

" And the Menn of Sheep-ford wendath whithersoever they wilen."



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

September, 1917.

Dear Old Scholars,

From Rosthwaite, Borrowdale, with mountains before me and around, and in my ears the sound of many waters, I send you greeting! Our Secretary asked me for a message, but in the distracting life of every day, I knew not how to answer her; so yesterday, as I stood upon the summit of Great Gable, I asked the mountains for their counsel. It was a world of *peace* I looked upon. Rocky heights innumerable, their lower slopes generously clothed with heather and bracken, lakes gleaming in the sunlight far below, little rills with joyful noise hastening downwards to make fertile the long valleys, mountain guarded.

Not of war do such scenes speak, not of the things for which men fight, but of the things for which men live, by which they live. In the town there throng around us thoughts of strife and hatred, greed and envy, squabbling aims and pitiless ambition—they overwhelm our spirits. In this rarer air we see more clearly. We are face to face with solid earth which has endured for ages, and shall endure, as do the bedrock principles of human brotherhood. In the shining lake we see reflected pure aspirations which no warfare can corrupt. The streams betoken energy to refashion the war-wasted world. In the very air is liberty, and the great sun throws upon us the unquenched light of fire and love.

In this time of stress my thoughts go out to each of you in his or her work. Duty has called upon us to guard some special principle each in our own way. To some it has appeared to be a fight for liberty with outward weapon; some of us are succouring the wounded or repairing ravaged homesteads behind the battle line and striving to re-ignite faith and hope which war has slain; and some (particularly perhaps the "old girls" of all ages) have found their war-work to lie in the patient every-day round which best preserves our human life. God speed I wish you, but to myself and all I would say:—"Be prepared, prepare yourselves not for war but for peace." Our work of to-day must be performed but work that is greater lies ahead. The social and economic life, the culture, the organised religion of the nations is in the melting pot—how shall we remould it? Shall we leave our destiny to blind chance or selfish scheming? Or are we ready, heart and brain and hand, to work for that new heaven and earth,—of which the strength of the mountain, the calm purity of the lake, the energy of the stream, is our symbol—in the freedom of the air and under God's glad sun?

Yours in the hope of the future,

ELIZABETH FOSTER BROWN.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

For the second time during the life of the Sibford Old Scholars' Association, the Annual Re-union could not be held this Whitsuntide, so that it was not possible to have a Business Meeting. All the officers of the Association, however, have expressed their willingness to serve for another year.

The death of Dr. Routh has been a severe loss to the Association. As Local Secretary, he had for many years taken the keenest interest in the arrangements for Whitsuntide gatherings, and did much to make them successful. All Old Scholars will join in expressing their sympathy with Mrs. Routh.

To save expense the list of members is again being omitted. Will all Old Scholars who have not yet informed the Secretary of any change of address that may have occurred during the last two years, please take an early opportunity of doing so, as much time and expense will thereby be saved? The number of names in the last list was 419, since then additions of new Old Scholars has brought the total up to about 450. Unfortunately quite a large

proportion of that number are in arrears with their subscriptions; it is to be hoped that these will soon redeem their characters!

The time for the payment of subscriptions seems to puzzle some of our number, so that it may be worth while to state here that the financial year extends from one Whitsuntide to the next; that subscriptions for the current year are paid at the Re-union by those present, and on receipt of the report by others. In any case all subscriptions should be sent in before March, as it is proposed in future only to send out reports to those whose payments are up-to-date. New Old Scholars receive one report gratis, after that in order to become ordinary members a subscription has to be paid.

Our thanks are due to the Committee of Sibford School and to the Head Master for their donations towards the deficit on the 1916 gathering. The following is the statement of accounts for the year :—

CASH ACCOUNT, 1916—17.

DR.	INCOME.	£	s.	d.	CR.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1916	23	9	6	Printing of Reports	... ..	10	17	6
Subscriptions, per N.M.	18	2	0	" of Programmes and Post Cards	... ..	1	8	11
" per L.E.W.	0	5	6	Envelopes	... ..	0	1	8
Donations	6	0	0	Loss on 1916 Gathering	... ..	6	17	6½
Sale of Reports	0	11	0	Photo of 1914 Group	... ..	0	1	6
Bank Interest	0	11	6	Presentation Pictures for 1915 and 1917	... ..	2	1	6
					Labels	... ..	0	5	2
					Lettering Honours Board (2 years)	... ..	0	6	6
					Postages	... ..	2	3	2
					Parcel to R. Tozer	... ..	0	5	4½
					Balance, June, 1917	... ..	24	10	8
		£48	19	6			£48	19	6

NELLIE MILLARD, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, August 15th, 1917,

A. BREARLEY ODDIE.

PRESENTATION TO MISS WILKINSON.

