

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



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ELIZABETH FOSTER BROWN,
PRESIDENT S.O.S.A. 1916-1919.

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EMMA ROY,	Mrs. L. E. GITSHAM,
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ROBERT B. ODDIE.

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ARTHUR B. ODDIE.

REPORT OF THE FOURTEENTH WHITSUNTIDE GATHERING

Held at Sibford from Saturday, June 7th to Tuesday, June 10th, 1919.

The chronicler of this year's gathering realises the difficulty of his task, for in addition to the mere mention of events as they occurred, it is essential to give some idea of the prevailing enthusiasm and good feeling, and of the zest which characterised the whole proceedings. Those who were present will scarcely need such indications, but others who were less fortunate are asked, when reading the following account, to imagine the happy state of affairs and to picture Sibford looking at its best, in perfect June weather—a row of flags fluttering a welcome in front of the School; every available bed in the neighbourhood well prepared; the Science Room daintily decorated and turned into an inviting sitting-room; the eager expectation of the scholars; and the School House-keeper casting a last and anxious glance over her ample stores, possibly wishing that the whole affair was over!

With this scene in the mind's eye, it is easy to picture the continuous stream of Old Scholars arriving in the motors which can now-a-days be hired in Sibford itself, or in the old-time horse brakes from Banbury.

As each party alighted at the Hall Door the quiet air of Sibford became more festive, and the few village roads were soon scattered with Old Scholars of all ages carrying luggage, finding their lodgings, and renewing schoolday friendships. After five years without a full-sized Re-union, with many

regular Whitsuntiders of pre-war days anxious to refresh their memories, and with others desirous of testing for the first time the glories of Old Scholardom, it was not surprising that a record number was present. Over 110 from a distance stayed the week-end, in addition to those who live in Sibford itself, and, except for a dozen stalwarts who slept under canvas, everyone was accommodated in a house.

A natural shyness, due, no doubt, to the long enforced absence of many from Sibford made the first meal a quiet and almost solemn event. This tendency to undue reserve at mealtimes speedily vanished, however, and as the time advanced so the sound of revelry increased.

An exodus to the cricket field followed lunch, and the pavilion was surrounded by onlookers, many of whom patronised the "grand stand," a recent addition to Sibford's architecture. It then became possible for a wider intercourse, and for visitors to renew their acquaintance with village Friends. There was Mrs. Oddie, not quite so nimble as in years gone by, having to resort to an invalid's chair. "R.B.O." seemed as hale as ever, and his wit as ready to rise to the occasion. Mr. Harrod, after the strain of running the School during war-time, displayed many grey hairs, but he and Mrs. Harrod received the Whitsun and entered with enthusiasm into the events of the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Reason were there, the former burdened with magisterial cares, but as dignified as usual, though none the less genial. And there were others whom most Sibfordians can remember, still residing in that well-known spot, and ever ready to welcome Old Boys and Girls on their return to the scene of their early strivings.

The Old Scholars' team was stronger than the average one turned out. The players were mostly younger members, the "veteran" being C. E. Brady, who worthily upheld the ancient traditions and accomplished something in each department of the game. Batting first, the "Past" made the moderate score of 55, and a close result seemed probable; but their bowling was difficult to play on the crumbling pitch, and with Mr. Harrod and Mr. Parkin dismissed cheaply, the remaining batsmen were not quite strong enough to pull the game round.

Past.		Present.	
C. E. Brady c. Harrod b.		Law b. Cook	2
Parkin	10	Clark b. Cook	0
B. Lamb st. Kay b. Harrod	14	Mr. Harrod b. Cook	2
E. E. Quinton not out	15	Wright b. Quinton	1
H. J. Randall c. Law b.		Mr. Parkin c. Quinton b.	
Parkin	0	Brady	2
J. Cook b. Parkin	0	Mr. Kay b. Quinton	0
W. F. Greaves b. Parkin...	2	Clayton b. B. Lamb	0
H. Goudge b. Harrod	0	Myall c. Brady b. Rose	6
H. Champion b. Harrod ...	0	Eaves c. Rose b.	
A. Gooday b. Parkin	11	Baseley l.b.w. b B. Lamb	0
A. Rose b. Harrod	0	Thomas not out	3
R. Lamb b. Harrod	0	Extras	3
Extras	3		
	55		22

A pleasant interlude followed the match, when the School team joined the visitors at tea. Present scholars gave the evening Concert in the Dining Room. It consisted mainly of scenes from "Midsummer Night's Dream," in which some delightful dances by the girls were introduced. Such an inno-

vation in a Sibford concert was a pleasant surprise to most of those present, and although they could not gesticulate their admiration like Bottom on the stage, it was none the less obvious. Much of the acting was of a high order, especially that of G. Baseley as Pyramus. If his voice was somewhat shrill for the part, his general bearing and vivacity were excellent. All the others acted with zest—even Theseus, who suffered from the disadvantage of appearing about half the size of his newly-made bride!

PROGRAMME.

- Pianoforte Solo "Cantabile"..... C. Harris.
M. Beal.
- Scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Characters:
Duke Theseus A. Wells.
Hippolyta M. Hawkings.
Philostrate A. Rose.
Helena G. Ostler.
Hermia M. Walker.
Lysanda L. Wright.
Demetrius R. Harding.
Titania D. Woodroffe.
Puck R. Quinton.
Quince W. Grimes.
Snug (Lion) J. Clark.
Bottom (Pyramus) G. Baseley.
Flute (Thisbe) T. Law.
Snout (Wall) E. Hadley.
Starveling (Moonshine) H. Iles.
Mustard Seed M. Hartwell.
Peas Blossom M. Morland.
Moth L. Lewis.
Cobweb P. Farr.
- Song "We've Come From Fairyland".....
Edith Williamson, Lucy Soar, Grace Faulkner,
Phyllis Walker.
- Irish Jig. M. Williams and M. Errington,
with fairy chorus from the play.

The President, Elizabeth Foster Brown, voiced the feelings of the audience when she thanked the School for their entertainment. She briefly referred to the great change which had come over the system of education during the past thirty years, which had made possible such an enjoyable evening.

The Headmaster replied on behalf of the School, and took the opportunity of publicly extending a warm welcome to those who were once more gathered together.

For the sake of convenience, supper was held by moonlight on the lawn, after which an adjournment was made to the sitting-room for the usual social time. If there was no space for charades or games, and very little room for moving about, there were sufficient seats, of varying degrees of comfort, and the time passed singing of "Forty Years On." Many had forgotten to bring their programmes, and could not remember the words of this Whitsuntide favourite, but still they managed to sing it with the vigour which always makes it an exhilarating composition.

Sunday morning saw a continuance of the glorious weather. Although a few so far forgot the rigidity of their training at Sibford as to oversleep, the majority were astir in good time, bathing, or walking round the village. The morning passed quietly with Meeting for Worship in Sibford Gower at eleven o'clock. At breakfast time Old Scholars were asked to be at Meeting in good time so that over-crowding could be prevented, and if necessary an "overflow" meeting arranged outside. A few good-natured souls, not wishing to cause any over-crowding for other people, denied themselves the privilege of attending. Some others turned up a minute late in the hope of being in the overflow. The Meeting House, however, was just big enough to accommodate everyone, and a helpful time was spent.

