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## RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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- 1.—That the name of the Association be "THE SIBFORD OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION."
  - 2.—That the membership be open to all Old Scholars, Past and Present Officers of the School, and Past and Present Members of the School Committee.
  - 3.—That the minimum Annual Subscription be 1/-, but it is hoped that those over 21 years of age will subscribe 2/6 or more.
  - 4.—That boys and girls leaving School are to be enrolled as Free Members till the following Whitsuntide.
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It was with some trepidation that a year ago our Association was formed, for it was felt that Sibford had natural disadvantages of position which made it a place of difficult access, and it was feared that many would find the travelling too bothersome.

Now that our first gathering is a piece of ancient history we can look back on our former fears with amusement, feeling that we have received due recompense for energies spent when we think once more of the happy time we spent at the Old Scholars' Gathering. Nevertheless, we have not yet reached our ideal, for there are a great number of Old Scholars who do not belong to our Association, and some who have not heard of us. So we feel sure that you will all turn to the last few pages and let us know the names and correct addresses of those whose names do not appear there. If you will help us in this way we shall then know that non-membership is not the fault of the Committee.

It has been decided to start a photographic album, in which we hope to have reproductions of all the photographs that have ever been taken of the School or those connected with it; thus forming an illustrated History of the School from earliest times. If those who have access to any such photographs will kindly communicate with Arthur B. Oddie, Sibford School, Banbury, they will confer a great benefit on the Association.

In connection with the above, we are hoping to form a series of annual photographic albums containing any amateur efforts taken during the Annual Gathering. Arthur Oddie has this also in hand.

Still another remark that we wish everyone to notice is that the names and addresses, etc., at the end of the Report are not fully filled in. The Secretary should be notified of any additions or alterations—such as removals, marriages, or deaths.

It is not intended to publish the names of present Scholars every year, but we thought it might be somewhat interesting to have a list of those present at this epoch-making period.

It has been suggested that for some of our members Whitsuntide is a less convenient time for the annual gathering than Easter. The Committee are very wishful to suit the majority of members in the matter, and therefore respectfully beg you to send a postcard to the Secretary as to your feelings on the subject, stating any good reason which may occur to you.

The chief reason that has yet been given for the desirability of change is that many members find that their occupations will not allow of their staying to the Old Scholars' entertainment on the evening of Whit-Monday, whereas Easter Monday is not similarly situated. Against this, however, we feel that the better weather usually enjoyed at Whitsuntide, compared with that common at Easter, is of paramount importance in consideration of the number of cyclists who attend our gatherings. There is also the further point that most of our Friends' Schools now divide the scholastic year into three terms; and if Sibford should follow their example, our gatherings might then have to be held during the children's holiday.

We expect to have a discussion on the subject at our next gathering, which will be held at Whitsuntide, 1905.

## FIRST ANNUAL GATHERING.

WHITSUNTIDE, 1904.

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AT the General Meeting held at the Friends' School, Sibford, last year, a number of Old Scholars decided that the good school at Sibford "should suffer wrong no more," but that an Old Scholars' Association should be formed to enable the scholars of days gone by to meet once every year for the purpose of visiting the dear old School, of renewing old acquaintances and of cementing old School friendships.



ELIZABETH FOSTER BROWN, OUR LATE SECRETARY.

Joseph Spence Hodgson (a past master in such matters), was elected President. E. Percy Kaye, B.Sc., formerly a master at the School, was appointed Secretary and Treasurer, and Elizabeth Foster Brown, Local Secretary.

A Committee was appointed consisting of Gulielma M. Oddie, Richard Routh, Arthur B. Oddie, and Charles E. Brady.

Great efforts were made to give full effect to the objects of the Association and by Whitsuntide of this year 1904, 186 members had been enrolled.

The first Annual Gathering was held at the School from Saturday, May 21st, to Tuesday, the 24th, and passed off with great *éclat*; with ideal weather and environment supported by a loyal and enthusiastic

membership, favoured with the genial presence of J. S. Hodgson, its first President, and with the catering for which Sibford is proverbial, the success of the meeting was assured, and exceeded the most sanguine expectations.

About seventy members attended, and on Whit-Monday there were many additional holiday-making visitors. Emphasis was given to the warm welcome of Mr. and Mrs. Oddie by the cheery faces of the children; whilst in honour of the occasion, the Boys' Lower Schoolroom was transformed into a drawing-room, the walls whereof were covered with photos of school groups and old friends, the Gymnasium was converted into our refectory, flags were flying, and plants and flowers were in unwonted profusion, even for Sibford. Noticeable and striking was the delight of everyone, and it was agreed that to return to the old School under such conditions was almost equal to a home-going. Easily and rapidly those of the same epoch drew together and the merry peals of laughter bore evidence to the pleasure of reminiscence of the "good old times." The doyens of the Association were Michael T. Graveson, of Liscard (Scholar, 1849 to 1854), and Mary Elizabeth Swan, *née* Wood (Scholar, 1855 to 1858).

After a hearty and prolonged tea the company assembled in the Dining Room, where the children gave a very bright and perfect entertainment of recitations, songs, etc., the President of the Association making a witty and capable chairman. The "Mad Tea Party" from *Alice in Wonderland* given by four girls, "Le Jet d'Eau" (which J. S. Hodgson translated into Yorkshire, and without even a dictionary, into Oxfordshire) "The Fire Brigade" and "Birchington Academy" were specially well executed items in the programme. A new School song by Arthur B. Oddie was produced on the occasion, and was rendered with great gusto by all the children. Its catchy refrain—

"Old scholars, may you bring to your mem'ry everything  
That happened years and years ago,  
When free from every care, you breathed the Sibford air  
Eager out into the world to go."

was soon on everyone's lips, and when subsequently, on Whit-Monday afternoon, an impromptu singing contest was held on the lawn. Old *versus* Present Scholars, the very unmusical self-constituted judge found the awarding of the palm a task beyond even his powers.

Appended is the programme of the Present Scholars' Entertainment :

#### PART I.

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| 1. SCHOOL SONG .. .. .   | BOYS AND GIRLS.    |
| 2. PIANO TRIO, "Sydenham March" E. CHENEY, P. JAMES, M. GOFFE. |                    |
| 3. ACTION SONG, .. "We're Farmer Lads" ..                      | JUNIOR BOYS.       |
| 4. VOCAL SOLO .. .. "Violets" .. ..                            | D. VANDERVORD.     |
| 5. PIANO SOLO .. .. "Bridal Procession" .. ..                  | W. APPLETON.       |
| 6. VOCAL SOLO .. .. "The Veteran's Song" .. ..                 | .. MR. DARKIN      |
| 7. SONG .. .. "From Oberon in Fairyland" .. ..                 | SENIOR GIRLS.      |
| 8. PIANO SELECTION .. .. "Lullaby" .. ..                       | .. MR. KIRBY.      |
| 9. VIOLIN SOLO .. .. "Lullaby" .. ..                           | .. M. CHENEY.      |
| 10. ACTION SONG .. .. "Gipsy Caravan" .. ..                    | JUNIOR GIRLS.      |
| 11. VOCAL SOLO .. .. "Ever so far away" .. ..                  | .. MISS O'NEILL.   |
| 12. DIALOGUE .. .. "Mad Tea Party" .. ..                       | FOUR JUNIOR GIRLS. |
| 13. PIANO DUET, "Spanish Dance" Miss PEIRSON, Miss HARRISSON.  |                    |

## PART II.

1. PIANO TRIO .. .. " Rigoletto " .. .. .. ..  
F. GOODHEAD, W. APPLETON, N. TOYER.
2. SONG .. .. " Roast Beef of Old England " .. SENIOR BOYS.
3. PIANO SOLO .. .. .. .. Miss PEIRSON.
4. VOCAL SOLO .. .. .. .. Miss HARRISSON.
5. SONG .. .. .. " The Mosquito " .. SENIOR GIRLS.
6. PIANO DUET .. .. " Orazione " F. GOODHEAD, N. TOYER.
7. SONG .. .. .. " The Keel Row " .. JUNIOR BOYS.
8. VOCAL DUET .. .. " The Silent Land " .. .. ..  
D. VANDERVORD, N. MILLARD.
9. PIANO SOLO .. .. " Le Jet d'Eau " .. .. F. GOODHEAD.
10. SONG .. .. .. " Bonnie Dundee " .. SENIOR BOYS.
11. SONG .. .. .. " The Fire Brigade " .. SENIOR GIRLS.
12. DIALOGUE .. .. " Birchington Academy " .. SENIOR BOYS.