EARLY in the year, an opportunity was given to Old Scholars to show their appreciation of Miss Wilkinson's long and enthusiastic services to the S.O.S.A. As a result of an appeal for subscriptions this letter was sent:—

April 24th, 1917.

Dear Miss Wilkinson,

It is with very great pleasure that we send to you the enclosed cheque for £6, for the purchase of a desk in token of the love that you have won during your years of childhood and your long term of usefulness as a teacher at Sibford School. We enclose a list of those Old Scholars who have subscribed, and

only regret that in view of there being no gathering this year it is not possible for all of the donors to express their feeling towards you in person. We also owe you a debt of thanks for all your work for the Association itself as Local Secretary, and hope we may have you with us in 1918 and future gatherings.

On behalf of the Association,

We remain, with affectionate regards,

Your friends,

ELIZABETH FOSTER BROWN, President.

NELLIE MILLARD, Hon. Secretary.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Anna M. Abbott
 Mary A. Abbott
 Charles & Mrs. Absalom
 John K. Absalom
 Winnie Appleton
 Muriel Bentley
 W. Harold Bibby
 Marjorie Birkett
 Arthur Bishop
 Sarah Bowman
 Charles E. & Mrs. Brady
 Irene Brison
 E. Foster Brown
 Mrs. Burchall (*née* Absalom)
 Leslie Calcraft
 Miriam Carter
 Albert Carter
 Muriel Chalker
 Harold L. Cheney
 Mary E. Cheney
 Emily Edridge
 Ernest L. Evans
 T. Hammond Fassan
 Cecil Feugard
 Ethel Feugard
 Edith Gaffee
 Bernard Gibbins
 Alice M. Harris
 Sarah E. Harris
 H. W. Hartwell
 Cecil Hartwell
 James H. Hibbs
 Percy Hodgetts
 J. Spence Hodgson

Frank Jeffery
 Flossie Jones
 Fred Lamb
 Lucy S. Lamb
 Edith E. Langley (*née* Whitlock)
 Henry Lawrance
 Florrie Lee
 Eveline Maconochie
 Edith E. Millard
 Nellie Millard
 Walter Mitchell
 Jessie Morley (*née* Blunn)
 Eva Nainby
 Ismay Nutter-Scott
 Robert B. & Mrs. Oddie
 M. S. & Mrs. Oddie
 Arthur B. & Mrs. Oddie
 Edith R. Oddie
 Gulie M. Oddie
 Bessie Oddie
 Helen M. Oddie
 Joseph S. K. Parsey
 Phyllis Passmore
 Edna Quinton
 Eric Quinton
 Howard Quinton
 Harry J. Randall
 Marjorie Rose
 Robert Ross
 Sydney Ross
 Mrs. Routh (for the late
 Richard L. Routh)
 Edna Roy

Emma Roy
 William J. Roy
 Mrs. Ridges
 A. Kingsley Rutter
 Phyllis Rutter
 Rosalind Sampson

Ethel M. Sharp
 William Stebbings
 Grace Taylor
 Alfred Williams
 Mabel K. Willson

The following are extracts from two letters received from Miss Wilkinson by the President and Secretary :—

*Friends' School,
 Saffron Walden,*

26th April, 1917.

Dear Miss Brown,

What a delightful surprise greeted me on my arrival yesterday, and truly I don't know what to write to express my thanks and deep gratitude to all these who have contributed towards such a handsome present. I do not feel that I am worthy of all the kind thoughts that such an act expresses, but I know that I shall value very highly the bureau that I hope to purchase before long. It will be a thing that I shall use constantly, and I shall love to know that it was given to me by those who have played such a large part in my life. My associations with Sibford and all the friends I have made there are very dear to me, and always will be. As the time passes I realise this more and more. I can only say again many many thanks, and that does not express half of what I feel.

How can I convey my thanks to all ?

August 17th, 1917.

"I have been intending to write to you for some time to tell you about the purchase of a bureau. I got a little beauty at Cambridge about a month ago, and have been enjoying the use and company of it in my study at Saffron Walden ever since. It is oak, period Queen Anne, and has the excitement of various secret places !