The S.O.S.A. Committee met before lunch under the trees on Mr. Oddie's lawn, and due regard was paid to the weighty affairs of the Association. The irrepressible photographers were much in evidence, disturbing the serenity of the meeting and resorting to subterfuge to snap the unwary.

"Rambles" were the order of the afternoon, but the writer is unable to say how many folk actually rambled. He himself reclined in an armchair, whilst others dozed in the Paddock or patronised similar soft spots. It must be assumed, therefore, that even if nobody did tramp the countryside, the warm afternoon was beneficially though sleepily spent.

The Reception held by Mr. and Mrs. Harrod on the lawn, whilst being of a formal nature, was so successfully handled that it was a veritable "at home." It was pleasant to have the company of William Charles Braithwaite and a few village Friends on this occasion.

An innovation was made in the evening, when the School Meeting was held on the lawn. The raised ground near the fountain acted as a platform, and the seats were placed under the monkey tree. A west wind made the speaking and reading quite audible, and the singing must have been heard all over Sibford. W. C. Braithwaite gave a special address, a résumé of which appears elsewhere in this Report. The delightful conditions under which this meeting was held, the speaker's sense of humour, and, perhaps above all, the depth of his message, made it an impressive time.

Following supper, this time spread in the dining-room, the second evening re-union was held. Songs, more or less of a Sabbatical nature were given, and W. C. Braithwaite delighted his hearers by giving a recitation dealing with certain aspects of monastic life. The evening closed with the united singing of "Abide with me."

Whit Monday weather started somewhat inauspiciously, and a slight shower after breakfast caused some alarm. But matters improved during the Business Meeting of the Association, and by 11.30, the time for the group photograph, the sun was shining as brightly as ever. There was much business down for discussion, but the items were disposed of with commendable rapidity, largely due to the essentially business methods of the chairman, and to the desire of those present to be out again in the open.

Percy Simms, the usual photographer of large Whitsuntide groups, was unable to come at the last moment, so Mr.

Harrod stepped into the breach. For the remainder of the morning Old Scholars were well scattered, some rehearsing for the evening concert, others playing tennis, and the remainder following their inclinations to different scenes of happiness.

Teams arranged as below took part in a swimming race before lunch:—

Past.	Present.
L. A. Calcraft.	H. Warner.
A. Bishop.	S. Ewan.
J. M. Hunter.	J. Clark.
E. E. Quinton.	G. Baseley.
R. Ash.	R. Quinton.
A. Gooday.	J. A. Kay.
F. Elliott.	

Each man swam two lengths of the bath, and in spite of the handicap, the Old Boys won by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths. Once again the beaten team were hospitably entertained to lunch by the victors, so well that the bitterness of defeat was never in evidence.

The afternoon was spent in following the broad and crooked path to "Hell Bottom," and in picnicing at this delightful spot. Several energetic walkers suggested a trip to Compton Wynyates, whilst others of a lazier persuasion considered the School Paddock quite far enough. Everyone agreed, however, that the place chosen was ideal. Owing to the aged and decrepit state of the School donkey (Sibford's affection for its beast of burden is time-honoured!), the usual means of conveying provisions were not available; but a Ford car successfully tackled bridle paths and fields, and delivered the necessities to an eager band of helpers who were waiting under the trees. The freshness of the foliage, the light and shade, the presence of grazing cows might have recalled Longfellow's lines:—

"Pleasant it was, when woods were green,
And winds were soft and low,
To lie amid some sylvan scene,
Where, the long drooping boughs between,
Shadows dark and sunlight sheen,
Alternate come and go."

With such a background and with so many suitable subjects, photographers were in their element, snapping people in queer attitudes and with festive faces. Alas, time passed much too quickly, and in such beautiful surroundings the lateness of the return for the evening concert was almost excusable.

Having regard to the large numbers requiring seating accommodation and also to the warmth of the evening, the concert was given on a platform specially erected on the Boys' Playground, an experiment which proved quite successful. The chair was taken by Robert B. Oddie, who aroused considerable laughter by the facetious terms in which he called upon Elizabeth Foster Brown for her Presidential address, which, he hoped, would "uplift, edify, and comfort."

The Address having been delivered, the following programme was presented.

PROGRAMME.

- Vocal Duet ... "Two Little Sausages"...Mrs. Brady and Mr. Robb.
- Recitation ... "The House that Jack Built"...Mrs. Harrod and party.
- Song "Youth"..... H. Lawrance.
- Monologue "My Beastly Eyeglass" Frank Elliott.
- Song "The Valley of Laughter" Violet Brown.
- Mice Chorus Miss G. Oddie, E. C. Beck, and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Greaves.
- Vocal Duet "The Short Cut" Mrs. Brady and Mr. Robb.
- Recitation... "How I found the North Pole" M. Kervorkian
- Song "The Cork Leg" F. Snow.
- Scandinavian Dances Helen Calvert and Mary Taylor.

11. Song "Up from Somerset"W. F. Greaves.
12. Monologue "Alphonse" Frank Elliott.
13. Song "The Little Brown Owl" Emma Roy.
14. Selections S.O.S.A. Jazz Band.

Forty Years On.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Very little opportunity had occurred for rehearsal, and the standard of excellence may have suffered in consequence, but those present were indulgent, and the School children, for whose benefit the concert was chiefly given, were loud in their appreciation, and as the lateness of the hour kept them up long after their usual bedtime, they had an additional source of pleasure. Thanks were given to Old Scholars by the top boy and girl, and Mr. Harrod again expressed the great pleasure which he and Mrs. Harrod had experienced from the gathering. He hoped for an even larger one next year, and commended the action of certain Old Scholars who had brought their fiancées to share the joys of Whitsuntide.

Adjourning to the dining room, visitors and local friends joined in their last meal together, and they once more filled all available tables. The jolly spirit of comradeship and the pleasing effect of chatter and laughter, dispelled any sad feelings that the thought of the morrow's separation might have caused.

The closing re-union was another time of good fellowship. Of the items given, mention should be made of a topical reading by Adeline Lamb. At first the hearers were not quite certain whether it was meant to be serious or otherwise, but they decided on the latter, and were much amused by the frivolous references to events of the day. Dressed in strange garb, Roland Herbert, the School Handicrafts Master, gave a humorous monologue in great style. The concluding item

was the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." Two large circles being formed, the usual heartiness was thrown into the song which has always been so firm a fixture at these Re-unions. If any of the Present Scholars in the building had previously fallen asleep, they must surely have been awakened by the echoes of "Auld Lang Syne."