## FORTY YEARS ON.

Forty years on, when far and asunder,  
Parted are those who are singing to-day.  
When you look back and forgetfully wonder,  
What you were like in your work and your play.  
Then it may be there will often come o'er you,  
Glimpses of notes like the catch of a song ;  
Visions of boyhood will float them before you,  
Echoes of Dreamland shall bear them along.

CHORUS—Follow up, follow up, follow up ;  
Follow up, follow up, follow up ;  
Till the field ring again and again,  
With the tramp of the twenty-two men,  
Follow up, follow up.

Routs and discomfitures, rushes and rallies,  
Bases attempted, and rescued and won ;  
Strife without anger and art without malice,  
How will it seem to you forty years on ?  
Then you will say not a feverish minute  
Strained the weak heart and the wavering knee !  
Never the battle raged hottest, but in it  
Neither the last nor the faintest were we.

Chorus—Follow up, &c.

Oh, the great days in the distance enchanted—  
Days of fresh air in the rain and the sun—  
How we rejoiced as we struggled and panted,  
Hardly believable forty years on.  
How we discoursed of them, one with another,  
Auguring triumph, or balancing fate ;  
Loved the ally with the heart of a brother,  
Hated the foe with a playing at hate.

Chorus—Follow up, &c.

Forty years on, growing older and older,  
Shorter in wind as in memory long,  
Feeble of foot, and rheumatic of shoulder,  
What will it help you that once you were strong ?  
God give us bases to guard or beleaguer,  
Games to play out, whether earnest or fun,  
Fights for the fearless, and goals for the eager,  
Twenty, and thirty, and forty years on.

Chorus—Follow up, &c.

Sunday was a peaceful and restful day, greatly appreciated by all, and especially by the dwellers in towns. The Meeting-house at Sibford Gower was well filled both morning and evening, several Old Scholars and other friends taking vocal part in the service. The afternoon was devoted to walks, many of the favourite spots being re-visited, such as Swalcliffe Common, Temple Mill, Compton Winyates. At the evening meeting a special address to the Association was given by Alfred H. Bayes, of Birmingham. Afterwards, the School family and visitors assembled for an hour's hymn singing and social converse. Some beautiful renderings of sacred songs were given by Old Scholars, and a letter containing interesting reminiscences, sent by Margaret Clarke, of Constantinople, was read.

Whit-Monday was a full and busy day. The morning brought an access of visitors, and there was a goodly company to witness the cricket match between Old and Present Scholars. Contrary to general rule, the result of the contest was in favour of the visitors, the scores being—Old Scholars 59, and Present Scholars 32. Edgar Oddie assisted the School, making twenty-one runs and taking seven wickets. The full score is appended :—

OLD SCHOLARS.		PRESENT SCHOLARS.	
C. E. Brady, c Clark, b D. S. Darkin	16	E. M. Oddie, b H. Knight	21
P. Hodgetts, c D. S. Darkin, b E. M. Oddie	9	D. S. Darkin (capt.) b C. E. Brady	0
J. W. Proud, b E. M. Oddie	6	T. Glaisyer, b C. E. Brady	1
E. P. Kaye (capt.), b E. M. Oddie	8	E. Whitlock, b C. E. Brady	0
W. Pratt, c and b E. M. Oddie	6	M. Clark, b J. W. Proud	3
R. Phillips, b D. S. Darkin	0	H. M. Kirby, b J. W. Proud	0
W. Farrington, b E. M. Oddie	0	E. Fisher, c and b P. Hodgetts	2
H. Knight, b E. M. Oddie	1	E. Russell, b A. Goode	0
H. Howitt, not out	5	H. Vandervord, not out	2
H. Dearden, b E. M. Oddie	2	H. Davis, b P. Hodgetts	2
A. Goode, c and b D. S. Darkin	0	L. Boyce, b P. Hodgetts	0
Extras	6	Extras	1
Total	59	Total	32

The annual business meeting of the Association was held after the cricket match. A report of this meeting is given hereafter.

After dinner the company wended their way to the playing field, where D. S. Darkin arranged a series of sports, comprising running, jumping, throwing the cricket ball, etc. The events were keenly contested, and gave great pleasure to the visitors as spectators. The following was the programme :—Throwing cricket ball (s.), 1, H. S. Vandervord; 2, E. Whitlock; (J.), 1, H. V. Davis; 2, R. Lamb. 100 yards, Girls (s.), 1, Nellie Millard; 2, Nellie Toyer; (J.), 1, Dorothy Charman; 2, Ethel Cheney. 100 yards, Boys (s.), 1, H. S. Vandervord; 2, T. Glaisyer; (under 12), 1, J. C. Whiting; 2, R. Toser. Kicking the football (s.), 1, E. Whitlock; 2, M. C. Clark; (J.), 1, H. V. Davis. Three-legged race (s.), 1, M. C. Clark and E. C. Russell. Inter-team race, E. C. Russell's team beat E. Whitlock's. Egg and spoon race, Girls, 1, Rose Wilson; 2, N. Toyer. 100 yards Old Scholars, E. Percy Kaye. Blind hunt, E. C. Glaisyer. Tug-of-war, Present Masters and Boys v. Old Scholars. The rope broke.

At 5.30 o'clock a reception was held by R. B. and E. M. Oddie, which gave full opportunity for the enjoyment of renewing old friendships and forming new ones. It was delightful to have yet another version of a well-known tale, and to hear the merry laugh excited by some reminiscence of "the days of long ago." Following this came the President's address, which gave a *resumé* of the history of Old Scholars' Associations in connection with other Friends' Schools, and dwelt upon the possibilities for usefulness which would present themselves in connection with past and present scholars. It dwelt with pleasure and hopefulness upon the earnestness that had characterised the genesis of the Sibford Association, and the enthusiasm that had marked all the proceedings of the past few days. At the conclusion of the address, the Superintendent acknowledged his acceptance from the Old Scholars of the means of providing for an extra day's excursion for the present scholars, in remembrance of this first gathering. Sympathetic allusion was made to the death, a short time since, of Mary E. Pettipher, of Long Compton, one of the youngest members of the Association, and to the illness of Emily S. Maw, another member, which terminated fatally on the following day.

The School family and a goodly number of neighbours then settled themselves comfortably as audience, while the Old Scholars took the platform and presented a capital entertainment of songs and recitations, J. S. Hodgson, in his inimitable style, giving "The Shoeblack," "Rubenstein's Playing," and "The Groom's Story of the Motor Car," and E. P. Kaye an original song appropriate to the occasion. No encores were allowed, but every item in the performance was so successfully rendered that this rule probably curtailed the concert to one-half the length of time it might have occupied.

A hearty vote of thanks was moved to R. B. and E. M. Oddie and the members of their family present during the meeting, for their great courtesy and kindness and their unflinching efforts, which had contributed to make the whole meeting such a great success. This was carried with acclamation. The concert was closed by all singing, in hearty and "handy" fashion, "Auld Lang Syne."

