



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	Professor Sir David Orme MASSON
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	1967.0001
<b>CATEGORY ACTIVITY</b>	University, individuals Academics - Chemistry
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	13 – 14 January 1927
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	1 cm
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	<p>Professor Sir David Orme Masson was educated at Edinburgh University, obtaining a Master of Arts in 1878, a Bachelor of Science in 1880, and gained a Doctorate of Science in 1884. He held a lectureship for one year under Prof. William Ramsay at University College, Bristol and was Resident Fellow at Edinburgh from 1884 to 1886. In the same year Masson was appointed Prof. of Chemistry at the University of Melbourne, a position he held until his retirement in 1923. Masson made a significant contribution to the advancement of science in Australia, and he took a leading part in the foundation of the Advisory Council of Science and Industry (later the CSIRO). As well, at various times throughout his career, he presided over a number of national scientific and research organizations.</p>
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	4 September 1967
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Open
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Correspondence - inwards
<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b>	See also 1980.0080 and 2006.0054
<b>NOTE ON LISTING</b>	
<b>LISTED BY DATE</b>	Frank Strahan 15 September 1967

RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY

NAME: MASSON, (Professor) Sir DAVID ORME

ADDRESS: Deceased.

MAIN ACTIVITY: Professor of Chemistry, University of Melbourne  
(1886 - 1924)

DATE OF TRANSFER: 4th September 1967.

NAME OF TRANSFEROR: Lady Bassett (daughter of Sir David Orme Masson).

GENERAL NOTE: A collection of Sir David Orme Masson's surviving papers is held in the Adolph Basser Library, Academy of Science, Canberra. The letters listed below are of University interest. Masson held the Chair of Chemistry at Melbourne from 1886 - 1923.

LIST OF RECORDS

Correspondence, Inwards:

1. Rivett, A.C.D., Grosmont, University Grounds.  
Birthday greeting to Masson and wish that M. would stand for University Council.  
13 January 1927.  
1 sheet, MS.
2. Barrett, Sir James, 105 Collins Street.  
Strongly urges M. to stand for Council "It is not a personal matter - it is something more serious". Assures M. that vacancy is a casual one, and there would be no contest.  
14 January 1927.  
1 sheet, TS.
3. MacFarland, J.A. (Chancellor of the University), University.  
Also urges M. to stand for Council. MacF. does not think "he ought to take an active part in the matter".  
14 January 1927.  
1 sheet (2 pages) MS.
4. Monash, Sir John, (Vice-Chancellor of the University), St. Georges Road, Teorak.  
Also urges M. to stand for Council "...the vital interests of the University overshadow all personal considerations".  
14 January 1927.  
1 sheet, TS.

15 September, 1967.

Frank Strahan,  
University Archivist.