Even after this official conclusion of a strenuous day, a few enthusiasts (using the word "few" in an elastic sense), not to be denied the beauties of a perfect moonlight night, collected round the Elm, and being out of earshot of the village, gave further vent to their exuberance by singing part-songs. Edna Quinton added to the delight of the party by singing "One Fine Day," from "Madame Butterfly." By request, the party then called at Swalcliffe Grange and gave two songs in quite a presentable manner, receiving the thanks of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. After that, for the hour was late for a country village, the songsters returned by divers ways to their lodgings, creeping silently in the night, lest by any chance they might awaken the sleeping hamlet.

At 8 a.m. on Tuesday, the first motor left for Banbury with its load of tired yet happy gatherers. Others quickly followed, and in spite of a breakdown to one of the cars, Sibford was bereft of its visitors by mid-day, the cheering had died away, and this glorious time had already become a treasured remembrance.

The thanks of all are due to Mr. and Mrs. Harrod, the school staff, and the boys and girls for contributing so largely to the success attained. Miss Kennedy, who succeeded Miss Shotton as housekeeper, deserves special thanks for the able way in which she supplied the wants of so large a number.

And thus ended another very successful re-union which was redolent of helpful and abiding fellowship, and of loyalty to the Old School. The undoubted affection of the scholars, both past and present, for Sibford, testifies greatly to the value of past work, and augurs well for the future.

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

Held at School Whit-Monday, 1919.

1.—Charles E. Brady was unanimously elected to the chair.

2.—Reference was made to absent members, who, through various causes, were unable to be present. Messages of greeting and good wishes were read from the following: E. Percy Kaye, Ethel M. Harrison, G. Wesley Austin, Percy Hodgetts, Rex Fieldhouse, Mabel Brady, Septimus Harris, Mrs. L. M. Ridges, Miss E. Edridge, James H. Hibbs, Harold Lock, Paul Cope, Phyllis and Rosalie Henley, Dorothy Tye and Frank Parsons.

3.—The minutes of last meeting, as printed in the Report, were adopted.

4.—The election of officers then took place.

Henry Lawrence proposed, and J. T. Harrod seconded, that Henry J. Randall be appointed Secretary. Carried.

Mrs. Oddie proposed, and Mr. Gitsham seconded, that Percy Hodgetts be asked to resume the duties of Treasurer. Carried.

Mrs. Harrod and Jane Sabin were appointed Joint Local Secretaries.

A. B. Oddie proposed that the Birmingham and London Branches should each have two Secretaries, one "corresponding" and the other "organising." With his proposition he linked the names of Edna Quinton and Arthur Bishop for Bir-

mingham and Florence Wilson and Henry Lawrence for London. M. K. Willson seconded the proposition, which was carried.

Mrs. Berrington and Eric Quinton were elected on the Committee to fill the vacancies caused by Mrs. Harrod (retiring member), and the late Anna Mary Abbatt.

Arthur B. Oddie was unanimously re-appointed Honorary Auditor.

5.—The retiring President, Elizabeth Foster Brown, proposed as her successor Thomas Jackson. She referred to his long association with, and interest in Sibford, and to his many attendances at Whitsuntide re-unions. The nomination met with cordial support, and was unanimously adopted.

6.—J. T. Harrod gave a brief report of the School progress since the last S.O.S.A. meeting. He enumerated some of the difficulties encountered during war-time, from comparatively small details, such as lack of fuel, to the larger ones connected with the shortage of staff. Through it all the School had been able to carry on with success. He spoke of his Presidency of the Association and the unavoidably small gathering in 1916, and mentioned the great pleasure which it gave to Mrs. Harrod and himself to hear of Old Scholars' doings and to receive letters from them. Reference was also made to the present position of Friends' Schools, in view of the Education Bill, and the re-

commendations made by the Education Commission of the Society of Friends.

7.—H. J. Randall gave a very brief account of the strength and position of the S.O.S.A., and spoke of the great keenness which he found displayed by Old Scholars generally.

8.—J. T. Harrod, in the absence of P. Hodgetts, made a statement on the financial position of the Association. The Balance Sheet was not ready for presentation, but was promised for publication in the Annual Report.

9.—Mrs. L. E. Gitsham reported on the Nellie Millard Memorial, and mentioned a few of the suggestions made by Old Scholars. These included pictures, a clock, books, and apparatus for the art room and gymnasium. The S.O.S.A. Committee had favoured the provision of gymnasium apparatus, and she had been asked to consult with the School drill mistress. As a result she proposed that a double bar be purchased to meet a need in the gymnasium, and to commemorate the life of one who was so keen on this side of School life. The Chairman stated that the sum of £20 was guaranteed for the purpose.

R. B. Oddie seconded the proposition, and suggested that Mrs. Gitsham and Mr. Harrod should make the necessary purchase on behalf of the Association. The proposition was carried unanimously.

10.—The Secretary brought forward the question of subscriptions to the S.O.S.A., mentioning that the minimum of 1s. per annum failed to cover expenses connected with the Report, Whitsuntide programme, etc. The question was also raised as to whether boys and girls leaving School should pay subscriptions for the first year. R. B. Oddie spoke of the honour and dignity which ought to be felt by Scholars when they launched forth into the world and paid a subscription.

Ethel M. Sharp and J. T. Harrod favoured the present rule—exempting new Old Scholars from paying subscriptions until the first Whitsuntide after they left School. The meeting agreed to continue this method, and decided that the minimum subscription should be 1s. 6d. for members under 21 years of age, and 2s. 6d. for those over.

11.—It was reported that the S.O.S.A. flag, which had nobly braved the Whitsuntide breezes for many years, was in a state of “rags and patches.” Mrs. Berrington kindly offered to repair it or make a new one. Her offer was gratefully accepted, and the Local Secretaries were asked to purchase the necessary materials for this work.

12.—Elizabeth F. Brown suggested that the Monday evening concert at Whitsuntide was not the best time for the delivery of the Presidential Address. She thought that one of the evening re-unions would be more suitable. There were numerous flippant interruptions to these remarks, and the speaker was commanded to appear at the usual time and place with her address ready for delivery. No definite decision was made on the point raised.

13.—R. B. Oddie gave particulars of the marriages of various members, and as an “old Parliamentary hand in the married state,” he gave advice to those who had thus shouldered responsibilities. He then sympathetically spoke of the losses sustained by the S.O.S.A. through the death of certain of its members. He made special reference to the two late Presidents who had passed away, Dr. Routh and J. S. K. Parsey, and the former Secretary, Nellie Millard, all of whom possessed great enthusiasm for Sibford and were keen on its welfare. The personal incidents and anecdotes he mentioned were appreciated by those present.

The meeting terminated to the sounding of this reminiscent note.

OLD SCHOLARS AND VISITORS, WHITSUNTIDE, 1919.