#### PROGRAMME. MONDAY NIGHT.

PIANO SOLO	.. ..	"Capricante"	.. ..	JESSIE HALL.
RECITATION	.. ..	"The Bootblacks"	.. ..	J. S. HODGSON.
SOLO	.. ..	"Killarney"	.. ..	JESSIE GILL.
SOLO	.. ..	"Will O' the Wisp"	.. ..	WALTER PARSEY.
RECITATION	.. ..	"Hiawatha's Photographing"	.. ..	NELLIE GITTINS.
SONG	.. ..	"Norwegian Song"	.. ..	GULIE ODDIE.
PART SONG	.. ..	"Hark, the Lark"	PART OF SIBFORD CHOIR.	
RECITATION	.. ..	"The Motor Car"	.. ..	J. S. HODGSON.
SONG	.. ..	"The Promise of Life"	.. ..	WALTER LEGGE.
PIANO SOLO	.. ..	"Im Kloster"	.. ..	EMILY WADDINGTON.
SONG	.. ..	"Longshoreman Billy"	.. ..	H. HOMAN.
DUET	.. ..	"Twin Duett"	Messrs. DARKIN and KAYE.	
RECITATION	.. ..	"Rubenstein"	.. ..	J. S. HODGSON.
SONG	.. ..	"Darby and Joan"	.. ..	Mrs. SIMPSON.
PART SONG	.. ..	"Drink to me only with thine eyes"	.. ..	
SONG	.. ..	"S.O.S.A."	.. ..	E. P. KAYE.
SONG	.. ..	"River of Years"	.. ..	MIRIAM LITT.
PART SONG	.. ..	"Greeting"	.. ..	SOME LADIES.

After an interval for supper, we renewed our efforts and spent the time from 10.30 to 12.15 in listening to and taking part in songs, recitations, dumb-charades, and finally (tell it not in Gath) musical chairs. Even then some few, like Oliver Twist, asked for more ; nevertheless, all had departed before 12.30 o'clock, and there were very few absentees from our breakfast table next day, in fact it is said that some enthusiasts had been busy in the dark room as early as 6.30 !

As the first brake did not leave Sibford till 10 o'clock, a hockey match was organized after the boys had gone into school, but time waits for no man, and the clocks at Sibford are subservient to this maxim. The hands of the clock seemed to fly round, and with many cheers and many sighs we waved good-bye, after expressing the wish that we might have the pleasure of meeting each other again at Whitsuntide, 1905.

In looking back on the time which passed so pleasantly, all must agree that the arrangements made by our Local Secretary and those who assisted her were as near perfection as could be.

Elizabeth Foster Brown having to resign the office of Local Secretary, we take this opportunity of publicly thanking her for her services, and we welcome her successor, Annie R. Wells, whom we feel sure will ably continue the work.

Mention should be made of the capital picture postcards of the School supplied by Arthur B. Oddie, which were purchasable at a small price by Old Scholars. Gulielma M. Oddie very ably seconded (as "Sister of the Family" we presume) the kindly attentions of the "Mother of the Family" in looking after the Family's wants in the Refectory and elsewhere.



THE SCHOOL, SIBFORD.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

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Charles E. Brady was appointed Chairman.

The minutes of the inaugural meetings were read and approved.

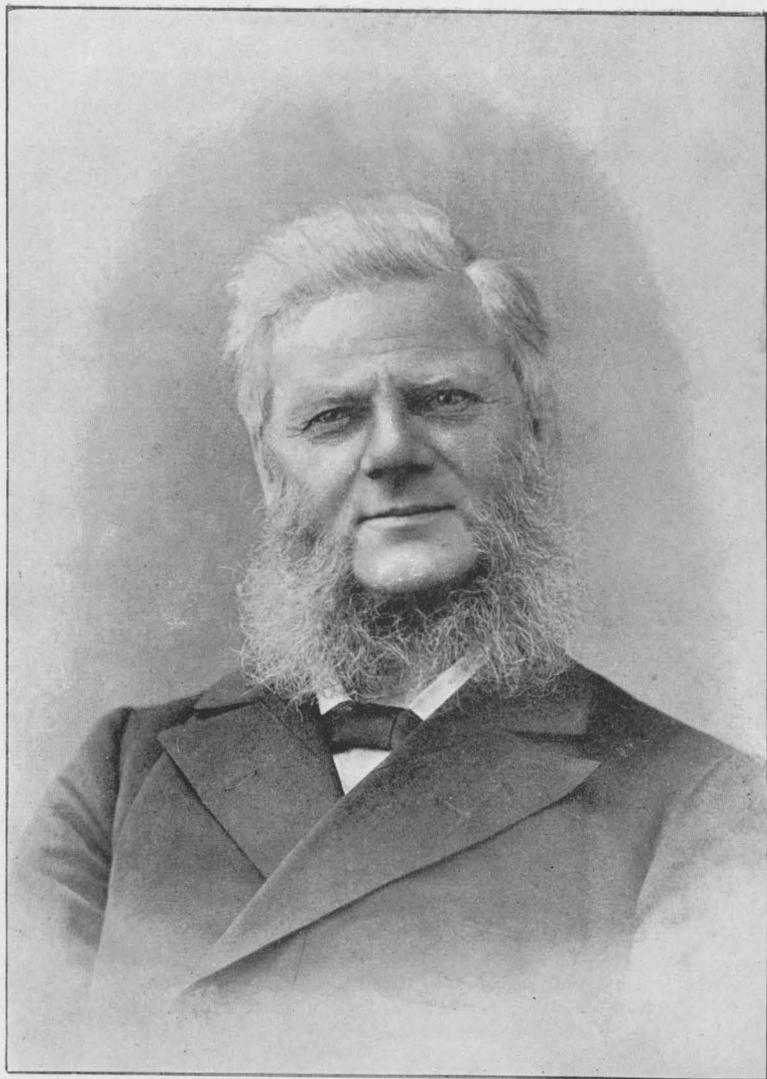
The Secretary was called upon, and presented the following report:—

“In making this the first secretarial report of the Sibford Old Scholars’ Association, the chief note that I feel should be struck is one of thanks to all Old Scholars for the immense amount of enthusiasm with which one and all have taken up the idea. Without that, no amount of subscriptions would have enabled us to enjoy such a time as we have had. Although the Association was inaugurated as recently as June 19th, 1903, we have already enrolled the names of 186 members. This number includes the names of 30 who, having left school since Whitsuntide, 1903, were entitled to free membership for the past year. We are very sorry to have to announce the death of one of our members, Mary Pettipher, of Long Compton, and the very serious illness of Emma S. Maw, residing at Sibford Gower.”

The report was received and adopted unanimously. General satisfaction was expressed with the work done by the old Committee and Officers. Joseph Spence Hodgson, our past President, was made an Honorary Member of the Association.

The financial position of the Association was shown to be excellent from the following statement:—





JOSEPH SPENCE HODGSON,  
OUR FIRST PRESIDENT.

## PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

BY

JOSEPH SPENCE HODGSON.

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I would first congratulate the Association on the spirited beginning it has made, with its 186 members, thus comparing favourably with similar Associations both in the item of numbers and in the enthusiasm which circles round this first Annual Meeting. It is delightful to witness the Old Scholar heartiness mingling in sunny pleasantness with the spring-time life of the girls and boys of the present, overshadowed and enriched with the gay fulness of the blossom of the month of May.

It would seem to be quite in good order that Sibford should be the last to form an Association seeing it was the last school founded in the long line of Friends' Schools in the year 1842, just as it is meet that the Croydon and Walden Association should be the first by reason of the origin dating back through its several transplantings to 1692. The beginnings of its Association in 1869 were scarcely on the lines of an Association, but rather through a concern on the mind of John G Armfield to gather some of his schoolfellows together to take sweet counsel as to their spiritual progress, and this feeling grew and widened till in twenty-five years it was consolidated into a modern Association, with a president and officers, and with a Yearly Report in 1894.

Sibford had harboured a desire for an Association for many years, but not until this year of grace could it be said to be ripe for the occasion, with Secretaries saturated with enduring enthusiasm to organise and carry it on. Other Associations I have had to do with had not arrived at such a period of mellowness at the time of their founding. Penketh made a fitful start at the Jubilee of 1884 with sixty members, but in the following year, no-one responded to the announcement of the first Annual Meeting, and several years passed over before there was strength to revive it.