I wish all the kind donors could see it and know how I value it—the greatest joy to me !"

SCHOOL NOTES—August, 1916—June, 1917.

SCHOOL re-assembled on August 15th, a week later than usual, owing to repairs and extension of the heating apparatus. Miss E. M. Glaister succeeded Miss Wilkinson as senior mistress, taking the English work, and Miss N. Millard came to take the art work, drill and nature study. Mr. Thorpe, who had been doing ambulance work in France for some months, was back as senior master.

About the middle of September, Miss Hutchinson left to be married, amid the cheers and good wishes of the whole school, and with an old shoe "for luck" dangling behind the motor. Her place was taken by Miss Freakley.

Just before half-term, Mr. Thorpe was re-called by the unit, and after a few weeks returned to France. Mr. Barrett came in his place. At Christmas, Mr. Miller was obliged by his Tribunal to leave and take up ambulance work; so still more changes were necessary, and Mr. Davis came as Woodwork Master. At the end of April Mr. White was called up for the Army, and Mr. Parkin came in his stead. In spite of all these changes work has gone on steadily throughout the year. Miss R. N. Taylor, who has been Secretary to Mr. Harrod for some time, left at Easter. Her place was taken by Miss O'Brien.

Weather.

The winter was an exceptionally severe one; snow fell at very frequent intervals from November till the middle of April, the ground was frozen hard for weeks together. The school-rooms, however, were warmer than during other years, and the snowy weather gave great scope for sliding and snowballing. One serious difficulty was a coal shortage in the spring; for nearly a week no coal at all could be obtained, which considerably ham-

pered cooking arrangements, etc. The orders for darkening windows were by no means easy to carry out, and the village constable seemed ever on the watch for stray gleams of light. On three or four occasions he was able to prove that a light had been visible, and a fine had to be paid by the School.

Games, Sports, &c.

During the autumn, measles claimed a good many victims, but the cases were nearly all very mild. Just after the spring term began there were three cases of chicken-pox, but otherwise the health of the School has been good. The periods of quarantine made necessary by the above illnesses prevented football and hockey matches being arranged with other teams. Some very enjoyable and exciting games of mixed hockey were played, and on two occasions the Staff beat the School. The usual hockey tournaments were fought out at half-term, causing great interest and excitement. The boys' football eleven played two or three matches against heavier teams, with the result that they were defeated. The girls' 1st XI. did not get in a single match, much to their disappointment, but the 2nd XI. gained two victories over a team from Tysoe Intermediate School. A fair amount of tennis was played by the girls—the juniors having the privilege this year of using the tennis courts at certain times during the week.

Cricket matches were few; one on the last Saturday of the summer half against a team from the Britannia Iron Works, Banbury, was won by the School by 61 runs to 33. Mr. Harrod made 33 not out.

The Sports came off about three weeks after Easter, and most of the items were very keenly contested. When the points gained were added, the Senior Champions proved to be Reginald Boon and Dorothy Kendall, and the Junior Champions Percy Errington and Maud Walker.

Throughout the winter months nearly all the School worked for the Friends' War Victims' Relief Committee ; boys as well as girls helping to knit squares to be sewn together for blankets ; other useful woollen articles, such as vests, socks, and scarves were also made. The work was done on Wednesday evenings in the dining-room, and, when the warm weather came, in the paddock. A good deal was also done in spare time. A large parcel was dispatched at the end of the year.

Obituary.

A sad loss was sustained by the School in the decease of "Neddy," who succumbed during the intense cold of February. His melodious voice and eccentric ways will long be remembered ! A successor was found in "Nancy," a little grey donkey who arrived in time to be of use at half-term.

Half Terms, Entertainments, &c.

The weather rather interfered with arrangements at both half-term holidays, particularly at Easter ; but if few picnics were possible, some capital socials were held. A delightful entertainment was given by visitors on Easter Monday evening ; a Grieg evening, a performance of scenes from Julius Cæsar, etc., filled in the time very pleasantly.

At Christmas the children from the village school were invited to the breaking-up entertainment ; they seemed to enjoy the programme—the outstanding item of which was an operetta, "The Silver Penny," given by the Lower IV. Buns, which had been made in the cookery room under the direction of Miss Ecroyd, were given to the visitors, and added to their pleasure.

Scholarships.

On May 6th the results of the Transference Scholarships were announced, and everyone was delighted to learn that the three Sibford candidates, Dorothy Kendall, George Law, and Arthur Murphy, had all been successful ; the two former are going to Sidcot, and the latter to Ackworth. In celebration of this achievement, a delightful picnic to Whichford Woods took place next day.