Back Row—Mrs. W. F. Greaves, Lieut. Greaves, H. M. Oddie, G. M. Oddie, J. W. Thorpe, W. Bowen, B. Savage, W. Carr, D. Stebbings, M. Rose, R. Willmott, I. Mayo-Smith, M. Wells, E. M. Wells, M. Taylor. Fifth Row—H. Harvey, J. Perry, W. Mold, F. Lamb, Mr. White, E. C. Beck, B. Gibbins, H. Nicholl, B. Lamb, Robert Rose, J. A. Sargent, D. Charman, F. Goudge, G. Nicholl, J. C. Bailey, G. Wright, I. Rose, E. Feugard, M. Bentley, Edna Quinton, L. Calcraft, E. M. Gläister, A. K. Rutter, E. E. Quinton. Fourth Row—G. Long, A. Rose, W. Wells, A. Gooday, J. Cook, W. Stebbings, Mrs. Buckley, Edna Lamb, F. Lee, V. Brown, H. Woodhead, E. Banfield, J. Sabin, M. Nicholl, H. Campion, E. Chennell, F. Chennell, H. R. Boon, F. Elliott, N. Lee. Third Row—H. J. Randall, Mr. Jenkins, W. Appleton, Miss Brown, H. B. Jackson, J. M. Hunter, A. B. Oddie, M. Kervorkian, Edna Roy, Emma Roy, D. A. Oyston, T. Hodgkiss, A. Chennell, A. Wells, M. Chalker, A. J. Kaye, M. K. Willson, E. Stevens. Second Row—Mr. Robb, C. E. Brady, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. L. E. Gitsham, I. Nutter-Scott, I. Brison, C. Reynolds, E. M. Sharp, H. Calvert, E. Harris, T. Sheppard, Mrs. Sheppard, D. Lock, F. M. Wilson, E. Ramsbottom, H. Lawrance, Mr. Boon, ———. Sitting—Mrs. Robb, Mrs. C. E. Brady, Mrs. Harrod, J. T. Harrod, Mrs. Oddie, R. B. Oddie, E. F. Brown, Thomas Jackson, Mrs. J. Berrington, S. E. Harris, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. E. Walker, Mr. Walker, Mr. Mann. Children on Ground—E. Harrod, J. Sargent, G. M. Harrod, H. Sargent, M. Harrod, K. Priestman.

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
Balance, Whitsuntide, 1918:—		Gold Leaf for Honours Board.....	0 3 0
Bank	28 10 0	Postage, Envelopes, etc.	1 2 0
In Hand	1 12 5	Printing N.M. Memorial Notice	1 0 6
	25 2 5	Balance at Whitsuntide, 1919	42 5 9
Subscriptions per N. Millard, J. T. Harrod and			
C. E. Brady	18 17 3		
Bank Interest to June, 1919	0 11 3		
	£44 11 2		£44 11 2

JAMES T. HARROD, Acting Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, 14-8-1919, A. BREARLEY ODDIE.

As this Report goes to Press, members of the S.O.S.A. Committee are considering a gift to the School which will absorb the Credit Balance shown above. The Treasurer hopes, therefore, that overdue subscriptions will be paid as soon as possible so that current expenses may be met.

NELLIE MILLARD MEMORIAL FUND.

Subscriptions received up to Whitsuntide amounted to £12 10s. 0d. It is hoped that the total will reach £20 before the Fund is closed. Will those Old Scholars who intend to subscribe, but have not yet done so, please send in their donations to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

delivered by

ELIZABETH FOSTER BROWN—PRESIDENT 1916-1919

In looking through the addresses of our Presidents since the foundation of the Old Scholars' Association in 1904, I have noticed that although these addresses were based upon reminiscence, incidentally we have had from most speakers some show forth the love of comrades than by freely sharing our thoughts? In this age we feel ourselves to be the creators of the Future rather than merely the custodians of the Past, and I feel I can serve you best by confiding in you the convictions borne in upon me by the thronging Present.

Reconstruction and Permanent Peace are the words upon the lips of everyone, and surely the great purpose of Reconstruction is to get rid of friction in human life, that evolution may go forward unchecked on a more harmonious plane.

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;
Where knowledge is free;
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments
by narrow domestic walls;
Where words come out from the depths of truth;
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into
the dreary desert sand of dead habit; (
Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening
thought and action—

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country
awake.

(Rabindranath Tagore).

Tagore realises that the harmonious state for which his much-dominated and distracted land longs is based on freedom.

The chaos of the modern world is, I believe, caused by want of understanding of the true nature of man. Let us ask ourselves, what is the root principle of human life?

Nietzsche tells us it is the Will to Power—his conception being that human personalities are separate in nature and purpose.

Edward Carpenter says it is the Will to Expression—a conception based upon belief in the unity of all life.

It is the Will to Expression thwarted and twisted which is debased into the Will to Power.

In the evolution of the past we see mainly the action and conflicting counter-action of the Will to Power; in a swiftly increasing degree, I believe, the evolution of the future will be the result of the Will to Expression.

And for expression we need freedom.

This assertion is in line with the modern methods of education as emphasized by Madame Montessori and other

teachers. We rejoice to see progress in this direction in our old School. But as this aspect of freedom is now so constantly before us, I will not go into it further, but ask you to consider with me what really is Freedom.

We may have personal freedom of body, of mind and of spirit; or we may have freedom of the community, of the nation; we speak often of the self-determination of small nations, and some of us long for a League of Free-peoples.

Now in regard to personal freedom, are freedom of body and of spirit necessarily dependent one upon the other? Do iron bars a prison make for the mind of man? Assuredly no. Your fellow men can only destroy your freedom when they make you do something against your will—i.e., your fellow men can never destroy your freedom; it is only you who can destroy that freedom yourself.

A man is free, then, in so far as he expresses himself in all that he thinks and says and does.

We are free when our actions proceed from our whole personality, when they express it, when their relation to it bears that indefinable resemblance that you sometimes find between the work of art and the artist.

(Henri Bergson.)

Some minds may best grasp the idea of freedom not by a philosophical axiom, but by illustrations such as President Wilson used in one of his speeches:—

You say of the locomotive that it runs free. What do you mean? You mean that its parts are so assembled and adjusted that friction in reduced to a minimum, and that it has perfect adjustment. We say of a boat skimming with light foot, "How free she runs," when we mean how perfectly she obeys the great breath out of Heaven how perfectly she obeys the great breath out of heaven that fills her sails.

I have said that I believe that our mistakes in the past—the false living which has caused bad social conditions and

friction between men and between nations—are due to ignorance of the true nature of man. We have lived by the Will to Power. We have sought domination over the lives of others. We have feared freedom for other people, though it is curious how little we fear freedom for ourselves. We have based our conceptions upon a belief in the evil nature of man. We believe human nature to be evil because we do not yet understand the nature of man, and from time immemorial men have feared and deemed evil that which was beyond their comprehension. But if we trust our own nature enough to desire freedom to express ourselves, why should we fear freedom for our fellow-men?

I think we should cease to fear if we thought of freedom in the light of the derivation of the word:

FREE—Derivation: A. Sax. fri, free—O. Sax. O. fris, and L.G. fri. Icel. fri, Dan. and Sw. fri, D. vrij, G. frei, Goth. freis, free; allied to friend, Goth. frigon, to love; Skr. pri, to love.

(Ogilvie and Annandale's Dictionary.)

The connection between freedom and love is not merely philological, but vital. Is not freedom between persons the essence of friendship? How can we truly love without freedom? And shall we find true freedom in a community where love does not prevail?

