases.

MS917/3/34 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1847

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin.
Philosophises about her stay in Stratton Street, recounts her journey home, mentions a pupil at the Lakes?, reveals that there are no more donations to the Tribute Fund and refers to her garden and the Lamb Fold, (Horbury School?) (1847 June/July).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/35 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1847

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin, Barton-upon-Humber. Agrees with Wilderspin over the benefits of a quiet life, recounts her visit to a fete and the people she met, and people who have visited her recently (1847 August 5).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/36 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1847

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield, to Samuel Wilderspin. Recounts her social life and details visits of her relatives. Encloses money for Wilderspin possibly from the Tribute Fund, and refers to a portrait of him that is being painted by Mr Lamport (1847 August 21).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/37 Daniel Gaskell 1847

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Congratulates him on the birth of Thomas and Rebecca Terrington's child, forwards a sum of money and discusses investments from the Tribute Fund (1847 December 18).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/38 Mrs Daniel Gaskell c1847

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin. Congratulates him on the birth of Thomas and Rebecca Terrington's child, recounts the people that attended her ball, looks forward to Wilderspin's visit and sends regards to Mrs Wilderspin (c1847).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/39 Mrs Daniel Gaskell c1847

Letter from the Silent Drawing Room, Lupset Hall, Wakefield, to Samuel Wilderspin. Refers to the testimonial and the Treasury, which is coming to an end. Also mentions Wilderspin's portrait, the visit of Wilderspin's daughter Rebecca Terrington, people that have visited Lupset and recounts events at Horbury? School (c1847).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/40 Daniel Gaskell 1848

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Details their plans for the days to come, invites Wilderspin to stay at Lupset and refers to a tour that Wilderspin is proposing (1848 January 12).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/41 Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1848

Letter, no address to Samuel Wilderspin. Philosophises on Faith and happiness on life, asks Wilderspin to look after a dog for a while, recounts the preaching talents of Eastwood and the current lives of other named individuals (1848 March).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/42 Daniel Gaskell 1848

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Thanks Wilderspin for his letter of condolence following the death of his wife Mrs Mary Gaskell, grieves her death and asks Wilderspin what his immediate plans are (1848 May 17).

3 sheets. Negative photocopy.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds

level

MS917/3/43 Daniel Gaskell 1848

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Brief note stating that neither Daniel nor Benjamin Gaskell have anything to do with the Barnsley Canal Company (1848 May 25).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/44 Daniel Gaskell 1848

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Relates his brother Benjamin's offer of Moor Cottage, Wakefield, to Wilderspin, relates the terms and recommends Wilderspin's immediate occupancy (1848 June 22).
See also 3/45.

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/45 Daniel Gaskell 1848

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Repeats the offer in his previous letter (3/44) and offers to forward a dividend in return for Wilderspin's help in some of the village schools (1848 June 27).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/46 Daniel Gaskell 1848

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Discusses Wilderspin's present finances, encloses a cheque to allow him to take Moor Cottage and invites him to visit Lupset Hall (1848 June 28).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/47 Daniel Gaskell 1848

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Invites Wilderspin and his son-in-law Thomas Terrington to dinner (1848 September 13).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/48 Daniel Gaskell 1849

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Discusses Wilderspin's finances, sends him money and agrees to take him and 'the young people' on an outing to Kirkham Gate (1849 April 2).

1 sheet, folded.

Paper weak and torn.

MS917/3/49 Daniel Gaskell 1849

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Invites Wilderspin and his wife to dinner (1849 July 10).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/50 Daniel Gaskell 1850

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Invites Wilderspin and his wife to dinner. Lists other guests (1850 December 15).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/51 Daniel Gaskell 1851

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Asks that Wilderspin and Thomas Terrington meet him at Horbury School to reward the children (1851 August 6).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/52 Daniel Gaskell 1855

Letter from Lupset Hall, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Forwards a cheque for a dividend from the Tribute Fund? (1855 February 27).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/53 Benjamin Gaskell 1855

Letter from Thornes House, Wakefield to Samuel Wilderspin. Invites him to dinner (1855 March 11).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/54 Daniel Gaskell 1855

Letter from Smithills Hall, Bolton Le Moors, to Samuel Wilderspin. Encloses documents relating to Wilderspin's dividend due from the London and North Western Railway Company (1855 August 23).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/55 Obituary of Mrs Daniel Gaskell 1848

Photocopy from the Wakefield Journal (1848 April 28).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/56 Obituary of Mr Daniel Gaskell. 1875

Photocopy from the Herald (1875 December 24).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/3/57 Hand-written notes by Wilderspin's biographer Dr Francis A. Young on the life of Mary and Daniel Gaskell. c1970

Hand-written notes by Wilderspin's biographer Dr Francis A. Young on the life of Mary and Daniel Gaskell.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/4 Special correspondence-lectures 1841-1859

Letters to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures he gave at institutions and associations around the country. Comprises letters arranging the lectures, letters of invitations to speak, and letters of praise, thanks and rejection.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/4/1 Lectures**1841**

Letters to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures from:
E. Herford of Manchester District Association of Literary and Scientific Institutions (1841 May 20 and 1841 November 12)
E. Arnan (1841 November 12)
Reverend Thomas Dale (1841 November 15)
Thomas Plint (1841 November 20)
Richard Stone, Secretary of Derby Mechanics' Institute (1841 December 17)
J. Biden of the Literary and Scientific Institution (1841 December 25)

7 items.

Open.

MS917/4/2 Lectures**1842**

Letters to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures from:
Richard Stone, Secretary of the Derby Mechanics' Institution (1842 January 24)
John Smith of the Church Schoolmasters' Association (1842 February 7)
John H. Fox (1842 February 11)
Samuel Taylor (1842 May 11)
J. Crane, Secretary of the Literary and Scientific Institution (1842 May 18)
J. Crane, Secretary of the Literary and Scientific Institution (1842 May 25)
Mr. Abery (?) (1842 May 26)
Henry Day, Secretary of the Manchester Mechanics' Institution (1842 May 28)
Mr. Neath (?), Secretary of the Leek Mechanics' Institution (1842 June 4)
Reverend Ellis (1842 June 16)
Reverend James Richards (1842 June 22)
Mr. Bass (?) (1842 June 31)
W. Dalton (1842 July 23)
George Tyndale (1842 August 16)
Mr. Whistling (?), Secretary of the Worcester Mechanics' Institute (1842 unidentified month 19)
Joseph Gray (1842 August 27)
Reverend Ph. Gilbert (1842 September 15)
Reverend Ph. Gilbert (1842 September 22)
Reverend Ph. Gilbert (undated)

Henry Dye of the Maidstone Mechanics' Institute
(1842 September 29)
J. Manyard of Kingston Literary Institution (1842
November 2)

21 items.

Open.

MS917/4/3 Lectures

1843

Letters to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures
from:
J. Manyard of Kingston Literary Institution (1843
January 18)
Charles Twicker (?) of Kingston Literary Institution
(1843 January 27)
Joseph Gray, Honorary Secretary of the Tamworth
Library and Reading Rooms (1843 February 1)
James Kennedy (1843 February 1)
Charles Twicker (?) of Kingston Literary Institution
(1843 February 9)
George Frost (1843 February 17)
Joseph Adams of Wisbech Institution (1843 February
18)
S.J. Alpeny of Richmond Mechanics' Institute (1843
February 22)
Mr. Webster of Ipswich Mechanics' Institute (1843
February 22)
Charles Low of Harp Alley School (1843 February
23)
Edmund Deval, Honorary Secretary of Bristol
Mechanics' Institute (1843 February 23)
G. Stacy of the City of London Literary and Scientific
Institution (1843 February 23)
R. Bushell, Secretary of Lewes Mechanics' Institute
(1843 February 1843)
John Banks, Secretary of Hastings and St. Leonards
Mechanics' Institution (1843 February 23)
Robert Cotton, Secretary of Scarborough Mechanics'
Institute (1843 February 24)
G. Grosmith (?) of Reading Mechanics' Institute
(1843 February 28)
Mr. Bapell (?) of Worthing Mechanics' Institution
(1843 March 7)
Mr. Kempson of Chertsey Literary Institution (1843
February 28)
J. Manyard of Kingston Literary Institution (1843
March 9)
W.C. Bennett (1843 March 20), also a printed

political song by Bennett 'Hurrah-hurrah-we move. A triumph' (undated)
 Joseph B.H. Greenwood of the Austonley Scientific Society (1843 April 3)
 Joseph B.H. Greenwood of Austonley Scientific Society (1843 April 5)
 Joseph B.H. Greenwood of Austonley Scientific Society (1843 April 13)
 J.A. Hope (1843 April 25)
 John (surname illegible) of York Mechanics' Institute (1843 April 26)
 Thomas Moody (1843 April 28)
 William Haigh of the Huddersfield Philosophical Society (1843 May 2)
 Thomas Moody (1843 May 10)
 John Hirst Lint for Joseph B.H. Greenwood of the Austonley Scientific Society (1843 May 13)
 H.F. Morton of the Wakefield Mechanics' Institution (1843 August 2)
 T. Terrington (1843 August 17)
 Robert Cotton and Thomas Edmond of Scarborough Mechanics' Institute (1843 August 18)
 H.F. Morton of the Wakefield Mechanics' Institution (1843 September 5)
 J.H. Lupton (undated)

35 items.

Open.

MS917/4/4 Lectures 1844

Letters to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures from a member (signature illegible) of Liverpool Mechanics' Institution (1844 January 6).

One item.

Open.

MS917/4/5 Lectures 1845

Letters to Samuel Wilderspin regarding from Bennett asking Wilderspin to give a lecture at Greenwich Lecture Hall (1845 December 1).

One item.

Open.