Lectures.

During the year a large number of very interesting and instructive lectures (chiefly lantern lectures) have been given by these Friends on the following subjects :—George Hodgkin on "The Armenians on the Caucasus Front" ; Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor on "India" ; W. H. Brown on "Kindness to Animals" ; Charles Stansfield on "Germany of Twenty Years Ago" ; R. W. Clark on "British Columbia" ; Walter Rowntree on "The Childhood of Animals" ; Herbert Corder on "Old Wooden Churches" ; Alec Fryer on "The Bedford Institute" ; C. I. Evans on "The New Forest" ; H. Marriage Wallis on "Mary Slessor, of Calabar" ; and also on "Birds" (illustrated by blackboard sketches) ; Mr. and Mrs. Roper on "Ceylon" ; Mr. Wedmore on "Nautical Songs." Our heartiest thanks are due to all these for the pleasure they afforded us. In addition to the above-mentioned, enjoyable lectures were given by Mr. J. T. Harrod on "Spiders," "The work of Dutch Artists," &c. In connection with W. H. Brown's lecture on "Kindness to Animals," prizes were offered for the best essays on the subject. The same lecture had been given at other Friends' Schools, which also sent in essays. The first prize in the Junior Section was awarded to a Sibford boy—Ben Walker.

End of Year.

The usual excursion to Edge Hill was made the week before General Meeting, when we journeyed there on cycle, foot, or in wagons. A sharp shower, which fell just at dinner time, was soon over, and the rest of the day was brilliantly fine.

Fewer visitors than usual attended the General Meeting, which was held on June 15th. In the afternoon exhibitions of work were inspected, and the children entertained the visitors by singing, drilling, dancing, etc. At tea-time a Friend very kindly gave each boy and girl a shilling, and an additional one to those who were leaving. This unexpected gift was much appreciated by the recipients.

Instead of going home the next day, as in other years, breaking up was postponed till the following Tuesday. The extra days were spent in clearing up after General Meeting, mending, packing, etc. When the class places were read, R. Boon was top of the

school, D. Kendall second. As conveyances were very difficult to obtain, many of the seniors walked a good part of the way to Banbury, all arriving in time for their home-bound trains.

MARRIAGES.

BOWMAN—HUTCHINSON. September 19th, 1916, at Crookes Church, Sheffield, Sidney Bowman, J.P., of Wensley Hall, Derbyshire, to Sarah, elder daughter of the late Robert Hutchinson, of Bakewell.

Jessie Blunn, of Redlynch, Temple Road, Epsom.

CHARLISH—CHERRIMAN. September 3rd, 1917. At Ship Street, Brighton, Norman, younger son of Joseph Edward and Alice Eliza Charlish, to Edith, daughter of William and Mary Jane Cherriman, of Ditchling, Sussex (both deceased).

MORLEY—BLUNN. February 20th, at Christ Church, Epsom, Pte. Stephen Morley, A.S.C., M.T., of The Willows, Brailes, to

DEATHS.

BROWN—On March 21st, 1916, in Alberta, Canada, Dorothy Brown (*née* Newall), after a few hours' illness, from heart failure), aged 22 years.

(Dorothy Newall left Sibford in 1903, and soon after went to Canada. She married David Brown, a large farmer in Alberta, in February, 1915. Our sympathy will be extended to her mother and to her brother Edgar, who is in France with the Canadian contingent.)

WILSON—On November 27th, 1916, Fred Wilson, of Banbury, aged 54 years.

ROUTH—On December 17th, 1916, at Sibford Ferris, Richard Laycock Routh, L.R.C.P., aged 70 years.

BEALE—On January 9th, 1917, at Banbury, Seymour H. Beale, aged 59 years.

(For many years Seymour H. Beale visited Sibford as drawing master. He was head of the Science and Art Department of Banbury Municipal School, and journeyed to Sibford weekly. Few Old Scholars will ever forget the Tuesday mornings, in what was then the Boys' Lower Schoolroom, when they strove, under his kindly guidance, to master the elements of geometry, perspective, model and freehand drawing, etc. He was a man of striking and genial personality, and was gifted with a power for lucid explanations and apt illustrations, which made all his lessons most instructive and interesting).

IN MEMORIAM.

RICHARD LAYCOCK ROUTH, L.R.C.P., J.P. (President S.O.S.A., 1905).