Even our one national school of Ackworth claiming, as it undoubtedly can, to be the pioneer of all School Associations, was sixty-five years before its time; for in the memorable year 1815 an Ackworth School Association was formed, which issued a printed address in London to Friends who had been educated at Ackworth. Its first Report was published in Fifth-month 1815, and five such reports came out yearly till the Association was unfortunately dissolved in 1819. These Reports may be seen in the Reference Library, Devonshire House, London, E.C.

I look upon the Sibford Association as begun on lines which are likely to endure and which in due time will justify its existence. Many have been the anxieties ere some Associations have proved their work and received their justification. For I can tell you I have passed through the valley of humiliation in my own Association strivings, and dwelt under deep shadows of depression till the clouds rolled by for the sunshine to gladden my way again. In Sibford the road to this already

bears marks of the tread of Secretaries brim full with expectation and interest in their work and ready to meet all the difficulties that beset their path.

This Association may justify its existence by keeping up correspondence with its members scattered beyond the bounds of England and in sending its Reports to those far away in the prairies or the bush where haply they may serve, as the Ackworth Reports have done, in being the only link that connected the Old Scholar with his old School and even with the Society of Friends. It can add an annual interest to its literature in notices of the marriages and deaths of its members. It can publish the School Chronicle, so intensely interesting to recent Old Scholars, and give an antiquarian flavour by quaint minutes of its School Committee from its early days—like this one of Ackworth—"Boys are not to read any books on First-day but the Bible, except their Spelling Book;" which latter being of the School's own growing was pardonably considered equal in honour to the sacred manuscript. As the Sibford Association progresses, it will no doubt compile a List of Scholars with the additional names of the husbands of such girls who are favoured to possess one, also a list of teachers and officers, interspersed with pencillings by the way relating to the Schools' history of progress. Prior to the last grand effort—the writing of a history of the school,—a photographic record could give a pictorial history of the School and the Scholars, which would be of amazing interest in after years, when Old Scholars can see the shy plump faces of their boyhood and the primrose simplicity of their merry girlhood. I am glad that such a record is in course of preparation. All these things will in due time bring the reward of satisfaction.

An Old Scholars' Association is founded on the lines of mutual brotherhood, in which all seek to further the best interests of others and thus do the best also for themselves. In other words, it is "not for one but for all." This feeling of brotherhood keeps alive an interest in the School, and brings Old Scholars back to the School at holiday times in ever increasing numbers. Teachers can also feel the assurance of support from their old pupils, and the knowledge that they have an enduring interest in them, as they stand as a kind of connecting link between past and present.

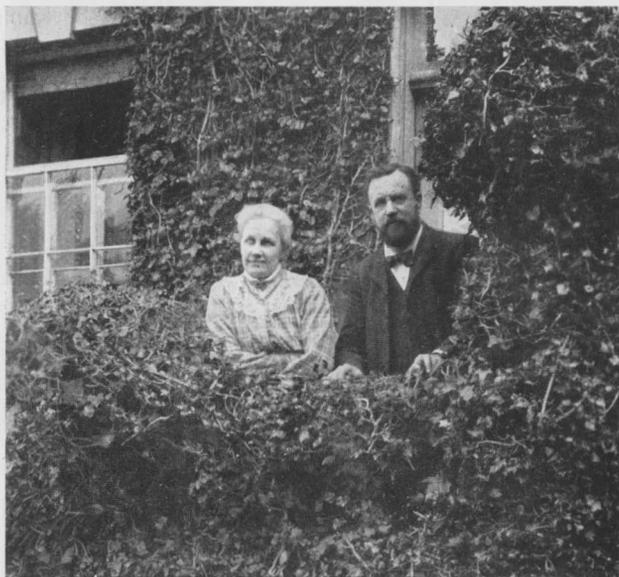
All these many and varied tributaries of interest flow together into the larger river of the higher life in which all find their happiness in seeking the happiness of others.

## THE YEAR'S CHRONICLE.

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FOR the following account we are largely indebted to the editors of *Past and Present*. We propose to issue a diary of the School's doings annually, from one General Meeting to the next:—

As regards weather, our General Meeting day, June 19th, 1903, was memorable indeed. Visitors arrived shivering with cold, and at once set out in quest of fires. The small attendance at the morning meetings for worship and business was strongly reinforced in the afternoon. The examinations of former years have given place to demonstrations, exhibitions, etc. The workshop contingent, under the direction of Alfred



ROBERT BREARLEY AND ELIZABETH ODDIE.

Williams, their instructor, displayed their skill with tools, and produced joints, planings, turnings, etc., on the "while you wait" system. Then the drawings and maps, which half covered the dining-room walls, came in for inspection, criticism, and approbation. Following came recitations, chiefly from Shakespeare's *Julius Cæsar*, singing, etc. An adjournment to the cricket-field for sports contests, proved only a short diversion, as the company was driven indoors by rain and cold, long before the programme was worked out. It seemed natural, under the circumstances, to fall back upon the swimming bath, and the events here proved interesting and exciting. At the conclusion of the day's proceedings, Robert L. Impy distributed prizes which had been gained in several departments of leisure-time pursuits.

The School reassembled on August 7th, with decreased numbers on both sides, and we found Alice Whitlow in temporary charge of the Girls' side, pending the arrival of Edith E. Lamb's successor, Kathleen N. O'Neill. I. Isabel Smith has taken the place of Ethel M. Harrison.

*Sept. 17th.*—In long-delayed cricket weather, we started our football season.

On the 18th, the girls walked to Whichford Wood, and the boys to the Druids' Circle at Rollrich.

We have lately had two interesting lantern lectures, one by Seymour H. Beale, the drawing master, on "The Early Life and Work of Millais," and the other by Percy T. Thackeray, a former master, on "Oxford and its Colleges."

A very pleasing incident has been the giving up, on the part of our late swimming instructor, Walter Legge, of Derby, of the afternoons of a fortnight's holiday, which he generously devoted to the boys, in giving them individual instruction in swimming, diving, etc. The good results of this are very noticeable.

The event of greatest moment in our School life during the autumn term has been the visit, by invitation of the committee, of three inspectors of Secondary Schools, from the Board of Education. A. E. Tutton, D.Sc., M.A., F.R.S., C. E. Theodosius, M.A., and Miss Sofia Smith, came on the 10th October, and during two days were much in evidence in schoolroom, playing-field, gymnasium, swimming bath, workshop, etc. Besides inspection and examination of school work, they made a thorough, systematic, and critical tour of the house and premises. Everything directly or indirectly affecting the School came under their ken, from the perusal of Trust Deeds to the examination of note-books; from the organisation of classes to the inspection of clothes-pens; from the constitution of the Committee to the ventilation of a class-room. We await their report, which is expected in about six weeks' time, with much interest and some trepidation. It may be added that following on a previous visit by Dr. Tutton, we had already received "recognition" as a Secondary School by the Board of Education.

Two unexpected changes in the staff have recently occurred. I. Isabel Smith has been succeeded by Ethel M. Harrison, who thus returns to her former post; and Wilfrid C. Carter, who has exchanged the atmosphere of a bank for that of the schoolroom, by Edgar A. J. Marsh (temporarily).

Notable lectures have been: "Life in America," by Sophia Fry, during a visit to the School and Sibford Meeting, accompanied by Mrs. Crosfield, of Croydon; "An Evening with Punch," by William Cope, of Birmingham; "Manitoba and the North-west Territory," including an account of a visit to the Dukhobors, by Edward West, of Swinton, Manchester. On February 22nd the School attended William Noble's lecture on "Temperance Leaders I have met."

*Feb. 25th.*—Edward S. Prout, M.A., addressed the School on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

*March 23rd.*—The boys had an enjoyable walk to Brailes, and went over the church, one of the largest village churches in England.

*March 24th.*—The School family and a few friends greatly enjoyed a delightful concert given by the Staff.

*Good Friday.*—In the afternoon the whole School was divided into parties, each of which went a long walk.