MS917/4/6 Lectures

1846

Letters to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures from:
J. Baxter Langley (?), Secretary of Manchester Athenaeum (1846 April 28)
Mr. Fraser of Ipswich Mechanics' Institution (1846 May 25)
Mr. Fraser of Ipswich Mechanics' Institution (1846 June 1846)
Mr. Fraser of Ipswich Mechanics' Institution (1846 August 1846)
N.S. Banks of Wakefield Mechanics' Institute (1846 September 17)
J.E. Edwards of Chester Mechanics' Institution (1846 October 9)
Thomas Hogg, Secretary of Liverpool Mechanics' Institution (1846 October 23)
J.E. Edwards of Chester Mechanics' Institution (1846 October 30)
Thomas Hogg, Secretary of Liverpool Mechanics' Institution (1846 November 3)
J.E. Edwards of Chester Mechanics' Institution (1846 November 7)
Mr. Hodgson (1846 November 12)
R.W. Trentbath, Honorary Secretary of Patricroft Mechanic's Institution (1846 November 13)
J.E. Edwards of Chester Mechanics' Institution, two letters of the same date (1846 November 14)
R. Williams (1846 November 26).

15 items.

Open.

MS917/4/7 Lectures

1849

Letters to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures from:
James Hole of the Central Committee of the Yorkshire Union of Mechanics' Institutes based at Leeds Mechanics' Institution and Literary Society (1849 May 5)
Thomas Payne of the 'Athenaeum', Newport (1849 December 19)

Thomas Payne of the 'Athenaeum', Newport (1849 December 29)

Three items.

Open.

MS917/4/8 Lectures

1850

Letters to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures from:

Thomas Payne, Honorary Secretaries of the Newport Sunday School Union (1850 January 14)

Edward Tier, Honorary Secretary of Pontefract Mechanics' Institution (1850 January 17)

Jonathan Rogers (1850 January 28)

John Batchelor (1850 January 28)

Thomas Wright (1850 February 15)

Thomas Wright (1850 February 1850)

E. Kenway (1850 February 11)

E. Kenway (1850 February 16)

E. Kenway (1850 February 22)

James Hole of the Central Committee of the Yorkshire Union of Mechanics' Institutes based at Leeds Mechanics' Institution and Literary Society (1850 August 29)

James Hole of the Central Committee of the Yorkshire Union of Mechanics' Institutes based at Leeds Mechanics' Institution and Literary Society (1850 September 14)

Thomas (illegible surname) of Kendal Mechanics' Institute (1850 September 24)

Unidentified individual representing the Cardiff Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute (1850 October 14)

William Leveridge of Selby Mechanics' Institution and Literary Society (1850 November 30)

John Bucks of Wakefield Mechanics' Institute (1850 December 14)

Unidentified individual representing Darlington Mechanics' Institution (1850 December 28)

Alfred Ward (1850 month illegible 19).

18 items.

Open.

MS917/4/9 Lectures

1851

Letters to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures from:
 Edward Tier, Honorary Secretary of Pontefract Mechanics' Institute (1851 February 1851)
 Edward Tier, Honorary Secretary of Pontefract Mechanics' Institute (1851 March 13)
 Mr. Robinson of Pontefract Mechanics' Institute (1851 April 17)
 Mr. Robinson of Pontefract Mechanics' Institute (1851 May 16)
 John Bucks of Wakefield Mechanics' Institute (1851 July 26)
 Henry Rayner of Brighouse Mechanics' Institution (1851 July 28)
 M.A. Walls (1851 September 24).
 page from a missing letter, addressed to Wilderspin and bearing the inscription 'Pontefract soirée', so presumably relating to Wilderspin's communications with Pontefract Mechanics' Institute (1851 November 3).

Eight items.

Open.

MS917/4/10 Lectures

1852

Letters to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures from:
 J.H. Byrne of Brighouse Mechanics' Institution (1852 January 23)
 T.T. Ormesod of Brighouse Mechanics' Institution (1852 January 31)
 John Bucks of Wakefield Mechanics' Institute (1852 January 31)
 T.T. Ormesod of Brighouse Mechanics' Institution (1852 February 5)

Four items.

Open.

MS917/4/11 Lectures

1853

Letters to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures from:
 Mr. Parsons (1853 January 11)
 Charles G. Gower (1853 February 27)
 J.H. Micklethwait (1843 April 4)

Mr. Carrop (?), Secretary of Ossett Mechanics' Institute (1853 September 27)
 William Taylor, Secretary of Middlesbrough Mechanics' Institute (1853 September 29)
 William Smith of Morley Mechanics' Institute (1853 October)
 F.L. Jackson (1853 October 13)
 Mr. Robinson of Pontefract Mechanic's Institute (1853 November 16)
 William Smith of Morley Mechanics' Institute (1853 December 3)
 William Taylor, Secretary of Middlesbrough Mechanics' Institute (1853 December 5)
 Squire Firth of Cleckheaton Mental Improvement Society (1853 December 5)
 Unidentified individual representing Stockton Mechanics' Institute (1853 December 17)
 William Taylor, Secretary of Middlesbrough Mechanics' Institute (1853 December 21)
 William Smith of Morley Mechanics' Institute (1853)

14 items.

Open.

MS917/4/12 Lectures

1854

Letters to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures from:
 Mr. Parsons (1854 January 31)
 William Taylor, Secretary of Middlesbrough Mechanics' Institute (1854 unidentified month 17)

Two items.

Open.

MS917/4/13 Lectures

1855

Letter to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures from:
 Mr. Parsons (1855 January 31)
 George Kendall of Skipton Mechanics' Institution (1855 March 27)

Two items.

Open.

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| MS917/4/14 | Lectures | 1856 |
| | Letter to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures from:
F.G. Jackson of Barnsley Mechanics' Institute (1856 August 21)
John Newby (1856 January 2) | |
| | Two items. | |
| | Open. | |
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| MS917/4/15 | Lectures | 1857 |
| | Letter to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures from James Knowles, Secretary of Gomersal Mechanics' Institute (1857 February 24). | |
| | One item. | |
| | Open. | |
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| MS917/4/16 | Lectures | 1859 |
| | Letters to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures from:
Robert Law, Secretary of Cleckheaton Mental Improvement Society (1859 March 31)
J.H. Ludlow, Secretary of Bristol Mechanics Institution (1859 April 9)
James Nicolls, Corresponding Secretary of Morley Mechanics' Institute (1859 October 17) | |
| | Three items. | |
| | Open. | |
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| MS917/4/17 | Lectures | c1850 |
| | Letter to Samuel Wilderspin regarding lectures from W.T. Lamps (?), writing on behalf of Dr. John Watts (unidentified year May 14). | |
| | One item. | |
| | Open. | |
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| MS917/5 | Testimonials, biographies, promotional literature | 1825-1857, |

for schools, etc.

c1980

Items, mostly printed, relating to Wilderspin's career and to schools in general. Probably collected by Wilderspin in the course of his career. Includes:

- (i) Testimonials and biographies about Wilderspin's career
- (ii) Promotional literature for literary, scientific and educational societies
- (iii) Annual reports and syllabi for schools
- (iv) Plan for a proposed school, 1839
- (v) Sample gallery lesson
- (vi) Advertisements for lectures given by Wilderspin and other people.

Note: Many items have been annotated by Wilderspin with comments on how he was received and with his personal views on the organisations and their politics.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/1 Infant School Society - First Annual Report 1825

Paper very brittle with sellotape damage (1825 June 4).

2 sheets. Printed.

Torn along the creases.

MS917/5/2 Appeal on behalf of Infant Schools 1825

Appeal on behalf of Infant Schools (1825 August).

1 sheet. Printed.

Paper brittle and torn along the creases.

MS917/5/3 Kidderminster Infant School 1829

Kidderminster Infant School - Fourth Annual Report.

1 booklet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/4 Committee of the Holloway and Dolemead 1830

Committee of the Holloway and Dolemead Schools -
Annual Report (1830 December).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures in Boston, Lincolnshire, on 'The moral cultivation and intellectual development of the infant mind', with a brief summary of the lecture contents (1831 July 4-6).

Paper weak on the creases.

List of names. Some are organised by place. The three places mentioned are Cardiff, Neath and Swansea. Endorsed 'Introduction from the Rev Mr Steven, Baptist Min(ister)', possibly in Wilderspin's hand (1831).

Paper weak on creases.

Huddersfield Infant School Society - Third Annual Report (1832 July 23).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

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Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures in Belfast on 'his method of developing and training the infant faculties', with a brief summary of lecture contents (1833 April 16-1833 April 20).

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/9 Notice of Wilderspin's lectures in Newry 1833

Notice of Wilderspin's lectures in Newry.

1 sheet. Printed.

Paper weak and torn.

MS917/5/10 Alpha House School, Alstone, Cheltenham 1834

Alpha House School, Alstone, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, run by Mrs Charles Cuff and Miss Wilderspin - Prospectus.

2 copies, each 1 sheet folded into a booklet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/11 Market advice 1835

Market advice with quotations for various materials from an un-named company in St. Petersburg, Russia (1835 November 15/27).

1 sheet, folded into two. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/12 Pages entitled 'Extracts on infant schools' 1835

Pages entitled 'Extracts on infant schools', author unknown. 6 pp. Printed.

Paper worn, torn and very delicate.

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| MS917/5/13 | Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures in Hereford
Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures in Hereford on 'developing and training the infant faculties' with a brief summary of lecture contents and testimonials to Wilderspin (1836 August 1-4).

1 sheet, folded into two. Printed.

Paper torn and with holes. | 1836 |
| MS917/5/14 | Advertisement pro forma for Wilderspin's lectures on 'developing and training the infant faculties'
Advertisement pro forma for Wilderspin's lectures on 'developing and training the infant faculties' with a brief summary of lecture contents and testimonials to Wilderspin (1836 August).

1 sheet, folded into two. Printed.

Paper torn. | 1836 |
| MS917/5/15 | Notice of a public examination of infants from 2-6 years
Notice of a public examination of infants from 2-6 years by Wilderspin at the Infant School, Hereford (1836 August 15).

2 identical sheets. Printed.

Paper weak. | 1836 |
| MS917/5/16 | Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures at the Liverpool Royal Institution
Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures at the Liverpool Royal Institution on 'developing and training the infant faculties', with a brief summary of lecture contents (1836 September 1).

2 identical sheets, folded. Printed.

Paper weak. | 1836 |
| MS917/5/17 | Newcastle Literary and Scientific Institution | 1836 |

Newcastle Literary and Scientific Institution -
Objects of the Institution. Endorsed with a list of
names (in relation to Marylebone?) by Wilderspin
(1836 October).