TO write an adequate account of the life of Dr. Routh would be to relate the history of the Sibford Friends' School. For here he first saw the light, and within a few yards of his birthplace, and in close professional and social connection with it, he was destined to spend practically the whole of the seventy years of his strenuous and useful life.

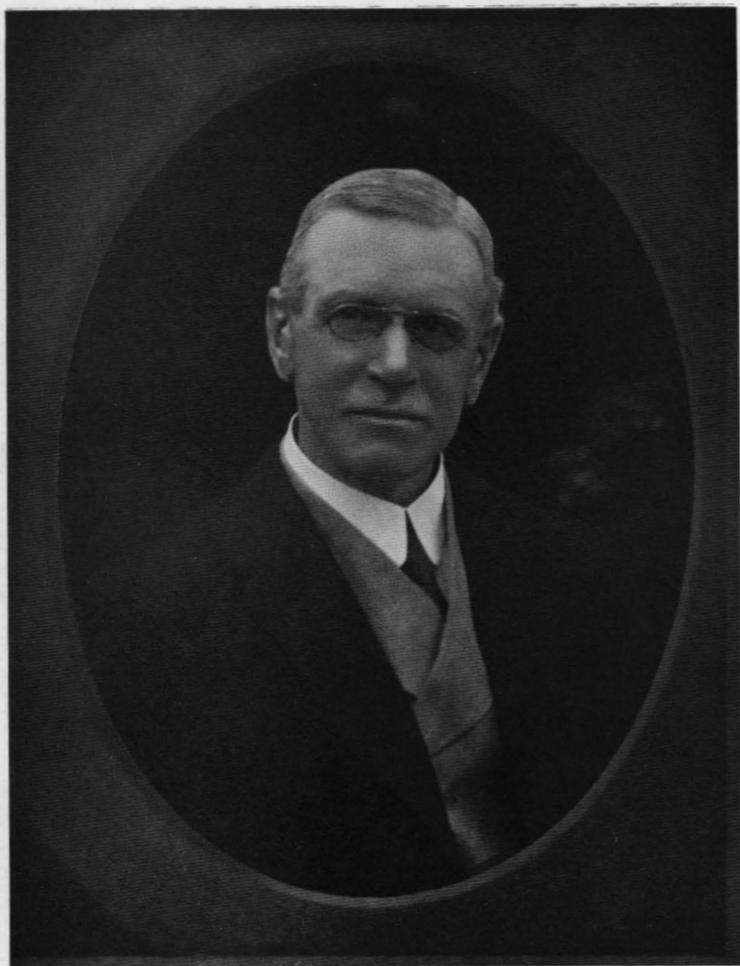
As a boy, R. L. R. evinced great mental powers, and he was marked out as promising to become a successful teacher. With this end in view his school days at Sibford were supplemented by a course of study at the Friends' School, Bootham, York. Returning to Sibford, he for some time acted as Junior Master under his father, the Superintendent, and testimony to his painstaking methods and his interesting manner of imparting knowledge is not wanting. It is on record that his lectures, particularly those on Chemistry and Electricity, were brilliant achievements—not less in the style of their delivery than in the success of the accompanying illustrative experiments.

About this period the intellectual status of the School must have been of more than average quality. "There were giants in the earth in those days"—as Frederick Harris, and Joseph Collins, and John Lawrence, and Thomas Leicester.

A love of science in its varied forms became with R. L. R. an absorbing passion, and acquaintance with a kindred spirit in the person of the local practitioner, appears to have had great influence in deciding him to abandon his desk and to adopt the medical profession, as offering at once opportunities for further study and research, and life work of a congenial nature. In furtherance of this choice R. L. R. entered upon a definite course of training at Edinburgh and London, and duly became qualified for practice in medicine and surgery. He was for a time one of the House

Surgeons at Charing Cross Hospital. Thence he joined the late Dr. George Baker, in a practice in Wensleydale. This appointment was in every way to his mind, for it not only located him in a district that strongly appealed to him as one devoted to country life, but it also introduced him to a wide circle of relatives and friends of his dalesman father. With characteristic enthusiasm he threw himself into the work of a widely-extended field, gaining valuable experience and securing the confidence and good-will of his patients—and especially of those in humble circumstances. One has written of this time, "Few careers can offer greater attractions to a man possessed of good health, strong intelligence, and an active desire to be of use to his fellow-men than that of a doctor practising in the country. The fact that men with the qualifications of Mr. Routh are content to accept the heavy labours and the not too exaggerated remuneration of such a position goes far to prove the truth of this."