*Easter Monday.*—Only a few visitors came, most of the usual ones probably reserving themselves for the Old Scholars' Gathering at Whitsuntide. In the afternoon an exciting hockey match took place between the Girls' Eleven and seven visitors. The result—a draw of two goals—hardly reflected the state of the game, the Eleven having hard luck in not winning. The usual concert was given by the pupils in the evening to a crowded room.

*April 11th.*—We attended the final rehearsal of the Sibford Choral Society.

*April 13th.*—Great demand for towels, etc., and an exciting race to be the first in the Swimming Bath this season, that distinction falling to Mark Clarke. Mabel E. Peirson, having recovered from her temporary illness returned, and her sister, who had been filling her position as music teacher, departed with many regrets on both sides.

## GAMES SUMMARY.

### AQUATICS (OCTOBER, 1903).

Neat dive, H. Rapley. Four lengths, J. Dearden. Two lengths (s.), J. Dearden; (j.), A. Gibbs. One length (s.), J. Dearden; (j.), J. Lamb. Dive with stroke, N. Megirian.

### ATHLETICS—BOYS.

100 yards (s.), 1, C. Hamlin; 2, R. Whiting; (under 13), 1, S. Maddocks; 2, L. Curtis; (under 11), 1, H. Lingford. Throwing cricket ball (s.), C. Hamlin, 61 yards. Quarter mile, 1, N. Megirian; 2, S. Maddocks. Half mile, 1, C. Hamlin; 2, P. Morrey. 220 yards (under 13), 1, H. Lingford; 2, T. Fearnshides.

### GIRLS.

100 yards (s.), 1, Mary Evans; 2, N. Millard; (j.), N. Whiting and M. Shuker, dead heat. 220 yards (s.), 1, Mary Evans; 2, N. Toyer; (j.), 1, M. Shuker; 2, R. Wilson.

### FOOTBALL (DECEMBER, 1903).

Oct. 14th.—v. Municipal School, Banbury; won, 4—1. This, the first match of the season, was noticeable for some excellent combination and shooting by forwards. Only a brilliant display by the visitor's custodian saved them from a much heavier defeat.

Oct. 20th.—v. Banbury Wanderers; drawn, 2—2.

Oct. 24th.—v. Swarthmore; won, 1—0. With the help of P. Hodgetts (who scored the only goal), A. B. and E. M. Oddie, we gained a lucky victory. The visitors pressed hotly nearly all the second half, but failed to get one shot past T. Glaisyer, who surpassed himself in goal.

Oct. 28th.—*v.* Magdalene College School, Brackley; drawn, 2—2. The visitors were slightly the superior team on the day's play, but though out-weighted, we managed to hold our own and effect a creditable draw.

Nov. 4th.—*v.* Magdalene College School, Brackley; lost, 0—4.

Nov. 14th.—*v.* Hook Norton; lost, 1—4.

Nov. 18th.—*v.* Municipal School, Banbury; lost, 1—3. The defence, greatly weakened by the absence of W. Carter, was only beaten in the last ten minutes of the game.

Nov. 24th.—*v.* Banbury Wanderers; drawn, 1—1. A very even game, the visitors scoring their goal from a corner a few minutes before time.

Dec. 2nd.—*v.* Ark House; lost, 2—5.

Dec. 9th.—*v.* Ark House; lost, 2—1.

March 19th.—*v.* Friends' Adult School, Banbury; won, 3—2.

#### HOCKEY—GIRLS.

The girls have played hockey matches against Oxford Lodge School, Banbury, resulting in a win by 4—0 on the 24th February, at Sibford. Afterwards the two teams had tea together. The return match at Banbury on 16th March ended in a win for our opponents by 5—2.

## MARRIAGE AND DEATHS.

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### MARRIAGE.

HOWITT—LARDNER.—20th of 8mo., 1903. At the Friends' Meeting-house, Hitchin, Herts, Francis Howitt, of Luton, eldest son of Ebenezer and Alice Howitt, of Holwellbury Farm, near Hitchin (late of Chastleton), the latter deceased, to Caroline, eldest daughter of Henry C. and Sarah E. Lardner, of Hillside, Little Compton, Warwickshire, the latter deceased.

### DEATHS.

EMILY SARAH MAW.—Born at Norwich 1845. Scholar, 1848-1850. Beloved by all with whom she came in contact for her loving and cheerful disposition, her sympathy and unselfish devotion to the younger generation. Emily Maw lived with her married sister in London, and was on a visit to Sibford at Whitsuntide when she was taken seriously ill, and died on the 24th of May, 1904.

ELIZABETH MARY PETTIPHER.—Born 1887. Mary Pettipher entered the School at Easter, 1900, and left at Christmas, 1901. Some months afterwards her health failed, and an illness in January, 1904, was followed by more serious trouble, and she passed away on the 11th of February, 1904.

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## MARGARET CLARKE'S REMINISCENCES.

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### EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER READ AT WHITSUNTIDE.

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It was in the month of February, 1851, that my father and I left London for Sibford; we reached the School after dark, and, as Governess came to the hall-door to greet us, I saw maidens flitting about, wire safety-lamps in hand. I felt a little awe-struck and strange at first but in after years I knew how to value those dear friends, Richard and Rebecca Routh, and the general all-round instruction the school afforded. Three of the early teachers, whose memories I love and respect, were Ann Grimes, Mary Hannah Lamb and Frederick Richardson, now all deceased. They were faithful, and conscientiously performed their in and out of school duties, which were by no means light.

Governess took the first class of girls, and Richard Routh the first class of boys. We had our first lesson at 6.20 a.m., except in very hard weather and Governess often went into the kitchen before that hour—Rebecca Routh was a really hard worker, and I am thankful to this day for the practical knowledge I got through our many household duties

and the advice I received from her ; I often quote her sayings or cite her doings. The mending for the boys was no small item and in those primitive times we made their collars, stitching them by hand in various grades of excellence. We had a special Scripture Class on Seventh-day when we went into the lower parlour. How reverential dear Governess was, she seemed to touch the Bible leaves lovingly.

We enjoyed a good game with skipping-rope or with clubs, occasionally we had an evening without lessons, and once a year came *the* grand holiday—a whole one—on Master's birthday, when, to our great delight, he came in to play with us in the evening, and Governess knitted.

Our evening Readings were very pleasant—boys and girls met in the same schoolroom, and listened to some nice book, or had a lesson in easy style from Frederick Richardson. After that—the Bible reading—silence—and then, shaking hands with Governess and Master, we filed out to bed.

Sometimes, "Girls, we may go for a walk !" rang out, and we put on our homely bonnets and tippets and trotted off, two and two, but were allowed to break ranks when out of the village. I wonder whether the wild hyacinths grow as plentifully now, and whether the graceful little oxalis is still found up the Hook Norton road.

The annual excursion was very delightful but tremendously jolty, for we rode in the farmer's waggons.

Our food, though plain, was of excellent quality. What a capital woman we had to make the butter after the boys had churned it !—Ah, she *was* a good worker in the dairy and in the laundry. Didn't she iron the "Master's" white cravats to perfection, and Dr. Routh's baby-frocks and those of his brother? And did she not teach us to work in the laundry?—and scold us too if we let the fire out ! Poor dear old Hannah Golder, she is gone Home—I wonder what she does now?

Our meetings were often quiet, or *sometimes* I should say, for good old Joshua Lamb led us through the Bible in narrative way. Now and then we had a visitor—*hearts* can be visited even in silent meetings.

That great annual festival—General Meeting—will not be just the same to young folks of the present day ; for we had the nerve-shaking Examination, which you have, I understand, shaken off.

I think I shall not be thought disloyal to my old School when I say that the holidays were the sublimest event—these weeks were very precious, for we only went home once a year. But my schooldays were very happy and I know that our greatest good was sought by the Committee, Superintendent, Governess and Teachers. As many of these have passed from works to rewards, I cannot thank them, but the dear School has my best wishes. Being elderly, I would counsel the young to "work while it is day" and so have less to regret than I have. I hope the new Association will prove a bond of sympathetic union between old friends.

A kindly message, please, to the whole Gathering.



FREDERICK RICHARDSON

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BY

JOSEPH SPENCE HODGSON.