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds
level

MS917/5/18 Service sheets for hymns sung by infants at St. Peter's, Swinton 1837

Service sheets for hymns sung by infants at St.
Peter's Church, Swinton. 1 sheet is endorsed with
Wilderspin's comments on the singing (1837 June
18).

2 identical sheets. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds
level

MS917/5/19 Advertisement for various lectures to be given at the Cheltenham Literary and Philosophical Institution 1837

Advertisement for various lectures to be given at the
Cheltenham Literary and Philosophical Institution.
Includes one by Wilderspin on 'The principles of
elementary education'. Includes a brief summary of
the lectures (1837 October 10).

2 identical sheets, folded into two. Printed.

Paper weak along the creases.

MS917/5/20 Central Society of Education - Prospectus 1837-1839

Central Society of Education - Prospectus (1837-
1839).

1 sheet, folded into two. Printed.

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level

MS917/5/21 Advertisements for Wilderspin's lectures at the Marlborough Street Establishment 1838

Advertisements for Wilderspin's lectures at the Marlborough Street Establishment on 'Elements of popular education'. Includes a brief summary of the lectures (1838 February 27).

2 identical sheets. Printed.

1 sheet brittle on the creases.

MS917/5/22 C.F. Lewis 1838

Open letter from Swindon Cottage, Cheltenham to Thomas Boweller, Master of the Cheltenham Infant School. Defends his ideas on education after Boweller had removed his son from Lewis' school (1838 April 14).

1 booklet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/23 Society for the Encouragement of Vocal Music 1838

Society for the Encouragement of Vocal Music - Objects of the Society (1838 May).

1 sheet, folded. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/24 Address to 'The members of the Parish Church congregation' 1839

Address to 'The members of the Parish Church congregation' (1839 December).

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/25 Unidentified infant school under the patronage of Lady Brooke - Plan and report 1839

Unidentified infant school under the patronage of Lady Brooke - Plan and report (1839).

1 sheet. Printed.

CLOSED. Unfit for production.

MS917/5/26 Worcestershire - map and distance table 1830s

Worcestershire - map and distance table.

1 sheet. Printed.

Paper weak.

MS917/5/27 Birmingham Infant School Society 1838-1839

Birmingham Infant School Society - Fourteenth Annual Report (1838 September- Sept 1839 September).

1 booklet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/28 Suggestion to Queen Victoria to found a Royal College to prepare teachers for infant, national, and normal schools' by Thomas Wirgman 1838-1840

'Suggestion to Queen Victoria to found a Royal College to prepare teachers for infant, national, and normal schools' by Thomas Wirgman. Sent to Wilderspin by the author. Comprises articles and letters by Wirgman and others.

1 booklet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/29 Lecture programme at the Hammersmith Literary, Scientific and Mechanics' Institution 1840

Lecture programme at the Hammersmith Literary, Scientific and Mechanics' Institution. Does not include Wilderspin (1840 January to June).

1 piece of green card. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/30 Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures on 'The education and art of teaching' 1840

Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures on 'The education and art of teaching' at the Manchester Mechanics' Institute.

Includes a brief summary of the lectures (1840 March-April).

1 sheet. Printed.

Paper brittle, especially along the creases.
Produced only under supervision.

MS917/5/31 Bill for printing and delivering broadsides and lecture syllabi 1840

Bill for printing and delivering broadsides and lecture syllabi. To Wilderspin from W.B. Hunnings. With note of tickets sold on reverse (1840 July-August).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/32 Midland Counties Literary and Scientific Association 1840

Midland Counties Literary and Scientific Association - Resolutions and list of lecturers, their topics and addresses. Does not include Wilderspin (1840 December).

1 sheet, folded.

Paper brittle and weak along the creases.

MS917/5/33 Article on Wilderspin's career and opinions c1840

Article on Wilderspin's career and opinions. Annotated and sent to Wilderspin by the author, probably Thomas Wirgman (c1840).

1 booklet. Printed.

Paper weak.

MS917/5/34 'The Liverpool Corporation Schools' by C.E. Trevelyan 1840

'The Liverpool Corporation Schools' by C.E. Trevelyan (1840). Sent to Wilderspin by Mr Buchanan.

1 booklet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/35 Warrington Sunday and Day Schools 1840

Warrington Sunday and Day Schools - Report.

1 sheet, folded into two. Printed.

CLOSED. Unfit for production.

MS917/5/36 Select Boarding and Day Seminary for General Education and Infant School 1840

Select Boarding and Day Seminary for General Education and Infant School - Prospectus (1840).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/37 New Infant School Society 1839

New Infant School Society, Dundee - First Annual Report, 1839 September to 1839 August.

1 sheet, folded. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/38 Advertisement for lectures on machines used in cotton manufacture at the Literary and Scientific Institution 1841

Advertisement for lectures on machines used in cotton manufacture at the Literary and Scientific Institution, Kingston. Not delivered by Wilderspin. With a brief summary of the lectures (1841 December 3-17).

1 sheet. Printed.

Paper weak. Handle with care.

MS917/5/39 Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures on education at the Richmond Mechanics' Institution 1841

Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures on education at the Richmond Mechanics' Institution. With a brief summary of the lecture (1841 December 20).

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/40 St. Brides Subscription Library and Lecture Room 1841

St. Brides Subscription Library and Lecture Room, Fetter Lane, London - Syllabus of lectures (1841).

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/41 Greenfield and Wallace Feus Infant School Committee 1841

Greenfield and Wallace Feus Infant School Committee - Report (1841).

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/42 The Literary, Scientific and Mechanics' Institution's Almanac 1841

The Literary, Scientific and Mechanics' Institution's Almanac (1841).

1 sheet, newspaper-style. Printed.

Paper weak and torn on the creases.

MS917/5/43 Home and Colonial Infant School Society 1841

Home and Colonial Infant School Society - Report (1841).

1 sheet, folded. Printed.

Paper weak along the creases.

MS917/5/44 Watt Institution 1841-1842

Watt Institution, Dundee - Syllabus of lectures, excludes Wilderspin. (1841 November - 1842 February)

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/45 Advertisement for Wilderspin's lecture on 'Infant education' 1842

Advertisement for Wilderspin's lecture on 'Infant education' at the Greenwich Society for the Acquisition and Diffusion of Useful Knowledge. With a brief summary of the lecture (1842 January 4).

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/46 Athenaeum Journal 1842

Athenaeum Journal - description of and details of charges. With newspaper cutting for Wilderspin's lectures at the North London Training Seminary, Liverpool Street, London (1842 January 19).

1 sheet and newspaper cutting.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/47 Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures at the 1842
North London Training Seminary

Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures at the North London Training Seminary, Liverpool Street, London. With a brief summary of the lectures (1842 January 19 - 1842 February 9).

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/48 Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures at the 1825-1857
North London Training Seminary

Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures at the North London Training Seminary, Liverpool Street, London. With a brief summary of the lectures (1825-1857). Layout different from 5/47.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/49 Advertisements for lectures on education at 1842
W.T.I.'s ? private grammar school

Advertisements for lectures on education at W.T.I.'s ? private grammar school, Union Street, Borough, London. Includes a brief summary of the lectures. Some are by Wilderspin (1842 February 14-April 25).

1 sheet.

Paper weak and torn along the creases.

MS917/5/50 Notices of Wilderspin's lectures on moral, 1842
physical and mental education at the Dundee
Watt Institution

Notices of Wilderspin's lectures on moral, physical and mental education at the Dundee Watt Institution (1842 March 16).

2 sheets. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/51 Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures at the Dundee Watt Institution 1842

Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures at the Dundee Watt Institution. With a brief summary of the lectures and details of other lectures not by Wilderspin at the same place (1842 March 16-April 6).

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/52 Syllabi of lectures by Wilderspin on 'Religious, moral, mental and physical education' at the North Staffordshire Museum and Pottery Mechanics' Institution. Includes a brief summary of the lectures 1842

Syllabi of lectures by Wilderspin on 'Religious, moral, mental and physical education' at the North Staffordshire Museum and Pottery Mechanics' Institution. Includes a brief summary of the lectures (1842 May 30-June 7).

2 sheets. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/53 Page from The Standard 1842

Page from The Standard. Article by Lord Ashley on children working in mines is highlighted (1842 June 8).

1 newspaper page. Printed.

Paper weak and torn on creases.

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| MS917/5/54 | Notice of a public examination by Wilderspin of the children of Haggerston Infant School
Notice of a public examination by Wilderspin of the children of Haggerston Infant School, London (1842 November 25).

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level | 1842 |
| MS917/5/55 | Juvenile Training Seminary
Juvenile Training Seminary, Liverpool Street, London - Prospectus (1842).

1 sheet. Printed.

Paper weak and torn. | 1842 |
| MS917/5/56 | Juvenile Training Seminary
Juvenile Training Seminary, Liverpool Street, London - Prospectus (c1842).

1 sheet. Printed.

Paper weak and torn. | c1842 |
| MS917/5/57 | Greenwich Society for the Acquisition and Diffusion of Useful Knowledge, London
Greenwich Society for the Acquisition and Diffusion of Useful Knowledge, London. Lecture programme. Does not include Wilderspin (1843 January 31-1843 June 20).

1 sheet, folded. Printed.

Closed. Unfit for production. | 1843 |
| MS917/5/58 | Wakefield Mechanics' Institution
Wakefield Mechanics' Institution. List of adult evening classes and lecture programme. Does not include Wilderspin (1843 January - April 3).

1 sheet. Printed. | 1843 |

Paper brittle and torn along the creases. Produced under supervision only.

MS917/5/59 Advertisement for Wilderspin's lecture on infant education at the Literary and Scientific Institution 1843

Advertisement for Wilderspin's lecture on infant education at the Literary and Scientific Institution, Kingston-Upon-Thames, Surrey. Includes a brief summary of the lecture. (1843 February 17)

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/60 Letter to the Doncaster Chronicle on 'Infant Schools' by Ed. Brooksbank (sic) 1843

Letter to the Doncaster Chronicle on 'Infant Schools' by Edward Brooksbank (1843 March 31).

2 copies. 2 sheets. Printed offprints

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/61 Notice of Wilderspin's lecture on 'Education given in national schools' 1843

Notice of Wilderspin's lecture on 'Education given in national schools' at the Infant School, Tickhill, South Yorkshire (1843 April 10).