On the removal of Dr. Milburn to London, the succession to his Sibford practice was offered to and accepted by Dr. Routh, who thus returned to his native village to take up the work and service that he was to discharge with conspicuous ability for the space of close upon forty years. For R. L. R. was "down to the ground," a country doctor of the best type. Dignified and cheerful of presence, his breezy, sympathetic manner seemed to radiate and diffuse health and vigour. At the bedside of suffering humanity there was "healing in his wings." The word of comfort would be accompanied by the handshake of a friend and sympathiser. The memory of his uniform goodness and consideration is cherished with affectionate gratitude by many a stricken and weary pilgrim. Old Scholars will readily call to mind his intimate association with the School as its Medical Officer, and as a kindly and genial neighbour.



THE LATE RICHARD LAYCOCK ROUTH.

A man of real culture, R. L. R. was well read over a wide field of literature—his preference being perhaps for travel, biography and poetry. Many choice passages of prose and verse he had made his own, and would at times declaim them with charming diction and effect. He had the faculty of being able to fully concentrate his attention on the perusal of a book whilst he was being driven on his professional rounds; and in his earlier days he would be seen reading whilst travelling horseback—with occasional sudden descents from Olympus!

For many years Dr. Routh was an outstanding figure in the political life of North Oxfordshire. His services to the Conservative cause by his consistent support and by the earnest advocacy of its principles are well remembered. His speeches during election campaigns were wonderful feats of sustained argument and finished oratory. On the Irish Home Rule question he was particularly well informed, eloquent and convincing.

A stroll in the grounds of his country home revealed Dr. Routh as an enthusiast in rock gardening. Vacations in Switzerland, Austria and Italy, mostly enjoyed in the companionship of an old friend, had so fired his inborn appreciation of Nature in her grandest and fairest forms as to resolve him to surround himself in the more prosy conditions of his everyday life with miniature reproductions of their glories. And how the garden grew, as year by year, more and yet more precious gems of flora were added, fresh moraines laid down, streamlets divided and diverted, mountains removed, and new Alps bidden to rise! And how beamed with joyousness the good old Doctor, as—a veritable St. Francis,—he hovered over his beloved and friendly flowers!

We peep into his abode, and all around the impress of his artistic personality is manifest. The pictured walls beckon us to sun-bathed mountain side, to limpid stream, to daisy-decked meadow, and to homely farmstead, translations from his skillful brush of scenes that had captured the beauty-loving eye of the departed host.

And with all this diversity of gifts, an habitual dignity and modest grace characterised and adorned alike his public and his private life. His practical solicitude for the social, intellectual and spiritual uplifting of his neighbours and of mankind at large was sustained to the last. Deeply conscious of his own limitations he was charitable in his judgment of others, and ever strove for the promotion of peace and righteousness.

“And thus he bore, without abuse,
The grand old name of gentleman.”

R. L. R., essentially a thinker, had his share—and no small share—of spiritual conflict. The honest doubt in which lives more faith than in half the creeds would assert itself and confront him, but only to be grappled with and vanquished, leaving him triumphant, and with the simple faith of a little child. Fittingly may we conclude on this note with Tennyson's lines by way of epitaph:

“I have climb'd to the snows of age, and I gaze at a field in the past,

Where I sank with the body at times in the sloughs of a low desire;

But I hear no yelp of the beast, and the man is quiet at last,

As he stands on the heights of his life, with a glimpse of a height that is higher.”

R. B. O.

NEWS OF OLD SCHOLARS.

THE following Old Scholars are known to be on active service. The list is very incomplete, and any additional information as to these or other Old Scholars will be welcomed by the Secretary. Number, rank, etc., are given where known.

IN THE ARMY OR NAVY.