We realise the need of freedom in education; do we not need greater freedom in all our social relations. Is it not time we were ready to make friends with any human being who attracts us wherever we may meet them. We need freedom from class consciousness; freedom from law and government; from superstition and fear in religious thought; freedom from self and our own priggishness and prudishness. But, above all, do we need freedom from our judgment of other people, for in so far as we limit the freedom of others to express themselves we deny our freedom; and we must also seek freedom from that judgment of ourselves which we dignify by the name of public opinion. Oh, why are we so afraid of variety in human personality?

Will you not vow with me in the words of Walt Whitman:

From this hour freedom

From this hour I ordain myself loos'd of limits and
imaginary lines,

Going where I list, my own master, total and absolute,

Listening to others, and considering well what they say,

Pausing, searching, receiving, contemplating,

Gently, but with undeniable will, divesting myself of
the holds that would hold me.

What a difference the possession of such freedom would make to each of us. When we want to honour a great man we present to him the freedom of a city, which in olden time meant giving him the right to go in and out of its gates as he desired. But we have a greater honour which we can bestow upon ourselves—we can enter in to the freedom of the world. And the difference to humanity which would be made

by a universal possession of such freedom, can only be measured by the divine beauty of human nature could it but find full expression.

“It will be a marvellous thing—the true personality of man—when we see it. It will grow naturally and simply, flower-like, or as a tree grows. It will not be at discord. It will never argue or dispute. It will not prove things. It will know everything. And yet it will not busy itself about knowledge. It will have wisdom. Its value will not be measured by material things. It will have nothing. And yet it will have everything, and whatever one takes from it, it will still have, so rich will it be. It will not be always meddling with others, or asking them to be like itself. It will love them because they will be different. And yet while it will not meddle with others, it will help all, as a beautiful thing helps us by being what it is. The personality of man will be very wonderful.”
(Oscar Wilde.)

LEARNING AND LEISURE.

Resume of an Address delivered by William Charles Braithwaite at Sibford on Whit-Sunday, 1919.

The speaker based his remarks on the paradox contained in the definition of the word *school*, which in the Greek means *leisure*. At Athens they knew how to turn leisure into learning, for learning there was the great game of life, a thing of zeal and freshness, full of adventure and discovery. *Leisure* was defined not as doing nothing but "having the chance of doing something worth doing because you are free from the necessity of doing things less worth doing."

"The best work and the best play are one and the same because good work needs the whole man his will to do and dare, and his joy in living, freely using his knowledge and skill, and all his other powers. In painting this is just what makes the difference between what are called pot-boilers, portraits of heavy, successful baronets and other such-like stuff, done for money to keep the pot boiling at home, and true works of art done for the fun of the thing when the artist has leisure to give you his best. Short of pot-boiling, however, a man may fail to give of his best by being the slave of his own skill. In the National Gallery, or anywhere else where pictures aggregate, you can always divide them into a lower and higher class by considering whether the subject is chosen in order to display the artist's skill (and these are the lower), or whether the skill is the servant of some vision of beauty which possesses the artist's soul. Paul tells us we are to 'work from the soul' (Col. iii., 23), and Vauven argues that 'Great thoughts spring from the heart.' This, in truth, is the only perfect freedom, for only so does a man find full self-expression and only so is his highest nature master of all the lower elements of his personality which come to him out of the countless centuries of his slow growth heavenward."

"The Greeks, then, with their eager curiosity after new truth, discovered the equation, 'Leisure equals School.' This did not mean to them, any more than it should to us, that they

shirked the drudgery and difficulty of gaining accurate knowledge. Few experiences, indeed, can have required more earnestness and evenness of temper than submitting to the remorseless cross-examination by which Socrates explored truth at the expense of his unhappy victims. It meant for them, as it means for a student or mountain-climber to-day, that though the quest was hard the prize was great. It meant, also, that the quest itself, however hard, had its own joy, the joy of the game, the joy of self-expression and discovery of unimagined strength and of achievement. And, even when baffled and defeated, it meant that during the ardour of the quest they had known what it was to live."

"That is why the school has such a charm for old Scholars. It is the place where all kinds of new light came to us, and we almost felt ourselves growing. We were left at leisure from care and from things too hard for our powers, and at the same time knew the joy of the quest and the achievement."

"Is it out of the question for us, whose days at School are done, to get the spirit of which I have been talking into our lives to-day? Must we go bowed down under the press of cares and business worries and grinding toil, knowing nothing of the splendid leisure filled with adventure and achievement that we tasted at school? Is the world to press us down into its mould and petrify our hearts? It is these questions, quite as much as unequal economic conditions, that are at the heart of industrial unrest to-day."

"The craving is—and surely it is a right craving—for a change of conditions which will allow a man to put more of his own mind and soul into the occupation by which he earns his living, and to have leisure in which he can do tasks of his own choosing, 'leisure to live, leisure to love, leisure to taste our freedom.'"
E.F.B.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

As in the world at large, this year at Sibford has been characterised by a certain restlessness, due largely to illness, war-time difficulties, and changes of staff.

Improvement in motoring facilities has brought many visitors, and the following lectures have been given:—"Australia" by Mr. Alexander, "Bees" and "Trees" by Mr. Dell (of Bootham), "Work in the Isle of Man" by Mr. J. Baily, "Camouflage in Animals" and "How the Elephant got his Trunk" by Mr. W. Rowntree, "Travel in Foreign Lands" by Dr. and Mrs. H. Hodgkin, "India" by Mr. R. Priestman, "Canada" by Mr. David, "Dirt" by Dr. Morland, "Wool and Eastern Shepherds" by Mrs. Ellis, "Types of Music" (with illustrations) by Miss C. Reynolds, "Salvation Army Work" by Commissioner T. Kitching, and "Quaker Pictures" by Mr. J. W. H. Theobald.

During September blackberrying excursions produced 173 lbs. of fruit for preserving.

October 14th, 1918, marked an epoch in history, for on that date the first influenza victim retired. Within a week others disappeared in batches on the instalment system until the number reached 70, and this despite the thrice daily gargling "Hallelujah Choruses" in the bathrooms. The scattered remnants contested as to "the survival of the fittest," and classes were combined to liberate teachers for hospital labours. The patients lay like logs, averse to food—a sure sign of "Something rotten in the state of Denmark" where Sibford scholars are concerned.

Special mention of Miss Millard's death is made elsewhere. On October 25th the sad little procession wended its way to the Meeting House, where wreaths of autumn berries were left on the grave.

Modifications of work and play met the requirements of scholars reduced in health but not in lung capacity. This was demonstrated by the reception of news of the Armistice, when they had to be reminded that peace was also needed in

the school. On this occasion the teachers congregated on the roof, flew the flag, and dispensed chocolates to the crowd below. A drum, tin whistle, and comb band roused the echoes of Sibford and Epwell, and stirred the rustics to welcome signs of interest in life. High spirits prevailed until December 17th, when the children left for their Christmas holidays.