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Some passing tribute should be paid in this first Annual Report to the memory of one who spent three stages of his early career at the Friends' School among the undulations of Oxfordshire, in the quiet village of Sibford Ferris, with its old time semblance of thatched cottages, under tall ancestral trees as old as the roofs they overspread.

Frederick Richardson, born at Coventry in 1829, entered this School as a boy in the first year of his teens, and this date seems to coincide with the first year of the School itself, founded as it was in 1842. Little is known by the present writer of his life at Sibford, but he must have showed some aptitude in learning by being taken on as a pupil teacher, and so fulfilling the qualification of instructor by afterwards occupying the higher position of master until the age of twenty-three.

The Flounders' Institute at Ackworth, presided over by Isaac Brown, had by this time been open for students for five years, and Frederick Richardson took advantage of this Teachers' Training College for two years. On leaving, he passed over to Ireland to the Friends' School in the then Quaker town of Mountmellick, founded in 1785, in a discarded monastery, with its fruitful garden and fields, bordered by a clear, winding stream. However successful joint boys and girls schools might at that time have been in England, this one in Queen's County did not seem to flourish, so the boys were transferred to Newtown School, Waterford, while the girls remained at Mountmellick. Frederick Richardson went to the school just before this separation.

Time passed on till he again paid a visit to Sibford Ferris, with the prospect of being married to Sarah Lamb, of that place, and with this most important event of his life impending, they engaged themselves as Superintendent and Housekeeper at the Friends' School at Penketh, near Warrington, in the spring of 1855. The marriage took place at the picturesque meeting-house at Sibford Gower in July of the same year, and they set forth on their wedding tour to Penketh School when it re-opened after the vacation on July 27th.

Entering upon his duties at the early age of twenty-six, he brought in a spirited and more excellent style of instruction, and many were the changes and additions in the regulations and improvements in the school. Being a good swimmer, he converted a disused marl pit, in the field near, into an open-air bath, far more ready of access than the more dangerous river Mersey, a mile and a-half away. Girls and boys enjoyed their respective frolickings in the muddy water on the soft clay bottom of this tree embowered bath, and legends tell of the hard-working fun certain big boys had at widely distant intervals of

ladling out the water with cans and spades and clearing away the eels embedded in the mud.

Several schools, like Penketh, in that early day were partly agricultural in the round of education, and the boys used to plough, milk the cows, set potatoes and turnips, make hay, gather apples, and sow the corn, while later on their greatest delight was to reap it with sickles in the golden autumn.

In 1861, Frederick Richardson left Penketh School and became private tutor to James King's son of Rochdale; from this he went to Bishop Auckland and conducted a private school, and finally in 1869, he entered on the last stage of his career at Lexden in the outskirts of the ancient Roman Capital, Colchester, where he carried on a boarding and day school (with a revived endowment for six boys) for about thirty-four years.

He relinquished the school in favour of his only son Frederick Joshua in 1886, on his marriage with Julietta Maud Theobald. In 1892 this clever son died and the disconsolate father who had retired to a house near hand, again took up the responsibility, aided by his son's widow, as caretaker of the house and household.

In 1902, the present writer paid a visit to Colchester after being at Saffron Walden School, and stayed at Frederick Richardson's house, and was delighted with the stories he told of his schools and with his taking him down to the evening reading at the School and allowing him to recite to the pupils.

Next morning Frederick Richardson drove the writer round the town in his gig and showed him the Roman remains; the cell in which James Parnell of the early Quakers was confined in the old town prison, and the many shops and offices where his old pupils lived and flourished.

Scarcely a year had passed over before affliction again fell on the family by the death of the daughter-in-law on the 12th January, 1903, in her forty-second year.

All Frederick Richardson's hopes had now gone; the weight of the burden of life could not longer be borne, and on the 28th of April, 1903, he died, at the age of seventy-four; leaving his widow of still more advanced age with her two grandsons as the only remnant of the family.

# OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

WHITSUNTIDE, 1904, TO WHITSUNTIDE, 1905.

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## **President :**

RICHARD LAYCOCK ROUTH, J.P., L.R.C.P.

(Medical Officer to the School.)

## **Secretary and Treasurer :**

EDWARD PERCY KAYE, B.Sc., Pembroke College, Harrogate.

## **Local Secretary :**

ANNIE REBECCA WELLS, Sibford Gower, near Banbury.

## **London Secretary :**

ELIZABETH FOSTER BROWN,

43, Devonshire Chambers, Bishopsgate, E.C.

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# COMMITTEE.

GULIELMA M. ODDIE.

CHARLES E. BRADY.

ARTHUR B. ODDIE.

JOHN WILLIAM PROUD, B.A.

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# OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL,

SIBFORD FERRIS, NEAR BANBURY.

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**Superintendent :** ROBERT BREARLEY ODDIE.

**Mistress of the Family :** ELIZABETH M. ODDIE.

## **Girls' Teachers :**

*First Class :* KATHLEEN NORA O'NEILL.

*Second Class :* ETHEL MAY HARRISSON.

## **Boys' Teachers :**

DOUGLAS SIBLEY DARKIN.      HENRY M. KIRBY.

**Music Mistress :** MABEL E. PEIRSON.

**Drawing Master :** SEYMOUR H. BEALE.

**Workshop Instructor :** ALFRED WILLIAMS.

LIST OF MEMBERS  
OF THE  
SIBFORD OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION.

ESTABLISHED 19TH JUNE, 1903.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, 186.

*s* signifies Scholar.      *t* Teacher.      *c* on School Committee.

\* present at Whitsuntide Gathering, 1904.

- \* **A**BBATT, ANNA MARY (*s* and *c*) Sibford Gower, Banbury.  
Abbatt, Mary Ann (*née* Enoch) Braeside, Fulworth, Preston.  
( '76-'82 )
- Absalom, Charles E. .... 74, Adelaide Street, Coventry.  
Absalom, Mary Hester ..... Glaisdale, Middlecave, Malton.  
Absalom, John K. .... Acacia House, Boulevard,  
Weston-super-Mare.
- Albright, John (*c*) ..... Hazeldean, Charlbury.  
Andreason, Mary Ann ( '03 ) 567, Commercial Road, London, E.  
Ash, Annie May ('93-'95) ..... 10, Bredon Terrace, Evesham.
- \* **B**ENSTEAD, LILIAN JANE ..... Alliance Hotel, Oxford Street,  
Southampton.
- Bird, Albert ..... Winscombe, Somerset.
- \* Bishop, Arthur ('95-'00) ..... 71, Station Road, King's Heath,  
Birmingham.
- Blake, Gladys ..... The Hawthornes, Duxmere,  
Ross-on-Wye.
- Blake, Edith ('98) ..... c/o Captain Weaver, Summer Hill,  
Newport, Salop.
- Blacklee, Frederick ( '03 ) ... Manor House, Grendon, Northants.  
Blunn, Jessie ('98-'99) ..... High Street, Alcester.
- Boote, Alice E. ('97-'98) ..... 8, Church Lane, Banbury.  
Braithwaite, William C. .... 2, Dashwood Road, Banbury.  
B.A., I.L.B. (*c*)
- \* Brady, Mabel ('86-'88)..... 2, Hawthorn Villas, High Road,  
Wealdstone, Harrow.
- \* Brady, Charles E. ('82-'87)..... Ditto, ditto.
- Brooks, Lewis Howard ..... Post Office, Winscombe, Somerset.  
( '80-'82 ; '82-'88 )

- Brown, Elizabeth B. (*née* West) (s and c) 62, Broughton Road, Banbury.  
 \*Brown, Elizabeth Foster ..... c/o Edward Grubb, 43, Devonshire  
 (s '89-'92 ; t '96-'98) Chambers, Bishopsgate, E.C.