A. G. Absalom—17th Gloucestershire Regt., France.
Arthur Bishop—M.T., A.S.C., in England.
Ernest Brock—Pte. 4,520, 3rd Batt., The Queen's R.W.S.A.
Roy Bizzell—At Simonstown.
Charles A. Bull—Rifleman 324664, Queen Victoria's Rifles, London Regt., France.
Leslie Calcrafft—Cadet No. 9, Officer Cadet Batt., Gables, Ayrshire.
Norman Charlish, Driver A.S.C., France.
Ernest Evans.
Reginald Fieldhouse—Sergt. 149,623, 1st Section 3rd Water Tank Co., 986 M.T., A.S.C.
Robert E. Fisher—2nd A.M., R.N.A.S., Italy.
Sam Gibson—245, 1st P.O., R.N.A.S., France.
Howard S. Gittins—Lieut. R.F.C. France.
Alfred Goode—S.S.A., No. 1 Mess H.M.S. *Revenge*.
John H. Green—Pte. 223, Australian Expeditionary Force, France.
W. Roger Isaac—2nd Lieut. R.F.A., France.
Frank Jeffery—Pte. 2838, 6th Yeomanry Cyclist Regt.
Hubert Jones—R.F.C., now touring in Canada.
Fred Lamb—Sergt., R.F.C.
Geoffery Long—In R.F.C.
Edgar C. Newall—Pte. No. 51,064, M.T., 5th Field Ambulance, Canadian Contingent, B.E.F., France.
Horace Nicholl—Gunner, H.M.S. *Indian Empire*.
Frank H. Parsons—Sergt. 112,341, R.E.

Wilfred Pollard—Chatham Barracks, Kent.
Arthur M. Pugh—Corpl. R.E., France.
Arthur Pullen—In 90th Training Reserve, Chiselden Camp.
Harry J. Randall—Sergt.-Major, R.A.M.C.
John H. Reed—Lieut. in the Indian Service, Salonica Force.
William J. Roy—Signaller, R.G.A., India.
Thomas H. Salthouse (Dispenser, 83,160, R.A.M.C. Ambulance Transport, *Carisbrooke Castle*.
Norman Ward.
Tom Ward.
Raymond B. Willmott—At Brooklands Motor Racing Track.
Colin Wykes.

IN FRIENDS' AMBULANCE UNIT.

John K. Absalom—Corpl., Amulance Train No. 5.
Claud Angerson.
Wilfrid H. Bubb—Sanitary Orderly, Queen Alexandra Hospital.
Rudolph Brambley—General Service Section.
Horace F. Castle—Jordan's Camp.
Harold L. Cheney—Headquarters, Dunkirk.
John B. Cook, Headquarters, Dunkirk.
Harold W. Feugard—Orderly, S.S.A. 14.
John W. Dearden—General Service Section.
Thomas Fassam—General Service Section.
Philip Hawkes.
Percy Hodgetts—Star and Garter Hospital, Richmond.
Harold Lock—Orderly, S.S.A. 14.
Henry S. W. Lingford—Cook, Ambulance Train No. 5.
Alfred A. Miller—Orderly, Uffculme Hospital, Birmingham.
Ivor F. Rose—General Service Section.
Clement E. Russell—Mechanic, Headquarters Motor Garage.
Ernest C. Russell—Assistant Cook at B—

Ernest Stevens—Cook, S.S.A. 13.
Harry Stevens—Post Office Headquarters, Dunkirk.
James W. Thorpe—Works Department, Dunkirk.
G. Wilfred Wells—Headquarters, Dunkirk.
Arthur J. Whitlock—General Service Section.

WITH FRIENDS' WAR VICTIMS' RELIEF
COMMITTEE.

Henry Dearden.

H. Bevington Jackson.

G. Wesley Austin is doing chemical work for the Admiralty in a laboratory at Sheffield.

Lucy Hutchinson is working on the land.

Edna M. Quinton was successful last year in gaining the award of an exhibition entitling her to three years' free tuition in singing at the Royal Academy of Music, where she is at present being trained.

Elsie Rose is now Kindergarten Mistress at Polam Hall, having gained the Higher Fræbel Certificate.

Marjorie Wells is junior teacher at Miss Reynolds's School at Long Sutton, Somerset

Frederic Goudge is doing well as a clerk in Cox's Bank, London.

Arthur H. Bissell is employed under the direction of the Committee of Work of National Importance as storekeeper at the "Z" Electric Lamp Works, Wandsworth.

E. Percy Kaye is head of the Science Department at the Glasgow Academy, where there are 700 boys.

Theodora Hodgkiss has gained the B.Sc. Degree, also the Teachers' Diploma of the University of Bristol. She is now teaching at Bishop's School, Salisbury.

Nancy Snow is learning gardening at Studley Castle.

Helen Calvert is at the Normal College, Bangor.

Marjorie Birkett has gained a Warwickshire Major Scholarship of £50 a year, tenable for three years at Cambridge.