The New Year brought the return of J. W. Thorpe, the Senior Master, from Dunkirk, and later Miss M. Taylor arrived to fill the post left vacant by Miss Millard's death.

Toboggan joys and a mock election caused great enthusiasm; also a concert arranged for the villagers and their children. Songs and dances by the scholars were followed by a Labour Exchange burlesque by the teachers. This produced much mirth, in addition to a collection of £3 19s. 2½d. and two buttons for local charities.

Mention must be made of the steady improvement of the boys' football team, and especially of Mr. Herbert's brilliant, almost professional play at centre half.

The Upper Fourth Form produced the clown scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" both at Easter and Whitsuntide. This was the first Old Scholars' gathering witnessed by most of the boys and girls, and it will probably be always associated in their minds with a certain Jazz band!

The General Meeting which followed shortly after Whitsuntide was appreciative of the School's progress, and deplored the fact that the Friends Education Commission had weighed Sibford's situation and conveniences in the balance and found them wanting.

The "Last scene of all that ends this strange, eventful history" introduces a touch of animal life. Donkey No. 2 departed to sleep with his forefathers, and is now replaced by a sturdy "moke" with less blancmangery legs. The new arrival follows custom in occasionally illustrating morning Bible reading with audible remarks.

E. M. G.

THE FUTURE OF SIBFORD SCHOOL.

Vital issues in connection with the future of Sibford School are raised in the report of the Friends' Education Commission to the Yearly Meeting of 1919. With a growing demand for the training of all boys and girls at school up to the age of 16 at least, and with heavy increases in the cost of all good education, Friends have found it well to take stock of their needs and resources. It appears impossible to find funds for all the Society's schools at present in existence, if they are to compete with Government schools, unless they also take Government grants, which, under present regulations, would result in their disappearance as denominational schools. The Commission therefore proposes to replace Ackworth, Sibford, Rawdon, Penketh and Wigton by three other schools in more convenient situations with premises designed for modern needs. The Sibford type of education is commended as worthy of extension. The difficulty and cost of making the transfer, as well as the loss of school traditions and loyalties, raise doubts as to the feasibility of the proposals.

Whether our school is to be continued at its present size, or to be enlarged for 150 or 200 pupils as sometimes suggested, it is clear that large sums of money will be needed for capital expenditure. The minds of many old scholars are pondering over this problem, which must be solved if the future of the school is to be assured.

As the excellent work of the institution, and its great services to the Society through three generations, are admitted, there is a very strong feeling abroad that a long future lies before a school situated in surroundings so picturesque, so healthy, and so intimately responsive to the educational needs of the average child, and especially of the town-dweller. Expression was given to this feeling at the record rally of old scholars at Whitsuntide, as well as at the large General Meeting held in June. One old boy who attended writes, "If Friends' schools continue to exist, may Sibford be the most persistent exister."

J. T. H.

SIBFORD AT PLAY SEVENTY YEARS AGO.

By MICHAEL T. GRAVESON (Scholar 1849-54).

The present Secretary of the S.O.S.A. has requested me to give some recollections of the games played at the good old School in the years 1849—1854 for insertion in the Annual Report, and the reason assigned for appealing to me is that I am supposed to be the oldest Old Scholar living. I may, therefore, pose as a sort of high patriarch of the renowned Sibford clan. To begin with, I may say the games were rough, and those best appreciated with combative rather than competitive, in some cases the play being almost as barbaric as actual fighting. Among the boys of that period were two who possibly lowered the standard of our peaceful dispositions—they were named Charles England and Frederick Ireland, both high-spirited boys, and their names and daring manners soon exalted them to positions of leadership. The patriotic spirit increased amongst us, and our games became conflicts, and were fought out in the spirit of these geographical names. This fact should prove interesting inasmuch as it shows that seventy years ago the Irish question loomed large even at this dear old Quaker School. The names given to the various games were "Hop and Chivey," "Leap-frog," "Fly the Garter," "Catch and Carry," "Block up the Passage," Skipping, Marbles, and occasionally Cricket, this last being played in a loose way with very inferior equipment.

The first named, "Hop and Chivey," was played by all who wanted to join in the rival sides, and England and Ireland were generally the actual or nominal leaders. The game was played on one leg, that is hopping. In the skirmishing that ensued the players were deemed to be alive while hopping, but when forced to the ground on both feet that were counted as dead. A challenge was usually given by a player on one side to one on the other, and the two would then charge each other,

shoulder to shoulder, with arms folded, and the one forced to bring his other foot to the ground was vanquished. This procedure would be repeated till all had been paired and half were rendered "hors de combat." Then the victors from both sides would charge in a body and the majority that survived on either side would win the game. I recollect a familiar saying at School when play had been fiercer than usual, which expressed itself thus: "There is no fun without excitement, and there is no excitement without danger." The next two games mentioned, "Leap-frog" and "Fly the Garter," need no description, as they were the same as what one sees among the rougher element in these days. "Catch and Carry" was a winter's game, and needed dark evenings for its play. It consisted of one side hiding themselves and the other seeking them. When the seeker found the hidden one, the latter became the former's donkey and carried him home. If it was reversed, and the hidden one saw a seeker pass his hiding-place, the former would spring out and make the seeker his beast of burden for the journey back. The side that contained the largest number of riders were the victors. Such a game in these days would sound very crude to Sibford boys, but in the years mentioned the surroundings of the School were very different. Then there were stables, cow-houses, pig-sties, stack-yards with ricks of hay, corn, etc. Of course, it was forbidden ground, but the evening darkness acted like another kind of charity, inasmuch as it covered many of our offences, all very tiny sins when seen in present-day perspective.

"Block up the Passage" was the most rousing of all our wild frolics. The passage in question led from the old thatched barn of that period into the schoolroom, the wash

house and shoe-house being on either side, and thus forming the passage. Perhaps the entrance is much the same now, though the venerable barn is modernised and made quite respectable. If the change in inner character and outward appearance of us Old Scholars is approximate to what has taken place in that dear old barn since I first knew it, the work and objects of the school will not have been in vain. But I must not stop to moralise, my business being to talk of games. One side would hold the passage, and the besiegers would endeavour to break through, either by force of pressure or by clambering over the heads of their opponents, both sides cheering each other on with the cries of "Down with Ireland!" "England for ever!" Many were the knocks and bruises we got, and which we accepted as evidences of pluck.

Skipping is rare with boys now, but not so at Sibford seventy years ago, when the majority indulged in this feminine pastime. The skipping-ropes were made with about one-third rope and two-thirds whipcord. Whipcord was fastened through the handles and fastened to the rope on both sides, and the same was done to the two lower ends of the rope for passing under the foot of the skipper. By this arrangement the rope revolved quickly and enabled the skipper to perform a kind of dance music with his feet. The skill consisted in alternating between two steps under one revolution, and three consecutive springs in which the rope passes twice under the feet in each spring. Visitors to the School manifested considerable interest in our exhibitions of skipping, and the play afforded capital exercise. The attitude was graceful, and the whirr of the rope with the pitter patter of the feet was in a small degree melodious.