1 sheet. Printed

Paper torn at edges.

MS917/5/62 Advertisement for a lecture by Wilderspin at the Girls' National School 1843

Advertisement for a lecture by Wilderspin at the Girls' National School, Pontefract. Includes a brief summary of the lecture (1843 May 23).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds

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- MS917/5/63 Notice of Wilderspin's lectures at the Town Hall, Ipswich 1843**
Notice of Wilderspin's lectures at the Town Hall, Ipswich (1843 June 21).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

- MS917/5/64 Notice of Wilderspin's lecture at the Town Hall, Ipswich 1843**
Notice of Wilderspin's lecture at the Town Hall, Ipswich (1843 June 27).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

- MS917/5/65 Summaries of Wilderspin's lectures given at York c1843**
Summaries of Wilderspin's lectures given at York.

1 sheet with printed cuttings pasted on to it.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

- MS917/5/66 Notice of Wilderspin's lectures at the Temperance Hall, Winterton 1845**
Notice of Wilderspin's lectures at the Temperance Hall, Winterton, Lincolnshire (1845 June 21-1845 June 23).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/67 Infant School, Tutershill, Staffordshire - 1845
Invitations for applications with details of costs and a brief syllabus

Infant School, Tutershill, Staffordshire - Invitations for applications with details of costs and a brief syllabus (1845 March 10).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/68 Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures at St. 1845
Helen's Square, York

Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures at St. Helen's Square, York. Includes a brief summary of the lectures (1845 June 13-1845 June 20).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/69 Notice of a public examination of children by 1845
Wilderspin at the Church of England Infant School, Bishopgate Street, York

Notice of a public examination of children by Wilderspin at the Church of England Infant School, Bishopgate Street, York (1845 July 29).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/70 Greenwich Society for the Acquisition and 1846
Diffusion of Knowledge

Greenwich Society for the Acquisition and Diffusion of Knowledge, London - Programme of lectures. Includes Wilderspin (1846 January-1846 July).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/71 Notice of a lecture about the life and teaching of the Reverend William Williams of Pant y Celyn 1846, c1980

Notice of a lecture about the life and teachings of the Reverend William Williams of Pant y Celyn, Welsh Methodist minister and hymn composer, by the Reverend William Rees to be held in the Concert Hall, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool (1846 November 25).

With a note attached to the reverse by Wilderspin saying that he, too, delivered lectures to the Welsh in Liverpool at the same time with a Minister giving a simultaneous translation.

Also with a note from Wilderspin's biographer Dr Francis A. Young, explaining, incorrectly, that Wilderspin was giving the lecture on William Williams, and a translation of the notice by a library staff member (c1980).

In Welsh with hand-written note in English by Wilderspin glued to the reverse.

1 sheet, printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/72 Blackheath Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge 1846

Blackheath Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge - Programme of lectures. Includes Wilderspin (1846 April 9-1846 June 25).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/73 Testimonial to Wilderspin including a list of subscribers c1846

Testimonial to Wilderspin including a list of subscribers (c1846 July 15). See also 5/74 and 5/77.

1 sheet, folded. Printed, with hand-written additions.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

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| MS917/5/74 | Draft testimonial to Wilderspin | c1846,
c1980 |
| | <p>Draft testimonial to Wilderspin, one sheet with printed article about Wilderspin glued in to the middle (c1846). With a note by Wilderspin's biographer Dr Francis A. Young about the identity of the handwriting (c1980).</p> <p>This could be a draft of the previous item 5/73.</p> <p>1 sheet.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
| MS917/5/75 | Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures on 'Developing the faculties in children' | 1846 |
| | <p>Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures on 'Developing the faculties in children' at the Stand Church Sunday School, Manchester. Includes a brief summary of the lectures (1846 August 13).</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
| MS917/5/76 | Edward P. Lamport, secretary to the Wilderspin Tribute Fund | 1846 |
| | <p>Letter from 95 Lloyd Street, Manchester to Messrs William Holme & Son. Solicits his support for the Wilderspin Tribute Fund (1846 September 19).</p> <p>1 sheet. Set, printed letter.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | |
| MS917/5/77 | Testimonial to Wilderspin for the National Tribute Fund | c1846 |
| | <p>Testimonial to Wilderspin for the National Tribute Fund, includes a list of subscribers. This post dates 5/74 as there are more subscribers (c1846 September).</p> <p>1 sheet, folded. Printed.</p> <p>Paper thin and torn.</p> | |

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| MS917/5/78 | Birkenhead Mechanics' Institution - Second Annual Report
Birkenhead Mechanics' Institution - Second Annual Report (1845 October-1846 October).

1 sheet, folded. Printed

Paper weak along the creases. | 1845-1846 |
| MS917/5/79 | Liverpool Mechanics' Institution
Liverpool Mechanics' Institution, Mount Street - Syllabus of lectures by Wilderspin with summary of lecture contents, list of lectures by other people and various details about the Institution (1846 November 14-1846 November 21). Endorsed by a later hand 'See letter SPC(L) 1846-11-7 [or 1]'

1 sheet, folded. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level | 1846 |
| MS917/5/80 | Chester Juvenile Church Missionary Association and the Chester and Cheshire Church Missionary Association
Programme of sermons with notice of the annual meeting of the Chester Juvenile Church Missionary Association and of the Chester and Cheshire Church Missionary Association (1846 November 22-1846 November 24).

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level | 1846 |
| MS917/5/81 | Notice of a lecture by Wilderspin on the 'System of training the infant mind', hosted by the Patricroft Institute | 1846 |

Notice of a lecture by Wilderspin on the 'System of training the infant mind', hosted by the Patricroft Institute, Lancashire (1846 December 7).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/82 Article from the Daily News about Wilderspin and infant education in general c1846

Article from the Daily News about Wilderspin and infant education in general (c1846).

1 sheet. Printed.

Paper very thin and has been mended with sellotape.

MS917/5/83 Whittington Club and Metropolitan Athenaeum 1847

Whittington Club and Metropolitan Athenaeum, Cheapside, London - Resolutions of a General Meeting (1847 February 1).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/84 Whittington Club and Metropolitan Athenaeum 1847

Whittington Club and Metropolitan Athenaeum, Cheapside, London - notice of a meeting for the establishment of a West-End club house (1847 June 17).

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/85 Whittington Club and Metropolitan Athenaeum 1847

Club details with letter to Wilderspin accepting his membership (1847 July). Printed with hand-written letter incorporated.

1 sheet, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/86 Tax assessment for Wilderspin for unpaid taxes 1849

Tax assessment for Wilderspin for unpaid taxes. Printed pro forma with hand-written details (1849 February 24).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/87 Yorkshire Union of Mechanics' Institutes 1849

Yorkshire Union of Mechanics' Institutes - Notice of meeting with copious details of the programme (1849 May 30).

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/88 Wakefield Ragged School 1849-1850

Wakefield Ragged School - Prospectus for subscribers, produced by the committee which included Wilderspin (1849-1850).

1 booklet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/89 Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures at Newport Town Hall 1850

Advertisement for Wilderspin's lectures at Newport Town Hall. Includes a brief summary of the lectures (1850 January 25-1850 January 31). 4 sheets, printed, which are clippings of the location and lecture summaries from original advertisements. See also 5/90.

4 sheets.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/90 Advertisement for Wilderspin's third and fourth lectures at Newport Town Hall 1850

Advertisement for Wilderspin's third and fourth lectures at Newport Town Hall. Includes a brief summary of the lectures. 2nd copy has had the top part torn off (1850 January 29-1850 January 31).

2 copies. 1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/91 Notice for Wilderspin's lecture on 'The science and practice of education' at the Abercarn Scientific Institution 1850

Notice for Wilderspin's lecture on 'The science and practice of education' at the Abercarn Scientific Institution (1850 January 30).

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/92 Darlington Mechanics' Institution 1850

Darlington Mechanics' Institution - Winter series of lectures, includes Wilderspin (1850 December 17-1850 November 6).

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/93 Trinity Church Infant School - Syllabus of a music performance by the children after being trained by Wilderspin 1850

Trinity Church Infant School, Wakefield - Syllabus of a music performance by the children after being trained by Wilderspin (1850 November 28).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/94 Syllabus of lectures Wilderspin gave at Newport 1850

Syllabus of lectures Wilderspin gave at Newport. On reverse of the final sheet is a selection of comments about Wilderspin from various newspapers around the country.

3 sheets. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/95 List of books entitled 'List of a few books well deserving the serious attention of all classes' c1850, c1980

List of books entitled 'List of a few books well deserving the serious attention of all classes' (c1850) .

With an explanatory note by Wilderspin's biographer Dr. Francis A. Young (c1980).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/96 The Land Redemption Society c1850

The Land Redemption Society - Opinion on the ownership of land in response to the Corn Laws. Opinion no. 2 (c1850).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/97 Notice of a lecture by Wilderspin on the human mind at Pontefract Mechanics' Institution 1851

Notice of a lecture by Wilderspin on the human mind at Pontefract Mechanics' Institution (1851 May 5).

MS917/5/98	Barnsley Mechanics' Institution	1851
	Barnsley Mechanics' Institution - Programme for a soiree. Includes a lecture by Wilderspin (1851 May 15).	

MS917/5/99	Brighthouse Mechanics' Institution	1852
	Brighthouse Mechanics' Institution - Programme for a soirée, includes Wilderspin (1852 January 28).	

MS917/5/100	Advertisement for a lecture by Wilderspin on the 'Early training of children'	1852
	Advertisement for a lecture by Wilderspin on the 'Early training of children' at Brighthouse Mechanics' Institution. Includes a brief summary of the lecture (1852 March 17).	

MS917/5/101	Notice of a lecture by Wilderspin at the Brighthouse Mechanics' Institution	1852
	Notice of a lecture by Wilderspin at the Brighthouse Mechanics' Institution (1852 March 17).	

