

Names: Burdon Sanderson, John, Sir, 1828-1905

Description: Sir John Burdon Sanderson was a physician and leading figure in Britain opposing the Anti-Vivisection movement. The fonds consist of a complete set of vivisection licenses and two small notebooks.

Dates: 1876-1905 (Vivisection Licenses)
1852-1909 (Notebooks)

Location: Memorial Room Rare Cabinet 27

Items: 24 cm of textual records

Inventory:

Part 1 Vivisection Licenses

This is the complete set of his vivisection licenses, from 1876 to 1905 (the year of his death). Of the utmost rarity. The first license is numbered "1", and is in fact the first license ever issued in Great Britain under the Act of 1876. They are signed in person by the various Home Secretaries, Viscount Cross (Home Secretary 1874), Vernon Harcourt, Henry Matthews, H.H. Asquith (later Prime Minister), etc.

There are 32 documents on 27 leaves. The earlier documents are handwritten, the later ones are typed; all are signed. The leaves are fastened together in chronological order with the most recent one at the front.

Oct. 19, 1876 Licence no.1, signed by Richard Assleton Cross.

Nov. 19, 1877 Extension of no.1, with added conditions dated Jan. 2, 1878, signed by Cross.

Nov. 18, 1878 Extension of no.1, signed by Cross.

Nov. 19, 1879 Extension of no.1, signed by Cross.

Oct. 19, 1880 Extension of no.1, signed by W.V. Harcourt.

Oct. 22, 1881 Extension of no.1, signed by Harcourt.

March 23, 1882 Added condition, signed by Harcourt.

Nov. 8, 1882 Extension of no.1, with change in conditions, signed by Harcourt.

Sept. 20, 1883 Extension of no.1, signed by Harcourt.
Nov. 5, 1884 Extension of no.1, signed by Harcourt.
Oct. 30, 1885 Extension of no.1, signed by Cross.
Jan. 6, 1886 Added condition, signed by Cross.
Dec. 14, 1886 Extension of no.1, including added condition, signed by Henry Matthews.
March 24, 1887 Added condition, signed by Matthews.
Oct. 18, 1887 Extension of no.1, signed by Matthews.
Dec. 4, 1888 Extension of no.1, including change of conditions, signed by Matthews.
Oct. 31, 1889 Extension of no. 1, including change of conditions, signed by Matthews.
Nov. 11, 1890 Extension of no.1, including further conditions, signed by Matthews.
Nov. 14, 1891 Extension of no.1, including change of conditions, signed by Matthews
Oct. 27, 1892 Extension of no.1, signed by H.H. Asquith.
Nov. 2, 1893 Extension of no.1, signed by Asquith.
Nov. 5, 1894 Extension of no.1, signed by Asquith.
Oct. 18, 1895 Extension of no.1, signed by M.W. Ridley.
Oct. 20, 1896 Extension of no.1, signed by Ridley.
Jan. 13, 1898 Extension of no.1, signed by Ridley.
Jan. 21, 1899 Extension of no.1, signed by Ridley.
March 1, 1900 Extension of no.1, signed by Ridley.
Jan. 5, 1901 Extension of no.1, signed by Charles T. Ritchie.
Jan. 14, 1902 Extension of no.1, with change in conditions, signed by Ritchie.
Jan. 17, 1903, Extension of no.1, with change in conditions, signed by A.H. Douglas.
June 20, 1904 Extension of no.1, with change in conditions, signed by Douglas.
Jan. 25, 1905, Extension of no.1, signed by Douglas.

Part II: Notebooks

These are two small notebooks in the handwriting of Lady Ghetal (Herschel) Burdon-Sanderson (1852-1909), filled with what appear to be extracts of personal letters by her husband, Sir John Burdon-Sanderson, and herself, recopied in the course of her research for her life of Sir John. Book II has 120 leaves, Book III has 80 leaves.