There is little to say about marbles, except that the play was general, and contained one special novelty that made it a first cousin of gambling. A cubic piece of wood was used, and on its six equal sides one of the following letters was placed, "A, H, D, O, T, P." These signified "All, Half, Double, Out, Take, Put." The players having agreed on the number of marbles to be placed in the bowl, balloted for turns to throw up the square, or "put," as it was called. The letter that

appeared uppermost represented the loss or gain; for instance, "A" would take all the stakes, "H" would take half, "D" would have to double the total in the bowl, "O" meant out of the play, the other two letters implied take one or put one. Such was the gambling spirit of Sibford scholars in those far-off days. The cube of wood for marbles and the dice for money are, morally speaking, evil relations. The School's stock of marbles would every now and then be in few hands, and in order to bring about a fresh distribution small stakes were played, and very soon the vagaries of chance restored a better equality of ownership.

Such were the usual play and sports of old Sibford, and they will not cause the young Sibfordians of these days to think there was any excess of refinement or ability; but let them not forget the antiquity of our age and the many advantages which the School lacked which are now possessed—gymnasium, workshops, swimming baths, etc. Instead of these we had just one privilege to set against the above-mentioned improvements, and it was this. The School of 1849 was wedded to a farm and to all the interesting work belonging to a farm. Instead of spending our time in the gymnasium or carpenter's shop, we revelled in hay harvests and corn harvests, gave our strength and exercised our muscles in helping to garner in the various crops as they matured. We also spent our surplus energy in assisting at the lively work when the big threshing machine came to thresh the home-grown wheat. Then we caught mice by the score, and turned them loose in the classrooms and bedrooms as objects for future hunts. We also participated in the harvest-home feast, and some of the older boys knew how beautiful it was to see the last load carted home in the moonlight. Our veneration for the past, and especially for our schooldays is what we individually knew and experienced, and therefore I venture to say that all those who were with me and knew the School and the sports of the School seventy years ago would join me in saying that whilst the new wine of the present is good, to our ancient tastes the old was better.

LEAVES FROM THE ELM.

In answer to numerous enquiries it may be stated here that no Report was issued in 1918. To compensate for the omission, the present one is slightly larger than usual.

The village of Sibford recently went through a Parish Council Election. After being for many years represented by mere men, the voters threw off the masculine yoke, and embraced in an elective sense of course, Mrs. Reason and Miss Thame.

It was the particular wish of the late Dr. Routh that one of his oil paintings should be given to the School. This wish was carried out by Mrs. Routh two years ago, and the painting, depicting a scene near Epwell, now shows to advantage in the Art Room.

Branch Gatherings for members of the London and Birmingham districts are being arranged during the coming months. It is hoped that these will be successful, and that recent Whitsuntide pilgrims to Sibford will display the missionary spirit and induce others to make the journey next May.

Unfortunately, the Whitsuntide group photograph in this Report does not show the full number of visitors. The absence of the expected photographer caused a few to wander from the lawn while the group was being taken by Mr. Harrod. Their non-inclusion in this historical picture is regretted.

For the past ten years, since the building alterations to the School were commenced, a number of boys have had to sleep in the village owing to lack of accommodation in the School. "Paradise House" has been used for this purpose, and at the present time 22 boys are housed there, carefully overseen by Mr. and Mrs. Parkin. A photo of "Paradise" is reproduced opposite page 26, and it will surely stir the emotions of all who have passed through its golden gates!

It will greatly assist in the working of the Association and in the compilation of the Report if Old Scholars will kindly send their subscriptions regularly to the Treasurer, and notify the Secretary of changes of addresses, marriages, examinations passed, and any other interesting information.

Next Year's Report will probably contain more definite information concerning the future of the School. Apart from those who have passed through it as scholars, there is considerable opposition to any scheme for closing it down, and indications are to hand that Sibford School will continue to exist—and to thrive.

In 1917 a new feature was introduced into school life by the division of the boys and girls into four groups, called Guilds. Their names of Coastguards, Pilots, Shepherds, and Watchmen, were chosen to indicate the attitude desired, both towards the School and towards their own members. Each Guild chooses its captains, has a badge (lighthouse, wheel, crook, and lantern) and colours, competes with the others in games, indoor and outdoor, and athletic sports, entertains the School at a social evening, keeps a conduct record, and takes charge of tidying a portion of the premises; there have also been competitions in reciting, verse writing, and drawing, which served to reveal unsuspected talent. A copper plaque, presented by Jonathan Lloyd, of Rhondda, is held in turn by the Guild doing its best in the annual athletic sports. Other competitions have been commemorated by the presentation to the School of pictures, sets of indoor games, etc., marked with the name or badge of the winning Guild. In various ways each Guild is encouraged to contribute to the pleasure or comfort of the whole school; the seniors have some interest in promoting the strength and skill of the juniors, thus acquiring a sort of family responsibility for the welfare of newcomers.

WHITSUNTIDE, 1919.



SUNDAY—AFTER MEETING.



AT THE RECEPTION.
W. C. Braithwaite and the President.



"LOAVES AND FISHES."



MERRY MOMENTS.
A. B. Oddie, Mrs. Gitsham & C. E. Brady collecting Signatures

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

ABBATT.—On 22nd January, 1918, at Sibford Gower, Anna Mary (nee Enock), widow of James Abbatt, aged 76 years.

BROWN.—On 21st March, 1916, at Alberta, Canada, Dorothy (nee Newall), wife of David Brown, aged 22 years.

BUNKALL.—On 4th September, 1919, at Auckland, New Zealand, Mary Hester (nee Absalom), wife of Thomas J. Bunkall, aged 41 years. (By Cable.)

GIBBS.—On 2nd November, 1918, at Nill Farm, Hook Norton, Kate Ethel (nee Goffe), wife of Herbert Gibbs, aged 23 years.

HORTON.—On 3rd August, 1916, Laurence William Adey Horton, aged 17 years.

MIDDLETON.—On 22nd March, 1917, Edith Middleton, of Craig-y-don, Llandudno.

MILLARD.—On 25th October, 1918, at the Friends' School, Sibford, Nellie Millard, of Hitchin, aged 28 years

PARSEY.—On 10th March, 1918, at Bradford, Yorks., Joseph Samuel Knight Parsey, aged 67 years.

PECKOVER.—On 4th October, 1917, at Upton St. Leonards, near Gloucester, Joseph Harris Peckover, aged 62 years.

SELMAN.—On 28th November, 1917, Joseph Newton Selman, killed in action.

THOMPSON.—On 11th March, 1918, at the Horton Infirmary, Banbury, of appendicitis, Metford Thompson, of Colchester, aged near 14 years.

WILSON.—On 11th March, 1916, at 46, Bath Road, Banbury, Frank Wilson, aged 46 years.