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MS917/5/102 Infant Model School, Westland Row, Dublin - 1852-1853
Report
Infant Model School, Westland Row, Dublin -
Report.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds
level

MS917/5/103 Middlesbrough Mechanics' Institute - Report of 1853
the committee to the General Annual Meeting
Middlesbrough Mechanics' Institute - Report of the
committee to the General Annual Meeting (1853
October 14).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds
level

MS917/5/104 Working Men's Educational Union 1853
Working Men's Educational Union - Appeal for the
Balance of Capital. Includes list of members which
includes Wilderspin (1853 December).

1 sheet, folded. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds
level

MS917/5/105 Harewood Literary and Scientific Institution 1854-1855
Harewood Literary and Scientific Institution -
Syllabus of lectures. Includes Wilderspin, 1854
November 9 to 1855 March 29.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds
level

MS917/5/106 The Gazette of the Association for Promoting the Repeal of all the Taxes on Knowledge 1855
The Gazette of the Association for Promoting the Repeal of all the Taxes on Knowledge, no 17 (1855 January 17).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/107 Morning and evening prayers for schools sanctioned by the Department of Public Instruction for Upper Canada 1855
Morning and evening prayers for schools sanctioned by the Department of Public Instruction for Upper Canada (1855 February).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/108 Mechanic's Institute, Skipton 1855
Mechanic's Institute, Skipton - Announcement of a Grand Soiree with list of people who promised to attend. Includes Wilderspin (1855 April 8).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/109 Notice of a lecture by Wilderspin on the 'Training and amusements of people' 1855
Notice of a lecture by Wilderspin on the 'Training and amusements of people' at the Gomersal Mechanics' Institution, West Yorkshire (1855 October 25).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/110	Wakefield Mechanics' Institution	1855
	Wakefield Mechanics' Institution - Bazaar Gazette (1855 October 30).	
	Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level	
MS917/5/111	Brighouse Mechanics' Institution	1856
	Brighouse Mechanics' Institution - Notice of its tenth annual soiree (1856 January 1).	
	Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level	
MS917/5/112	Brighouse Mechanics' Institution	1856
	Brighouse Mechanics' Institution - Programme of the proceedings of the tenth annual soiree. Includes a lecture by Wilderspin on 'What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the human soul' (1856 January 1).	
	Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level	
MS917/5/113	Notice of a lecture by Wilderspin on 'The art of teaching'	1856
	Notice of a lecture by Wilderspin on 'The art of teaching' to 'Sunday school teachers of all denominations and the public' at the New Connection Chapel, New Street, Barnsley, (1856 March 4).	
	Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level	
MS917/5/114	Notice of life membership of the British Association for the Advancement of Science	1856

Notice of life membership of the British Association for the Advancement of Science with notice of the twenty-sixth meeting. Sent to Wilderspin by post (1856 August 6).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/115 Batley Mechanics' Institution 1856

Batley Mechanics' Institution - Soiree programme. Includes Wilderspin (1856 October 27).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/116 Castleford Mechanics' Institution 1856

Castleford Mechanics' Institution - Notice of a soiree at the National School Room where Wilderspin would be present (1856 October 17).

1 large sheet. Printed.

Paper very weak. Produced only under supervision.

MS917/5/117 Castleford Mechanics' Institution 1856-1857

Castleford Mechanics' Institution - Lecture and evening classes programme (1856 November 3 - 1857 March 23).

1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/118 Wakefield Mechanics' Institution c1856

Wakefield Mechanics' Institution - Programme of discussion classes chaired by the president, Wilderspin. With a list of the Institution's rules (c1856).

1 sheet, folded. Printed

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/119 Ackworth Mechanics' Library 1857

Ackworth Mechanics' Library - Notice of lectures. Includes one by Wilderspin (1857 March 12 to 1857 January 7).

2 copies. 1 sheet. Printed.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/120 Wakefield Mechanics' Institution 1857

Wakefield Mechanics' Institution - Notice of lectures to young men on their duties and temptations. Includes one by Wilderspin (1857 May 8-28).

1 sheet. Printed.

Paper brittle.

MS917/5/121 List of school rules which were being neglected c1840, c1980

List of school rules which were being neglected, directed to Wilderspin.
With a note by Wilderspin's biographer Dr. Francis A. Young that the list may pertain to Liverpool Schools (c1980).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/5/122 Gallery lessons c1840

Gallery lessons (undated).

2 sheets, folded.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6 Miscellaneous correspondence

**1824-1873,
c1915,
c1918,
c1970**

A varied class including copies of letters from Wilderspin to his family, friends and professionals, lecture notes, and family documents, biographies, printed material and photographs. Two letters are to Mrs. Daniel Gaskell.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/1 Samuel Wilderspin

1824

Letter from Infant School, Quaker Street, Spitalfields to unidentified man. Discusses a book to be used in the Spitalfields infant school (1824 May 24).

1 sheet. Photocopy.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/2 Printed notice sent to Mr. or the Misses Cowpers at Mr Lepard's

1824

Annotated possibly by Wilderspin. Notice of a general meeting considering how to extend the infant school system (1824).

1 sheet. Photocopy.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/3 Samuel Wilderspin

1832

Letter from Huddersfield to Mrs Daniel Gaskell, Lupset Hall, Wakefield (1832 October 22). Discusses the building of an infant school at Barnsley and lectures at Huddersfield and Halifax in relation to that.

2 sheets. Photocopy.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/4 Samuel Wilderspin 1835

Letter from Cheltenham to an unidentified man (1835 June 25), concerning an examination by a Committee at the House of Commons, and a series of schools he had opened recently

3 sheets. Photocopy.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/5 List of subjects worthy of the attention of the Committee of Corporation of schools 1837

List of subjects worthy of the attention of the Committee of Corporation of schools in order to follow up their proposed plan of education, drawn up at 28 Seymour Street (1837 March 31).

2pp.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/6 Samuel Wilderspin c1837

Letter from 9 Portland Street, Cheltenham to the Reverends Francis Close and C.G. Leavis (c1837). Relates to an argument Wilderspin had with the clergy in Cheltenham over the presence of the Bible in corporation schools.

1 sheet

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/7 Samuel Wilderspin 1837

Letter from Cheltenham to Richard Cobden, referring to the argument with the Cheltenham clergy and a pamphlet he had produced in answer to them (1837 November 11).

Photocopy from the Cobden papers, West Sussex Record Office, Chichester.

2 sheets

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/8 Bill of note 1838

Bill of note from Wilderspin to Acheson permitting Acheson to take money from Wilderspin's account (1838 December 19).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/9 Samuel Wilderspin 1839

Letter from Alpha House, Drumcondra, Ireland to Viscount Ebrington, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (1839 July 8). Complaint and appeal for justice by Wilderspin regarding his treatment by the Irish Board of Education, which he considered had undermined his position and gone against the terms on which he had agreed to set up an infant school system in Ireland.

4 sheets. Photocopy.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/10 Samuel Wilderspin 1840

Letter, no address, to unidentified man, with printed report on the 'Public examination of the children of an infant school in Stockport, organised by Mr Wilderspin'. Expresses his view that teaching is a little understood science and states he can lecture on this subject (1840 March 3).

2pp.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/11 Samuel Wilderspin 1841

Letter, no address, to Walter Joseph, Esq.
Discusses a proposed infant school for Jewish children and the likelihood of the children of the existing school on the site being ready for a public examination (1841 August 12).

2pp.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/12 Samuel Wilderspin 1842

Letter, no address, to Sir Francis Mackenzie.
Discusses teaching as an art and turns down Mackenzie's request to teach his sons as he wishes to concentrate on public education of the poor (1842).

2pp.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/13 Samuel Wilderspin 1843

Letter from 4 Gwynne's Place, Hackney Road, London to Edward Stanley, the Bishop of Norwich, asking for the bishop's patronage for a course of lectures in Norwich (1843 February 17).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/14 Samuel Wilderspin 1843

Letter from 4 Gwynne's Place, Hackney Road, London to Lord Ashley. Wilderspin's answer to Lord Ashley's presentation to parliament on the moral condition of miners and state of education in

England (1843 March 8).

2pp.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/15 Samuel Wilderspin 1843

Letter from Stratton Street to Miss Linday, defending the character and professionalism of Mr Firmen (1843 June 10).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/16 Samuel Wilderspin 1845

Letter from Barton-upon-Humber to W.H. Stephenson, secretary to the late Sir Robert Peel, outlining his service to the country through infant education and asks for the money he was promised by the government (1845 February 19). See also 6/46 for a copy of the final letter.

2pp.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/17 Samuel Wilderspin 1845

Letter from Barton-upon-Humber to Messrs W. and R. Chambers. Disputes the Chambers' claim in their book 'On infant education' that Robert Owen and James Buchanan were the originators of the infant school system. Also refers to a lecture he was giving in London, 1842, when Owen and his supporters interrupted in a noisy manner (1845 February 28).

3 sheets. Photocopy.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

- MS917/6/18 Samuel Wilderspin 1845**
 Letter, no address, to Mrs Daniel Gaskell, Lupset Hall, Wakefield (1845 September). Refers to:
 (i) Manuals, one for the school
 (ii) Letters from clergymen of which he can produce more
 (iii) Letters to gentlemen, possibly relating to the National Tribute Fund for Wilderspin.

 2pp.

 Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/6/19 Samuel Wilderspin 1846**
 Letter from Barton-upon-Humber, Lincolnshire to an unidentified peer (1846 August 6). Writes in response to addressee's speech in the House of Lords as reported in The Times. Disputes with the addressee and asserts:
 (i) Dame schools were the forerunner of infant schools
 (ii) Buchanan's school in Vincent Square, Westminster, was not an infant school until Wilderspin re-organised it.

 2pp.

 Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/6/20 Samuel Wilderspin 1846**
 Letter from Barton-upon-Humber, Lincolnshire to an unidentified peer. Writes in response to seeing in The Times that the addressee had appeared as a witness against Wilderspin in the case of Owen versus Wilderspin. Disputes the addressee's claim that Robert Owen founded the infant system (1846 August 6).

 2pp.

 Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level
- MS917/6/21 Samuel Wilderspin c1846**

Letter, no address, to the Paymaster General for the Civil Service. Details his income and justifies his need not to pay tax in lieu of his service to the country (c1846).

2pp.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/22 Samuel Wilderspin 1848

Letter from Wakefield to his son-in-law Tom and daughter Sarah Ann Young. Gives his opinions on the idleness of the Irish, his hopes for Sarah's children, love being the basis of religion (1848 December 27).