- CADBURY, CAROLINE (c) ..... Pendle Hyrst, Bristol Road,  
 Birmingham.  
 Carter, Wilfrid Cyril (t '02-'03) Whaley Bridge, near Stockport.  
 Castle, Horace Faulkner..... Woodside, Coalbrookdale, Salop.  
 Clarke, Margaret ..... Friends' Mission, c/o British Post  
 Office, Constantinople.  
 Collins, Joseph Marshall, B.A. 145, Kingsley Road, Liverpool.  
 (s and t '49-'60)  
 Crosland, John Arthur..... 5, Glencoe Road, Withens Lane,  
 Liscard, Cheshire.  
 Curtis, Luther ( -'03) ..... Hillcrest, Highfield Road, Malvern.

- DARBY, WILLIAM (c)..... Ashleigh, 5, Westbourne Road,  
 Birmingham.  
 \*Darkin, Douglas S. (t '00-'04)  
 Dearden, Henry ..... 36, Warriner Gardens, Battersea  
 Park, S.W.  
 \*Dearden, John William ..... Ditto, ditto.

- EDWARDS, CAROLINE LOUISA 82, Etnam Street, Leominster.  
 ( -'03)  
 Evans, Gwladys Elen ('93-'95) 1, Gileston Road, Cathedral Road,  
 Cardiff.  
 Evans, Mary Harle ( -'03) ... Allendale, Trafalgar Road,  
 Moseley, Birmingham.  
 Evans, Ethel Margaret ( -'03) Ditto, ditto.

- FARRINGTON, ETHEL ..... 2, Pembridge Road, Notting Hill  
 Gate, London, W.  
 \*Farrington, Walter ..... Ditto, ditto.  
 Fowkes, Hannah (*née* Busby) ... Rainbow Villa, Fosse Road,  
 Leicester.  
 Francillon, George ..... 5, Stroud Road, Gloucester.  
 Francillon, Paul ('80-'85) ..... 3, Moseley Villas, Barnwood,  
 Gloucester.

- GIBBINS, WILLIAM B. (c) ..... Ettington, Stratford-on-Avon.  
 Gibbs, Alfred ( -'03) ..... South Africa.  
 Gibbs, Edwin ( -'03)..... Ditto.  
 Gibbs, Winifred ('02-'03)..... Cowpasture Farm, Hook Norton.

- Gibson, Samuel ('99-'03)..... 68, Dufferin Street, St. Luke's, E.C.  
 \*Gill, Jessie M. (*s* and *t*) ..... 40, Oxford Avenue, Southampton.  
 \*Gittins, Nellie ('97-'03) ..... Institute, Selly Oak, Birmingham.  
 \*Goode, Alfred ('97-'00) ..... Alvechurch, near Birmingham.  
 Goodley, Ada C. Jennings . . . . London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.  
 \*Graveson, Michael, J.P. ('49-'54) Banks Road, West Kirby, Cheshire.

- H**ANDY, JOHN ..... 9, Frankenwell Street, Newtown,  
 Montgomery.  
 \*Harrison, Ethel Mary (*t*'01-'04) Bocking, near Braintree, Essex.  
 Hamlin, Carl E. ('02-'03) ..... The Friars' Lodge, Black Friars,  
 Gloucester.  
 \*Hall, Jessie E. .... 9, High Street, Stony Stratford.  
 Harris, Annie Maria (*née* Payne) Grasmere, Holly Road,  
 ('74) Northampton.  
 Harris, Septimus ('63-'64) ..... Victoria Street, Morecambe.  
 Harris, Alice Mary ('83-'86)..... 10, Glenarm Road, Lower  
 Clapton, N.E.  
 \*Harris, Sarah Elizabeth ('57-'60) The Cottage, Sibford Ferris,  
 Banbury.  
 Hill, Harold ( -'03) ..... 6, Newbridge Crescent,  
 Wolverhampton.  
 Hill, Sydney ( -'03) ..... Ditto, ditto.  
 Hills, Joseph T. .... Sudbury, Suffolk.  
 Hodgetts, Edith ('97-'01) ..... Dorland, Bournville Lane,  
 Bournville, Birmingham.  
 \*Hodgetts, Percy ('97-'00) ..... Ditto, ditto.  
 \*Hodgson, Joseph Spence ..... 26, Hesketh Avenue, Didsbury,  
 Manchester.  
 \*Homan, George Henry ..... c/o Messrs. Roberts & Co., 86,  
 Leadenhall Street, E.C.  
 Howitt, Francis ('85-'90) ..... 14, Stuart Street, Luton.  
 \*Howitt, Thomas Henry ('85-'90) Holwell Bury Farm, near Hitchin.  
 Hunt, Amy J., L.R.A.M. ('91-'93) c/o Miss De Witt, Lansdowne  
 Crescent, Bath.

- J**OHNSON, ELIZABETH ('62-'65) Bynghurst, Springfield, Chelmsford.  
 (*née* Payne)  
 Johnson, Annie (*s* and *c*'70-'73) 45, Victoria Road, Northampton.  
 Johnson, Mary (*s* and *c*'75-'78) Ditto, ditto.  
 Judge, Arthur W. ( -'87)..... c/o Cooper, Logan & Co., East  
 London, South Africa.

- \***K**ANE, H. SOPHIA ..... 32, Kelvin Rd., Highbury Park, N.  
 \*Kaye, E. Percy, B.Sc. (*t*'95-'97) Pembroke College, Harrogate.  
 \*Kirby, H. M., B.A. (*t*'03- )... Friends' School, Sibford, Banbury.  
 \*Knight, Alice (*s* and *h*'83-'91) Moorlands, Moortown, Leeds.

- \*Knight, Hubert G. .... Laurel Bank, Seaview Road,  
Leigh-on-Sea.
- Knight, May ('03) ..... Hornsea House, New Street,  
Kenilworth.
- \*LAMB, ADELINE JANE ..... 14, Bath Road, Banbury.
- Lamb, Edith Eliza ..... c/o Charles B. Lamb, Sandy Mount,  
(s ; t'96-'03) ..... Loughgall, Co. Armagh.
- \*Lamb, Lucy Sophia (*née* Binns) ..... Sibford Ferris, Banbury.  
(s'66-'71 ; t'71-'82)
- \*Lamb, Rachel Jane ..... Rye Hill, Sibford Gower, Banbury.
- \*Lade, Donald ..... Falmer, near Brighton.
- Lee, Sarah Elizabeth (t'92-'98) ..... Brookfield, Wigton, Cumberland.
- Lee, Josephine ..... c/o Mrs. Meyer, Brackenhill,  
St. George's Place, York.
- \*Legge, Walter ..... 67, London Road, Derby.
- Littleboy, Margaret (c) ..... Woodbrooke, Selly Oak, near  
Birmingham.
- Lindley, Grace ..... 16, Clifton Road, Winchester.
- Linney, Albert Gravely ..... Bootham School, York.
- Lovegrove, Robert S. ( '03)... Co-operative Stores, Bloxham.
- M**ADDOCKS, SYDNEY ( '03) ..... Grassmere, Selly Oak, Birmingham.
- Martin, Christopher ..... 35, George Road, Edgbaston,  
M.B., F.R.C.S. ..... Birmingham.
- May, Harold Robert ..... 239, Gooch Street, Birmingham.
- Megirian, John J. ('98-'99) ..... 18, Tubbs Road, Harlesden,  
London, N.W.
- Megirian, Joseph J. ('98-'01) ... Ditto, ditto.
- \*Megirian, Nevdon ('00-'03) ..... c/o A. J. Harlock, Parson's Street,  
Banbury.
- \*Mellanby, Mary Jane ('82-'87) ... Greta House, Barnard Castle.
- Milnes, Annie Eliza (t) ..... Queen Mary's School, Walsall.
- Mitchell, Walter ..... Plantation House, Cloughfold,  
Manchester.
- Morrey, Percy ('00-'03) ..... 6, Butcher's Row, Banbury.
- Mold, Susannah ('89-'92) ..... 27, Downleaze, Stoke Bishop,  
Bristol.
- Morley, Mrs. (*née* Adkins) ..... Brailes, near Banbury.  
( '42-'43)
- \*Morley, Edith ('71-'73) ..... Ditto, ditto.
- \*Morley, Margaret ('97-'99) ..... Ditto, ditto.
- N**EWALL, DOROTHY N. .... Minto, near Gates, Marion County,  
( '03) ..... Oregon, U.S.A.
- Newall, Edgar C. ( '03) ..... Ditto, ditto.



