

**Reference code:** GB165-0046

**Title:** Cairo Scientific Society Collection

**Name of creator:** Cairo Scientific Society (1898-1951)

**Dates of creation of material:** 1898-1950

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 3 boxes

**Administrative history:** Cairo Scientific Society (1898-1951)

The Cairo Scientific Society was established in 1898 to be a 'society for the Promotion of Science in Egypt' in which members presented papers at regular meetings on a wide variety of scientific subjects. The Society started to publish a monthly magazine 'Survey Notes' in 1906. Following the success of the first 15 issues of 'Survey Notes' the publishing committee decided to rename the publication 'The Cairo Scientific Journal' and to expand the scope of the publication to cover 'not only information relating to one or two branches of physical science, but to invite communications on all branches of scientific knowledge.' The Cairo Scientific Society held 392 meetings between its foundation and its closure in 1951. At its height, it consisted of over 100 members, and held fortnightly meetings. The Society lapsed during the Second World War, the last meeting occurring on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1939, and recommencing in 1949. With the introduction by the Egyptian Government of "Society Laws" in 1949, the Society fused with the British Institute and ceased to exist as an independent entity. The last recorded meeting of the Society was the 392<sup>nd</sup>, in March 1951.

**Scope and content:** Papers relating to the Cairo Scientific Society, established in Cairo by the British community in 1898, comprising the minute books of the Society, recording the meetings, papers presented and Society outings, and four volumes of the Cairo Scientific Journal 1906-1910, which published papers presented to the Society.

**System of arrangement:**

1. Minute Books of the Cairo Scientific Society
2. Cairo Scientific Journal, Vols. 1-4

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English

**Conditions governing reproduction:** No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns

**Custodial history:** Created by the Cairo Scientific Society, subsequently in the possession of Major Eric Titterington

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received as a gift from Major Eric Titterington in Jan 1967

**Related Units of Description:**

**In MEC Archive**

GB165-0004 Addison Collection – Contains a “List of Officers, Rules, and List of Officers” of the Cairo Scientific Society from April 1931

**In Other Repositories**

The Bodleian Library (Sackler Library) holds The Cairo Scientific Journal from 1908-1926  
The British Library holds in its General Reference Collection Ac. 15 The Cairo Scientific Journal from 1908-1926

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist’s note:** Administrative history drawn from a letter written by Dr G.V. Anrep, Former President of the Society c1953, and a historical note in a “List of Officers, Rules and List of Members of the Society”, published by the Society in April 1931 and information on Survey Notes and the Cairo Scientific Journal taken from item 2/3 The Cairo Scientific Journal, Vol. 2A. Fonds, series and item level description created by Thomas Stanbury on 8 Aug 2011. Administrative history revised by Debbie Usher on 8 Aug 2011.

**SERIES AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE CAIRO SCIENTIFIC  
SOCIETY COLLECTION**

<u>1</u>	<u>Minute Books of the Cairo Scientific Society</u>	<u>1898-1951</u>	<u>3 volumes</u>
1/1	Minute book of the Cairo Scientific Society from the commencement of regular meetings in 1898 to the Scientific Exhibition and Demonstration in 1921, containing minutes of the meetings of the society, summaries of papers read and lists of persons in attendance.	20 Oct 1898- 1 Apr 1921	1 vol. (488 pages)
1/2	Minute book of the Cairo Scientific Society between April 1921 and March 1938, containing minutes of meetings of the Society, summaries of papers read, reports on visits by the Society to various institutions, and lists of persons in attendance.	7 Apr 1921- 31 Mar 1938	1 vol.
1/3	Minute book of the Cairo Scientific Society between December 1938 and March 1951, covering the Society's lapse during the Second World War and its decline and closure, containing summaries of papers presented, minutes of meetings, reports on council meetings and a report on the closure of the society and the fate of its effects subsequent to this.	15 Dec 1938- 31 Mar 1951	1 vol. (42 sheets)
<u>2</u>	<u>Cairo Scientific Journal</u>	<u>1906-1910</u>	<u>6 volumes</u>
	The journals contain papers presented to the Cairo Scientific Society between 1906 and 1910, on topics including meteorology, history, geology, surveying, mathematics, astronomy and geography, primarily focussed around their application to Egypt.		
2/1	The Cairo Scientific Journal, Vol. 1A, comprising papers presented to the Cairo Scientific Society in 1907.	1906-1907	1 vol. (224 pages)
2/2	The Cairo Scientific Journal, Vol. 1B, a continuation of 2/1.	1907	1 vol. (151 pages)
2/3	The Cairo Scientific Journal, Vol. 2A, comprising papers	Jan-Jun 1908	1 vol.

	presented to the Cairo Scientific Society in 1908		(246 pages)
2/4	The Cairo Scientific Journal, Vol. 2B, continuing 2/3	Jul-Dec 1908	1 vol. (200 pages)
2/5	The Cairo Scientific Journal, Vol. 3, comprising papers presented to the Cairo Scientific Society in 1909	1909	1 vol. (321 pages)
2/6	The Cairo Scientific Journal, Vol. 4, comprising papers presented to the Cairo Scientific Society in 1910	1910	1 vol. (326 pages)