2pp.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/23 Samuel Wilderspin 1850

Letter from Wakefield to unidentified man. Details arrangements made for two lectures in Newport (1850 January 16).

1 sheet. Missing pages.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/24 Samuel Wilderspin 1850

Letter, address unknown, to unidentified man. Written in response to addressee's article in the Wakefield Examiner 20 Nov 1850 attacking Wilderspin (1850 December). Expresses opinions on:

- (i) Catholicism
- (ii) Political and religious questions relating to Ireland
- (iii) Acquisition of religion by children and its influence on their later lives
- (iv) Asserts that he staying in the Church of England. The last page of the letter has the rough beginnings of another letter Wilderspin was writing

to the Reverend Edward Higginson referring to a dispute between them.

2pp.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/25 Samuel Wilderspin 1853

Letter from Moor Cottage, Wakefield to unidentified man (1853 November 21). Excuses himself from delivering a lecture 'On the advantages resulting from a well stored mind' on the grounds of ill health and sets out some ideas on reading, knowledge and the mind.

2pp.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/26 Samuel Wilderspin 1854

Letter from Wakefield to Mrs Newgent in Canada (1854 March 2):
(i) Lists works he has published
(ii) Implies others are taking the credit for his work
(iii) Mentions he is lecturing about church services for children
(iv) Gives address of his publishers.

2pp.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/27 Charles Dickens 1855

Letter from Tavistock House, London to Samuel Wilderspin, Moor Cottage, Wakefield (1855 February 22). Regrets he cannot comply with Wilderspin's request to lecture at the Wakefield Mechanics' Institute service.
See also 6/53.

1 sheet with envelope. Photocopy.

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| MS917/6/28 | Short biography of Wilderspin | undated
[c1860] |
| <p>'Founder and provider of infant schools', author unknown.</p> | | |
| <p>1 sheet. Photocopy.</p> | | |
| <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | | |
| MS917/6/29 | Biography of Sarah Anne Young, née Wilderspin | c1860 |
| <p>Biography of Sarah Anne Young, née Wilderspin, mistress of the Central Infant Model School, Dublin (c1860). Written by her husband Thomas Urry Young.</p> | | |
| <p>6 sheets. Photocopy.</p> | | |
| <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | | |
| MS917/6/30 | Biography of Sarah Anne Young, nee Wilderspin | c1860 |
| <p>Biography of Sarah Anne Young, Biography of Sarah Anne Young, née Wilderspin, mistress of Central Infant Model School, Dublin (c1860). Written by Thomas Urry Young.</p> | | |
| <p>17 sheets. Photocopy.</p> | | |
| <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p> | | |
| MS917/6/31 | Samuel Wilderspin | c1840 |
| <p>Letter, no address, to The Times (c1840). Laments an increase in the number of robberies, assaults and murders in the country and feels the 'tickets of leave system' of punishment is inadequate.</p> | | |
| <p>2pp.</p> | | |

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/32 Samuel Wilderspin c1840

Letter, no address, to The Times (c1840).
Complains about a magistrate's and a parish officer's harsh and unfair treatment of poor young women. Cites three examples and notes he can no longer take pride in being a British subject as a result.

1 sheet and 2pp.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/33 Brief notes by Samuel Wilderspin c1840

Brief notes by Samuel Wilderspin for two lectures on the 'Principles of education' comprising the topics 'Errors in education' and 'True basis of education' (c 1840).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/34 Lecture notes by Wilderspin c1840

Untitled lecture notes by Wilderspin (c1840), discussing the understanding and will of a person and the relationship between the two.

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/35 Lecture notes by Wilderspin on the duties and temptations of youth c1840

Lecture notes by Wilderspin on the duties and temptations of youth (c1840). Endorsed on the back as notes on 'The nature of man'.

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/36 Printed extract on 'A professional study of phrenology' 1842

Printed extract on 'A professional study of phrenology' from the Phrenological Almanac (1842), with two newspaper cuttings which Wilderspin has noted are the substance of two lectures drawn from the pamphlet.

4 page pamphlet. 2 newspaper extracts stitched and glued on to 2 sheets.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/37 Notice and details of a lecture probably given by Wilderspin entitled 'Co-operation on the part of parents with teachers' c1840

Notice and details of a lecture probably given by Wilderspin entitled 'Co-operation on the part of parents with teachers' (c1840).

1 sheet. Cut from a newspaper and glued to paper and annotated by Wilderspin.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/38 Notices and details of three lectures c1840

Notices and details of three lectures probably given by Wilderspin on intellectual and moral training, the difference between the male and female character (c1840).

1 sheet. Cut from newspaper and glued to a piece of paper.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/39 Recipe for eye water c1840

Recipe for eye water.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/40 Samuel Wilderspin 1831

Letter from 9 Broad St, Aberdeen to Lord Brougham (1831 November), suggesting infant schools could cut the crime rate and describing his hopes for work in Ireland.

Typewritten carbon copy from University College, London Brougham MSS, File 10, 369.

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/41 Samuel Wilderspin 1835

Letter from Wigan, Lancashire to Lord Brougham (1835 June 1):

(i) Welcomes Lord Brougham's bringing the subject of infant education to the Legislature

(ii) Justifies his claim to be the inventor of a system for teaching infants

(iii) Outlines his work in Scotland and Ireland.

Typewritten carbon copy from University College London, Brougham MSS, File 27, 83

2 sheets.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/42 Samuel Wilderspin 1836

Letter from Norwich to unidentified man, complying with a lady's wishes (1836 March 12).

Typewritten carbon copy from British Library, Add. MSS 41567 f.64.

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/43 George Combe 1836

Typewritten copy from National Library of Scotland,
Add. MSS 7387 f.9.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

MS917/6/44 Samuel Wilderspin 1836

Type written copy from National Library of Scotland,
Add. MSS 7241, f.184.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

MS917/6/45 Samuel Wilderspin 1840

Typewritten carbon copy from National Library of
Scotland, Add. MSS 7257 f.161.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

MS917/6/46 Samuel Wilderspin 1845

Letter from Scarborough to W.H. Stephenson, secretary to Sir Robert Peel (1845 March 12). Outlines his service to the country through infant education and asks for the money he was promised by the government.
See 6/16 for Wilderspin's rough draft of the letter.
Typewritten carbon copy from British Library, Peel MSS 40562, No 276.

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/47 Samuel Wilderspin 1845

Letter from Scarborough to W.H. Stephenson, secretary to Sir Robert Peel (1845 March 20). Arranges payment of Wilderspin's pension.
Typewritten carbon copy from British Library, Peel MSS 40562 No 277.

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/48 Samuel Wilderspin 1845

Letter from Barton-upon-Humber to W.H. Stephenson, secretary to Sir Robert Peel (1845 April 3). Asks for the balance of £50 from Sir Robert Peel, and refers to a children's hymn and poetry book designed to make the church more accessible to children.
Typewritten carbon copy from British Library, Peel MSS 40562 No 280.

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/49 Samuel Wilderspin 1845

Letter, no address, to unidentified man (1845 April 14). Letter of thanks for trouble taken on Wilderspin's behalf. Vows to continue to improve the religious, moral and mental education of poor children.

Typewritten carbon copy from British Library, Peel MSS 40562, No 282.

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/50 Alexander Wilderspin c1810

Letter, no address, from Samuel's father to his 'friends', thanking them for their kindness to Samuel Wilderspin, and complaining of the treatment which Alexander received from his wife Ann.

Envelope containing the above has been annotated by Samuel Wilderspin, stating he kept contents to leave to his children.

2 sheets. Photocopy of 5 fragments on to 2 sheets.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/51 Lord Brougham 1824

Letter, no address, to Samuel Wilderspin, Quaker St Infant School, Spitalfields (1824 March 4). Sends a man from Milan to see Wilderspin's school at Spitalfields.

2pp.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/52 Line drawing of Baron Brougham and Vaux, Lord High Chancellor c1830

Line drawing of Baron Brougham and Vaux, Lord High Chancellor (c1830).

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds

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MS917/6/53 R.J. Bedford on behalf of the Queen Dowager 1846

Letter sent by R.J. Bedford on behalf of Adelaide, the Queen Dowager, from Marlborough House to Samuel Wilderspin, Lupset Hall, Wakefield (1846 January 26). Sends Wilderspin £5.00, possibly towards the National Tribute Fund, for founding infant schools.

2pp. Printed set letter completed in manuscript.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/54 Charles Dickens 1855

Letter from Tavistock House, London to Samuel Wilderspin, Moor Cottage, Wakefield (1855 February 22).
Photocopy of 6/27.

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/55 Marriage certificate for Samuel Wilderspin and Mary Dowding 1838, 1970

Marriage certificate for Samuel Wilderspin and Mary Dowding (1838 February 25). Certified copy given at the General Register Office, Somerset House, London 1970 August 5.

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/6/56 Note of remembrance of Samuel Wilderspin 1866

Note of remembrance of Samuel Wilderspin (1866 March 14).

MS917/6/57 Death certificate for Mary Wilderspin 1873

Death certificate for Mary Wilderspin (1873 October 10). Certified copy given at the General Register Office, Somerset House, London 1973 August 31.

1 sheet.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

MS917/6/58 Photograph of buildings and people associated with Wilderspin and the Gaskell family c1918

Photographs of buildings associated with Samuel Wilderspin and the Gaskells such as Lupset Hall at Wakefield, home of Daniel and Mary Gaskell, and family photographs (c1918).

Black and white postcard.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

MS917/6/59 Photograph of Thornes House, Wakefield c1918

Photograph of Thornes House, Wakefield, home of Benjamin and Mary Gaskell.

Black and white postcard.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

MS917/6/60 Photographs of Alpha House, Cheltenham c1970

Photograph of Alpha House, Cheltenham, home of Edward Jenner and later Samuel Wilderspin, photographer unknown (c1970)

Black and white photograph.