During the year Bedford Deane has passed the Senior Cambridge Examination, also London Matriculation, and has gained the leaving scholarship from Saffron Walden of £20 a year for two years, also the entrance scholarship to Bootham of £20 for one year. He is now at Bootham, where we wish him a most successful career.

Malcolm Reynolds is engaged in poultry farming at Street.

Dorothy Kendall and George Law have gone on to Sidcot with Transference Scholarships from Sibford, and Arthur Murphy has gained one for Ackworth. Marjorie Bax, Harold Raymond, Robert Errington and Donald Peverett are now at Saffron Walden, and Eric Bragg is at Ackworth.

Albert Rose is employed on the Stock Exchange as junior clerk.

Clifford White is on a farm near Templecombe, and Donald Stebbings is learning farming near Coventry.

Reginald Thomas is a dental surgeon.

Muriel Bentley has gained Second-Class Honours in the Cambridge Junior.

Eric Quinton has passed the Cambridge Senior.

Elsie Deane, Marjorie Harrod and Edward Ash have passed the Senior Cambridge with distinctions; Cecil Hartwell has also passed.

Ivor Rose is farming in Gloucestershire under the F.A.U. Arthur Gooday is doing farm work.

Ruth Hargreave has taken up her brother's work in an office, as he has had to join the Army.

Norman Ward was in hospital at Boulogne for some time, and has now been appointed assistant labour superintendent at the docks there.

Cecil Feugard is learning cycle and motor engineering.

Robert Rose is in the Vauxhall Motor Works, and has recently gained a prize for machine drawing.

Harry Lawrance is making munitions. Bernard Gibbins is making parts for aeroplanes.

Henry Fox is learning electrical engineering.

Herbert Calcraft has been in Detroit working at agricultural engineering.

Ethel Feugard is assisting at Lavender Croft, the home for children of Friends' missionaries, at Hitchin.

Miss Amy C. Moore, of Mountmellick School, has gained the Intermediate B.A. of Queen's University, Belfast.

Lucy T. Salter has passed the Intermediate Arts Examination of the University of London.

Letters were written to several Old Scholars on service, asking for any information as to their doings, etc., that might be of interest for the Report, but probably lack of spare time or the vigilant eye of the Censor has made this impossible in the majority of cases. An interesting letter has been received from Henry Dearden, who has been in France since the outbreak of the war, working under the Friends' War Victims Relief Committee. After telling of his work in the neighbourhood of Rheims, in evacuating sick and wounded civilians, roofing buildings damaged by bombardment, etc., he says:—

"It was whilst I was occupied with this work that I was at one of the strangest Sibford Old Scholar reunions that probably has taken place. There were only two of us, Ernest Stevens and myself.

Some of the workers of the War Victims, including myself, arrived at a little village called Villers Marmeny to try and get the assistance of a convoy of F.A.U. cars to evacuate the children from two neighbouring villages.

Villers Marmeny is a small village situated on high ground and overlooks many miles of what is known as "the front." The French guns were making a good deal of noise, and on the opposite hills one could see the smoke of the bursting shells forming a continuous line of smoke for some miles. It was a cold, wet morning, and whilst one of our party was interviewing the various officers, getting the necessary permits, I entered the F.A.U. automobile kitchen to get a warm, and I was at once recognised as a Sibford Old Scholar. The two cooks, one of whom was Stevens, were preparing their lunch, and a great slice of fried bread was offered and gladly accepted, and soon a cup of tea appeared, and I parted warmed and refreshed; and we both expressed the wish that the end of the war would ere long permit us to meet again at Sibford. There is another Sibford Old Scholar in our party—G. A. Chapman, who for a long time was doing uninteresting but useful work in our London warehouse. He is now working at Dôle, in the "Department" of the Jura, in preparing houses in sections for future use in the destroyed areas now occupied by the Germans. A number of these are to be put up immediately in the recently conquered area round Noyon."

[News of any Old Scholar, at home or abroad, will be welcomed by the Secretary.]

NOTICES.

Any who require a Case for Reports for the year can have the same on application to the Hon. Sec. The price is 6d. ; postage extra.

Subscriptions for this year are now due, and should be sent as soon as possible to Nellie Millard, Sibford School, Banbury.

Old Scholars who have left Sibford this summer will be enrolled as free members until after next Whitsuntide ; then a subscription (1/- per annum under 21 years of age) has to be paid by all who wish to become ordinary members.

Back numbers of Reports are still in stock, price 9d., but the supply is limited, and early application is desirable.

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