- \*Sargent, Philip A. .... Bancroft, Hitchin.  
 Selman, William N. ('00-'01) ... 41, Dagnall Park, Selhurst, S.E.  
 Selman, Joseph Newton ('02-'03) Ditto, ditto.  
 Shuker, May ( '03) ..... 140, Penn Rd., Wolverhampton.  
 Shuker, Doris ( '03) ..... Ditto, ditto.  
 Shuker, Harold ( '03)..... Ditto, ditto.  
 \*Simpson, Lucy (*née* Godson) ... 42, Market Place, Devizes.  
 ('70-'73)  
 \*Simms, D. Rutter (*c*) ..... High Street, Chipping Norton.  
 Smith, Annie ..... Alma Terrace, Banbury,  
 Smith, Sophie ('89-'90) ..... Pittville, 234, Iffley Road, Oxford.  
 Stokes, Edgar E. .... 1a, Upper Vernon Street, Lloyd  
 Square, W.C.  
 Stimpson, Louisa ('90-'92) ..... 20, Shipston Road, Stratford-on-  
 Avon.  
 Stimpson, Sibley ..... Ditto, ditto.  
 \*Swann, Mary Elizabeth (*née* Wood) '55-'58 c/o Swann, Green & Co., Solicitors,  
 103, Cannon Street, London.  
 Sykes, George (*c*)..... Bernard's Rd., Olton, Birmingham.

- T**AYLOR, AGNES (*née* Goundry) Croft House, Locking Road,  
 ('86-'89) Weston-super-Mare.  
 Taylor, Mary Jane ..... 25, East Parade, Rhyl, N. Wales.  
 Thorp, Emily (*née* Ashby) ..... 32 1, West Front Street, Plainfield,  
 ('44-'48) New Jersey, U.S.A.  
 Tyler, Joseph Henry ('88-'91)... 27, Pavement, York.

- V**ENABLES, E. (*née* Jackson)... 1, Rose Cottages, Doxey Road,  
 Stafford.

- \***W**ADDINGTON, EMILIE ..... Bole Hill, Wingerworth, Chesterfield.  
 Waite, Herbert ( '03) ..... 10, St. Swithen's Lane, E.C.  
 \*Watkins, John William ('70-'73) 48, Crawford Street, Warner Road,  
 Camberwell, S.E.  
 Ward, Lily M. A..... 9, Mintern St., New North Road, N.  
 Ward, Jane (s '51-'57; t '57-'59) Thorn Cottage, Rylands Road,  
 Edgbaston.  
 \*Wells, Louisa (*née* Hutchinson) Hillcroft, Burdrop, Banbury.  
 (*c*)  
 Wells, Ernest, B.A. (*t* ) Ashford, near Petersfield, Hants.  
 \*Wells, Annie Rebecca (*t* '90) ... Prospect House, Sibford Gower,  
 Banbury.  
 \*West, Anne (*c*)..... 12, Parson's Street, Banbury.  
 West, Fanny..... Manor House, Hornton, Banbury.  
 Whiting, William Rollo ('02-'03) 6, Hastings Street, Lamboers Kloof,  
 Cape Town.

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| *Whitlock, Arthur J.....                           | 65, Bridge Street, Banbury.                |
| *Whitlock, Edith Emily ('90-'95)                   | 12, Parson's Street, Banbury.              |
| Whitlock, Percy O., B.A. ( <i>s</i> and <i>t</i> ) | High Street, Brackley.                     |
| *Whitlock, Harry H. ('98-'00) ...                  | c/o Griffiths & Co., Ltd., Lee, S.E.       |
| Whitlow, Alice ( <i>t</i> ) .....                  | 417, Walton Breck Road, Liverpool.         |
| *Wilks, Nellie ( -03) .....                        | Sibford Gower, Banbury.                    |
| Wilkinson, John .....                              | Oakfield Lodge, Selly Park,<br>Birmingham. |
| Wilkinson, Louisa .....                            | Polam Hall, Darlington.                    |
| *Williams, Alfred ( <i>t</i> ) .....               | Hook Norton.                               |
| Wilson, Harry ( <i>s</i> and <i>c</i> ) .....      | 34, Warwick Road, Banbury.                 |
| *Wilson, Winifred .....                            | Ditto, ditto.                              |
| Wilson, Mary ( <i>née</i> Harris) .....            | West Bank, Stafford.                       |

## LIST OF PRESENT SCHOLARS.

### BOYS. SENIOR ROOM.

ERNEST C. RUSSELL.....	Shepherd's Bush, W.
Wesley G. Austin .....	Wednesbury, Staffordshire.
Ernest E. Whitlock .....	Brackley.
Henry S. Vandervord .....	Shefford, Bedfordshire.
Joseph T. Fearnshides .....	Balsall Heath, Birmingham.
Robert E. Fisher .....	London, E.C.
Edmund C. Glaisyer.....	Fulham, S.W.
Mark C. Clark .....	Wellingborough.
John A. Lamb .....	Sibford Ferris.
Robert H. Russell .....	Shepherd's Bush, W.
Harry O. Davis.....	Aston Manor, Birmingham.
Thomas Glaisyer .....	Fulham, S.W.
Leslie P. S. Boyce .....	Upper Welland, near Malvern.
Percy W. Hall .....	Ross, Herefordshire.
Herbert R. Sims .....	Chipping Norton.

### JUNIOR ROOM.

Philip Rickatson .....	Scarborough.
Frederick M. Tozer .....	London, W.
Harry S. W. Lingford .....	Balsall Heath, Birmingham.
Horace L. Blake .....	Ross, Herefordshire.
John C. Whiting .....	South Hampstead, N.W.
Arthur M. Pugh .....	Buxton.
Richard F. Price .....	Edgbaston, Birmingham.
William H. Robbins .....	Maidenhead.
Robert S. Tozer .....	London, W.
Major R. Lamb .....	Sibford Ferris.
Ernest L. Evans .....	Hendon, N.W.
Frederick G. Digwood .....	Much Birch, near Hereford.

### GIRLS. SENIOR ROOM.

Nellie Millard .....	Hitchin.
Una M. Bramfitt .....	Chipping Norton.
Jane Sabin.....	Sibford.
V. Rose Wilson.....	London, E.C.
Ada Westlake .....	Long Sutton, Langport, Somersetshire.
Nellie E. Toyer.....	Brentwood, Essex.
Dorothy E. Vandervord .....	Shefford, Bedfordshire.
Frances O. A. Goodhead .....	Bournville, Birmingham.
Emma N. Roy .....	Bournville, Birmingham.

A. Winifred Appleton .....	Rednal, near Birmingham.
Maud M. Mirakian .....	Leamington.
Nancy A. Whiting.....	Sydenham.
May E. Goffe .....	Hook Norton.
Elsie Parry .....	Chepstow, Monmouth.
Lottie Jeffs.....	Northampton.

#### JUNIOR ROOM.

Dorothy Charman .....	Horsham, Surrey.
Henrietta E. Toyer .....	Brentwood, Essex.
Kathleen O. Naish .....	Edgeware, London.
Olive E. Amos .....	Towcester, Northants.
Sarah E. Lamb .....	Sibford Gower.
Mary E. Cheney .....	Dursley, Gloucester.
Marjorie O. James .....	Kettering.
Florence M. Wilson .....	London, E.C.
Annie E. Burroughs .....	Leighton Buzzard.
Phyllis G. James .....	Kettering.
Rosamond H. Harvey .....	Arlesey, near Hitchin.
Ethel C. Reason .....	Sibford Ferris.
Gulielma Winifred Lamb .....	Sibford Ferris.
Kate E. Goffe .....	Hook Norton.
Ethel Cheney .....	Dursley, Gloucester.