MS917/6/61	Photograph of Thomas Urry Young	c1860
	<p>Photograph of Samuel Wilderspin's son-in-law Thomas Urry Young, including his wife Sarah Anne Young née Wilderspin (seated) and their son Samuel Wilderspin Young (standing) as a young man (c1860). Photographer unknown.</p> <p>Black and white photographic reproduction of an original photograph.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p>	
MS917/6/62	Photograph of Thomas John Terrington	c1860
	<p>Photograph of Samuel Wilderspin's son-in-law Thomas John Terrington as a middle aged man (c1860). Photographer unknown</p> <p>Black and white photographic reproduction of an original photograph.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p>	
MS917/6/63	Photograph of Rebecca Terrington	c1860
	<p>Photograph of Rebecca Terrington, daughter of Wilderspin and wife of Thomas John Terrington as a young woman (c1860). Photographer unknown.</p> <p>Black and white photographic reproduction of an original photograph.</p> <p>Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level</p>	
MS917/6/64	Photograph of a portrait of Samuel Wilderspin	c1915

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

MS917/6/65 Photograph of Samuel Wilderspin

c1866

Photograph of Samuel Wilderspin in old age, taken in Wakefield (c1866). Photographer unknown.

Black and white photographic reproduction of an original photograph.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

**MS917/6/66 Photographs: Wilderspin's Gravestone in
Thornes' churchyard, Wakefield**

**20th
century**

Black and white photograph of Wilderspin's gravestone in Thornes' churchyard, Wakefield (20th century).

Black and white photograph.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at funds level

MS917/7 Material concerning the development of infant schools and Samuel Wilderspin's career

**1824-1860,
1923, 1944,
1954, 1967,
1976, c1980**

Photocopies, and handwritten and typewritten copies, of reports and newspaper articles relating to Wilderspin, his schools and infant schools in general. There are also secondary biographies, reports and copies of items on infant schools from journals. The handwritten notes are in the hand of Wilderspin's biographers Dr Francis A. Young and Dr Phillip McCann, who compiled the information for their book 'Samuel Wilderspin and the infant school movement' (c1980).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/1 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1846, 1857, 1860, 1923, c1980

Undated typescript transcripts and notes concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools at New Lanark, Westminster, Spitalfields and Bristol, possibly compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographer Dr. Francis A. Young in c1980:
Transcript, 'Origin of infant education' in 'Infant education', published in 1860, edited by Robert and William Chambers.

Transcript, 'James Buchanan' in 'Buchanan family records', published in 1923 by Barbara Buchanan.
Transcript, 'Origin of infant schools', in 'Westminster and foreign quarterly review' vol. XLVI, published in 1846, pp. 220-22.

Transcript, 'Origin of infant schools', speech by Henry Brougham, in 'Parliamentary Debates', third series, vol. XXVII (1835 May 21), p. 1309.

Transcript, 'The autobiography of a phrenologist' by David George Goyder, published in 1857.

Transcript, 'Recollections of Julia Smith (1799 August 21 to 1883 December 21) in Benjamin Smith Mss Add 7621, possibly held at Cambridge University Library.

One page from a missing body of notes relating to, 'Appendix to the second report of the Statistical Society of London on the state of education in Westminster', in 'Journal of the Statistical Society of London', vol. I, published in 1839, pp. 298-315.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/2 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1824-1843, c1980

Undated typescript transcripts and notes concerning the Infant School Society possibly compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographer Dr. Francis A. Young in c1980:

Transcript, 'Infant School Society', in 'Christian Observer' vol. XXVII, no. 11 (1827 November), pp.

795-706.

Transcript, 'Address of the Committee of the Infant School Society, in 'Cottager's Monthly Visitor' vol. IX (1829 February), pp. 11-16.

Notes concerning James Pierrepont Greaves and the Infant School Society in relation to 'Letters and extracts from the MS writings of James Pierrepont Greaves' vol. I (1843) p. xii.

Notes in relation to the 'Morning Chronicle', (1824 June 3), (1825 June 5) and (1827 June 8).

Photocopies of articles in the 'Morning Chronicle' (1824 June 8) to (1825 June 6).

Photocopy of article in 'Bath and Cheltenham Gazette' (1824 June 21).

Photocopy of article in 'Evening Mail' (1825 June 3-6).

Photocopy of article entitled 'High Church opinions on popular education' in 'Edinburgh Review' 1825 (April).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/3 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools

**1827-1849,
1954, 1976,
c1980**

Undated typescript transcripts, notes and photocopies of newspaper articles concerning infant schools at Alstone and Cheltenham. Compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographers Dr. Francis A. Young and Professor Philip McCann, with their annotations written on the back of some of the items: Index cards of notes concerning the infant school at Cheltenham (c1980).

Transcript of an extract from 'Education in Gloucestershire: A short history' published in 1954, pp. 60-63.

Four photocopies of articles in 'Cheltenham Chronicle' concerning Alstone and Cheltenham infant schools (1827 October 20) to (1849 December 10).

Photocopy of article, 'To the friends and supporters of the Sunday and Infant Schools established at Alstone...the following account of theory first formation, progress and present success' (1827 November).

Photocopy of article, 'The infant's school' in 'New guide to Cheltenham' (1834).

Photocopies of correspondence between Professor McCann and Reverend A.F. Munden concerning the history of Cheltenham infant school (1976 July 16) to (1976 December 11).

Notes of information contained in 'Harpers' Commercial Directory concerning infant schools in Cheltenham (1844).

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/4 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1827-1828

Photocopies of newspaper articles in the 'Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Chronicle' concerning the establishment of an infant school at Aylesbury (1827 September 1 to 1828 January 19). With annotations written on the back of the photocopies by either Professor McCann or Dr. Francis A. Young, biographers of Samuel Wilderspin.

Three sheets.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/5 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1824-1827, c1980

Undated typescript transcripts, notes and photocopies of newspaper articles concerning the infant schools at Birmingham. Compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographers Dr. Francis A. Young and Professor Philip McCann, with their annotations written on the back of some of the items:
Index cards of handwritten notes concerning the infant school at Birmingham (c1980).
Photocopies of articles in 'Birmingham Gazette' (1825 September 12 to 1825 November 7).
Photocopy of an article, 'Infant education' from the 1824 April 29 issue of the 'Birmingham Chronicle'.
Photocopy of an untitled article from the Birmingham Chronicle by 'the reporter of Mr. Goyder's lecture' (1824 May 3).
Photocopy of pages 16 to 17 of a copy the 'Second annual report of the Birmingham Infant School Society from October 1826 to September 1827',

which seems to have been pasted into a minute book.

Five items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/6 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools

**1824-1828,
c1980**

Photocopies of articles in newspaper and journals and handwritten notes compiled by Professor McCann and Dr. Francis A. Young concerning the establishment of an infant school at Brighton:
Handwritten transcript of 'Infant schools in Brighton', in 'Christian Observer' vol. XXIV no. 1 p. 45 (January 1824), probably by either McCann or Young (c1980).
Photocopy of a letter printed in 'Christian Reformer' vol. X no. CXVI by J. Ketley, concerning the lack of educational opportunities amongst the children of the poor, and includes a description of the infant school of Brighton (1824 August).
Photocopy of a letter by 'A Brightonian' to the editor of the 'Commentator', which was reprinted in the aforesaid publication, describing the infant school at Brighton (1828 June 12). The reverse of the photocopy feature handwritten annotations, probably by either McCann or Young (c1980).

Three items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/7 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools

**1827, 1842,
c1980**

Photocopies of newspaper articles and typescript transcripts concerning the establishment of infant schools at Royston and other locations in Cambridgeshire, complied by Samuel Wilderspin's biographers Professor McCann and Dr. Francis A. Young c1980:
Photocopy of a notice in the 'Cambridge, Wisbech, Ely, March, Chatteris, Manea, Upwell, Thorney, Whittlesea, Newmarket, Soham, Linton and Royston Advertiser', concerning a bazaar to be held in aid of the infant school at Royston (1827 June 6).
Transcript of an article in 'Cambridge Chronicle and

Journal' describing the above bazaar (1827 July 20).
 Photocopy of an article in 'Cambridge Chronicle and Journal, concerning the establishment of the infant school at Royston (1827 October 12).
 Typescript notes relating to 'Short Account of the old schools of Cambridge' (1842).

Four items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/8 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1825-1831, c1980

Typescript transcripts, handwritten notes and photocopies of newspaper articles concerning the infant school at Chester, compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographers Professor McCann and Francis A. Young c1980:
 Index cards of handwritten notes relating to 'History of the City of Chester' vol. II p. 221 by Joseph Hemingway (1831).
 Typescript notes concerning two notices in 'Chester Courant and Anglo-Welsh Gazette' about the opening of an infant school at Chester (1826 August 1), and forthcoming public examination 'preparatory to the departure of Mr Wilderspin' (1826 August 29).
 Photocopies of articles in the 'Chester Chronicle' and 'Chester Courant' concerning the school at Chester (1825 November 29 to 1828 September 1).

Twelve items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/9 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1830-1831

Typescript notes and transcripts and photocopies of newspaper articles concerning the infant school at Coventry compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographer Professor McCann and Dr. Francis A. Young:
 Typescript notes concerning an advertisement appearing in the 1831 March 4 issue of the 'Coventry Herald' and 1831 March 6 issue of 'Coventry Mercury' relating to three lectures by Wilderspin at St. Mary's Hall, Coventry.

Typescript transcript of an article in 'Coventry Mercury' concerning Wilderspin's lectures in St. Mary's Hall (1831 March 13).
Photocopies of articles in 'Coventry Herald' concerning the establishment of the infant school at Coventry (1830 January 1 to 1831 January 28).

Nine items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/10 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1827-1831, c1980

Handwritten and typescript transcripts the infant school at Derby compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographer Professor McCann and Dr. Francis A. Young c1980:

Typescript notes relating to an advertisement in 'Derby Mercury' concerning a forthcoming examination of children at the infant school (1827 January 24).

Handwritten transcript extract from 'History and Gazetteer of the County of Derby' by Stephen Glover (1831).

Two items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/11 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1825-1826, c1980

Photocopies of articles in 'Durham Chronicle' and 'Durham County Advertiser' (1825-1826) concerning infant schools at Durham, compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographers Professor McCann and Dr. Francis A. Young (c1980).

Four items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/12 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1826-1827, c1980

Photocopies of articles in the 'Leeds Mercury' newspaper (1826 May 27-1827 June 2) concerning infant schools at Leeds, compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographers Professor McCann and Dr. Francis A. Young (c1980).

Five items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/13 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1827-1828, c1980

Typescript transcripts and photocopies of articles in the 'Leicester Chronicle' newspaper and also 'Leicester Journal and Midland Counties General Advertiser' (1827 December 14-1828 July 5) concerning infant schools at Leicester, compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographers Professor McCann and Dr. Francis A. Young (c1980).

Five items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/14 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1829-1836, 1967 c1980

Photocopies of articles in journals, reports, typescript transcripts and handwritten notes concerning the development of infant schools at Liverpool, compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographers Professor McCann and Dr. Francis A. Young (c1980):

Photocopy of 'Report of a committee of the Manchester Statistical Society on the state of education in the borough of Liverpool in 1835-1836', pp. 71-74, p. 83, published in 1836.

Photocopy of 'The rise of public elementary education in Liverpool', part II 1819-1835 by James Murphy in 'Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire' volume 118 pp. 105-138 (1966).

Typescript transcript (c1980) of unidentified pages from 'The stranger in Liverpool; or, an historical and descriptive view of the town of Liverpool and its environs', 9th edition (1829).

Handwritten notes (c1980) relating to the 8th edition

of the above publication 'The stranger in Liverpool' (1829).

Four items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/15 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1825-1848, c1980

Photocopies and transcripts of newspaper articles, photocopies of reports etc. concerning infant schools in Manchester and Salford, compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographers Dr. Francis A. Young and Professor McCann (c1980):
Photocopies of articles in the 'Manchester Guardian' and 'Manchester Times' newspapers (1825 October 1 to 1847 October 5).
Typescript transcripts of articles in the 'Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser', 'Manchester Guardian' and 'Manchester Times' (1825 June 29 to 1848 May 3).
Photocopies of pp. 24-29 from 'Remarks on instruction in schools for infants' by A. Prentice, 2nd edition, (1831).
Photocopies of pp. 29-30 and 39 from 'Report of a committee of the Manchester Statistical Society on the state of education in the borough of Manchester in 1834' (1835).
Photocopies of pp. 29 and 39 from 'Report of a committee of the Manchester Statistical Society on the state of education in the borough of Salford in 1835' (1836).
Handwritten notes (c1980) relating to a 'Report of a committee of the Manchester Statistical Society on the state of education in the borough of Manchester in 1834'.

15 items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/16 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1827, c1980

Photocopy and transcript of newspaper articles in the 'Derby Mercury' newspaper (1827 June 20 to 1827 July 4) concerning an infant school at Melbourne in Derbyshire, compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographers Dr. Francis A. Young and Professor McCann (c1980).

Two items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/17 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1825-1827, c1980

Photocopies of newspaper articles and reports, also a handwritten transcript, concerning an infant school at Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographers Dr. Francis A. Young and Professor McCann (c1980):

Photocopies of articles in the 'Newcastle Courant' newspaper (1825 January 22 to 1826 March 11). Photocopies of pp. 3-7 and 16 of 'The first report of the Infant School Society of Newcastle-upon-Tyne' (1826).

Handwritten transcript (c1980) of page 456 of 'A descriptive and historical account of the town & county of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, including the borough of Gateshead' by Eneas Mackenzie, vol. II (1827).

Six items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/18 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1828-1843, c1980

Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools, compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographers Dr. Francis A. Young and Professor McCann (c1980):

Transcripts of newspaper articles in the 'Staffordshire Mercury', 'Staffordshire Advertiser' and 'Pottery Mercury' newspapers, concerning infant schools in Staffordshire (1828 April 5 to 1830 May 1).

Typescript notes concerning p. 402 of 'The borough of Stoke-upon-Trent' by John Ward (1843).

15 items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/19 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1825-1826, c1980

Photocopies of articles from the 'Stockport Advertiser' newspaper (1825 April 29 to 1826 June 9) concerning an infant school in Stockport, compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographers Dr. Francis A. Young and Professor McCann (c1980).

Two items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/20 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1827-1828, c1980

Photocopies and handwritten transcripts of articles from the 'Taunton Courier' newspaper (1827 October 10 to 1828 October 15) concerning an infant school in Taunton, compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographers Dr. Francis A. Young and Professor McCann (c1980).

30 items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/7/21 Material concerning the origins of the earliest infant schools 1825-1827, 1944, c1980

Photocopies, handwritten transcripts and notes relating to articles in various newspapers concerning the establishment of infant schools, compiled by Samuel Wilderspin's biographers Dr. Francis A. Young and Professor McCann (c1980):
Handwritten notes on index cards concerning infant schools at Chelmsford, etc (c1980)
Photocopies of two articles in the 'Worcester Journal' newspaper concerning the establishment of infant schools at Kidderminster and St. Clement's parish in Worcester (1825 May 26 to 1825 June 30).

Transcript of a sermon preached by Hugh
Chambres Jones, the Archdeacon of Essex, and
printed in the 'Chelmsford Gazette' (1825 May 27).
Transcript of an article, 'Infant schools' in 'Weekly
Times' (1827 April 8).
Transcript of an article, 'Infant school' in 'Chronique
de Jersey' (1827 June 23).
Transcripts from p. 517 in 'Intellectual repository'
vol. I (1825) and p. 20 in 'A manual of the system of
instruction pursued at the infant school, Meadow
Street, Bristol', 4th edition, by David George Goyder
(1825).
Photocopies of handwritten transcripts and notes
relating to various publications concerning infant
schools (c1980).

10 items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds
level

MS917/8 Printed books

**1823-1852,
1871, 1876**

Printed books by Wilderspin and his two sons-in-law,
Thomas Urry Young and Thomas Terrington, on infant
education. One book is a manual for religious and
moral instruction, possibly used in a National School.
One has been annotated by Wilderspin while another
contains slips of paper with notes made in an
unidentified hand.

Open.

**MS917/8/1 'On the importance of educating the infant
children of the poor' by Samuel Wilderspin**

1823

Printed booklet, 'On the importance of educating the
infant children of the poor; showing how three
hundred children from eighteen months to seven
years of age may be managed by one master and
mistress; containing also an account of the
Spitalfields Infant School' by Samuel Wilderspin
(Dublin 1823).

Wilderspin's son-in-law Thomas Urry Young has
written his name and address on the flyleaf.

One item.

Open.

MS917/8/2 'Early discipline' by Samuel Wilderspin c1840

Printed book, 'Early discipline; or, the infant system progressing and successful' by Samuel Wilderspin, third edition (London 1840).

This copy bears extensive annotations, presumably in the hand of Samuel Wilderspin, the changes appear to have been made in anticipation of the printing of a fourth edition of the book.

One item.

Open.

MS917/8/3 'The infant system' by Samuel Wilderspin 1840

Printed book, 'The infant system for developing the intellectual and moral powers of all children from one to seven years of age' by Samuel Wilderspin, seventh edition (London, 1840).

On the flyleaf there is the inscription 'Katherine Y. McNamara'.

One item.

Open.

MS917/8/4 'The infant system' by Samuel Wilderspin 1852

Printed book, 'The infant system for developing the intellectual and moral powers of all children from one to seven years of age' by Samuel Wilderspin, eighth edition (London, 1852).

One item.

Open.

MS917/8/5 'The teacher's manual for infant schools and preparatory classes' by Thomas Urry Young c1852

Printed book, 'The teacher's manual for infant schools and preparatory classes' by Thomas Urry Young (Dublin 1852).

This copy bears extensive annotations, presumably in the hand of Thomas Urry Young, and it represents an earlier draft version of the final copy of the book as printed in 1852 (see MS917/8/6).

One item.

Open.

MS917/8/6 'The teacher's manual for infant schools and preparatory classes' by Thomas Urry Young 1852

Printed book, 'The teacher's manual for infant schools and preparatory classes' by Thomas Urry Young (Dublin 1852).

Wilderspin's son-in-law Thomas Urry Young has written his name and address on the flyleaf.

One item.

Open.

MS917/8/7 'The teacher's manual' by Thomas Urry Young 1871

Printed book, 'The teacher's manual for infant schools and preparatory classes' by Thomas Urry Thomas, first edition (Dublin, 1871).

This copy bears extensive annotations, presumably in the hand of Thomas Urry Thomas.

One item.

Open.

MS917/8/8 'The teacher's manual' by Thomas Urry Young 1876

Printed book, 'The teacher's manual for infant schools and preparatory classes' by Thomas Urry Thomas, first edition (Dublin, 1871).

This edition incorporates the annotations presumably in the hand of Thomas Urry Thomas to be found in the earlier 1871 edition (see MS917/8/7).

One item.

Open.

MS917/8/9 'A manual for the religious and moral instruction of young children in the nursery and infant school' by Samuel Wilderspin and Thomas John Terrington 1845

Printed book, "A manual for the religious and moral instruction of young children in the nursery and infant school" by Samuel Wilderspin and his son-in-law Thomas John Terrington (London, 1845).

One item.

Open.

MS917/8/10 'A system for the education of the young' by Samuel Wilderspin 1840

Printed book, 'A system for the education of the young: applied to all the faculties: founded on immense experience of many thousands of children in most parts of the three kingdoms: with appendix and plates' by Samuel Wilderspin (London, 1840). Paged 54 to 55 and pages 486 to 487 contain loose sheets of notes which are possibly related to the research of Wilderspin's biographers Dr. Francis A. Young and Professor McCann prior to the publication of their book 'Samuel Wilderspin and the infant school movement' in 1982.

One item.

Open.

MS917/9 Thesis 1906, 1949

One thesis in German and one doctoral thesis in English relating to Wilderspin's life and career.

2 items.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/9/1 Thesis 1906

Thesis in German, 'Samuel Wilderspin und das infant system. Ein beitrag zur Geschichte des englischen schulwesens' by Alice Paterson for the Philosophy Faculty of University of Jena, relating to Wilderspin's life and career.

See MS 975/75 for the English language version of this thesis.

1 item.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level

MS917/9/2 Thesis

1949

Thesis, 'The life and work of Samuel Wilderspin. A study in the history of popular education' by Francis A. Young for the Faculty of the Graduate School of Education of Harvard University, in 'partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Education' (1949).

1 item.

Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level