In the passing of ANNA MARY ABBATT, the Sibford villages sustained a great loss, for she was a friend to all, especially the sick and suffering, by whom her sympathising ministrations were much valued. Born at Sibford in 1841, she lived there all her life, with the exception of a few years after 1881, when she resided in Bolton, making a home for her nephew during his apprenticeship. She was among the scholars at Sibford School in 1857, under the first Superintendents, Richard and Rebecca Routh. In 1890 she married James Abbatt, who died in 1895. She continued in the same house, "Fair View," always taking much interest in the School children, many of whom were favoured with her kind hospitality to tea from time to time. Her death on January 22nd, 1918, at the age of 76, was very sudden and unexpected, but just such a close as she had desired. Her humility and unobtrusive kindness were a pattern to all.

"The memory of the just is blessed"

L. W. A. HORTON, of Emsworth, Hants, gave his own life to save the lives of two others from drowning.

So much of the comparatively short life of NELLIE MILLARD was spent at, or in touch with, Sibford that many Old Scholars will be familiar with her interests and activities in connection with the place. As a girl, she was an example of diligence and of conscientious discharge of duty, and she thoroughly enjoyed all the varying phases of school life. Her helpfulness to others, her quiet influence for good, her abounding cheerfulness and her capacity for both imbibing and imparting knowledge were notable features of her character. Whilst still a pupil she formed the resolution of some-time returning to her *alma mater* in the capacity of teacher. With this object in view, on leaving Sibford she entered the Hitchin Grammar School as a bursar, passing the Matriculation Examination of the London University, and obtaining the Examination Certificate of the Board of Education. She also keenly interested herself in Physical Training and in Art and Nature study. These attainments, combined with much useful practical experience in teaching, markedly qualified her for the post of Art Mistress at Sibford School, to which she was appointed in the summer of 1916. "This," says her sister, "had been the object of her ambition for years. The great event of her life from leaving school to her return as a teacher had been the S.O.S.A. annual gathering, and when she was appointed its secretary she thought that no effort was too great to be made in behalf of her beloved school. I seem to know Sibford life through and through from the graphic accounts she sent week by week to the time of her death. If 'Calais'

were written upon Queen Mary's heart, surely 'Sibford' was engraved on Nellie's."

To Nellie Millard the call from work to reward came with tragic suddenness. On an attack of influenza pneumonia quickly supervened, and within forty-eight hours she passed peacefully away on the 25th October, 1918, in the 29th year of her age.

News of the death of JOSEPH S. K. PARSEY, whose breezy and hearty presence at our annual gatherings will be long remembered, will come as a shock to many of our members. He used to say that his visits to Sibford were among the pleasures of his life, and within a few days of his unexpected decease, in writing to an old friend, he hoped that he might be privileged again to see "the dear old place."

J. S. K. P. was for many years a teacher in Friends' Schools, beginning his career at Sibford and subsequently doing good service at Croydon and Ackworth Schools. For a number of years he carried on private schools at North Shields and Bradford, ultimately relinquishing the teaching profession to become an insurance broker.

Truly was J. S. K. P. one of Sibford's most loyal sons!

R.B.O.

MARRIAGES.

BASSETT-LOWKE—JONES. March 21st, 1917, at Abingdon Avenue Congregational Church, Northampton, W. J. Bassett-Lowke, of Northampton, to Florence Jones, of Northampton.

BECK—ODDIE. July 22nd, 1919, at the Friends' Meeting House, Sibford Gower, Edward Curtis Beck, of Yeovil, to Gulielma Mary, daughter of Robert B. and Elizabeth M. Oddie, of Sibford.

BISHOP—SMITH. January 20th, 1919, at St. Augustine's Church, Edgbaston, Arthur Bishop, of Birmingham, to Margaret Smith, of Omagh, Co. Tyrone.

BROWN—NEWALL. February 18th, 1915, in Canada, David Brown, of Alberta, Canada, to Dorothy Newall, formerly of Sibford Grounds.

DEARDEN—PEARCE. January 30th, 1918, at the Friends' Meeting House, Mitcham, John William Dearden, of London, to Bessie Pearce, of Devonshire.

FIELDHOUSE—FAIRBANK. February 26th, 1919, at Girlington Church, Bradford, Reginald Fieldhouse, of Nun-eaton, to Elsie Fairbank, of Bradford.

GITSHAM—WILKINSON. January 1st, 1919, at Bourne-mouth, Ernest Gitsham, of Bristol, to Louisa E. Wilkinson, of Birmingham.

GREAVES—ODDIE. August 19th, 1918, at the Friends' Meeting House, Hook Norton, Walter Fernie Greaves, Lieut. Yorks. and Lancs. Regiment, of Rotherham, to Elizabeth Brearley, daughter of Robert B. and Elizabeth M. Oddie, of Sibford.

PARKIN—HAM.—June 29th, 1918, at Bream Church, Gloucestershire, Frank Parkin, of Wells, to Hilda Ham of Cheddar.

Degrees Taken and Examinations Passed by Old Scholars.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.—M.A. Degree in Absentia: PERCY O. WHITLOCK, St. John's College.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—B.A. (Honours): LUCY T. SALTER.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL.—B.Sc.: THEODORA HODGKISS.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.—Section "B" Mediæval and Modern Language Tripos (2nd Class Honours): MARJORIE BIRKETT.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—1st Medical Examination, July 1918: BEDFORD DEANE, University College, 2nd Medical Exhibition (55 guineas).

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM.—Intermediate B.Sc.: E. ERIC QUINTON.

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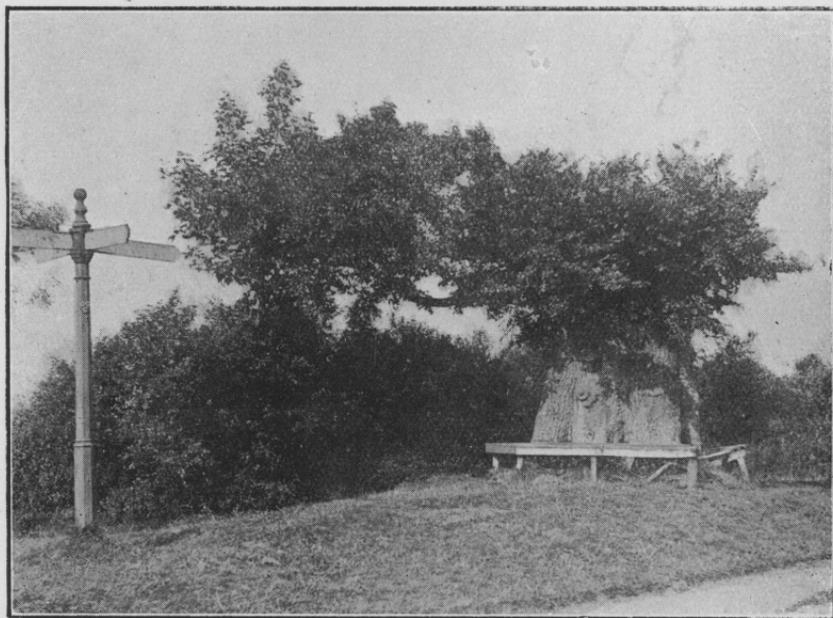
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Squire, Louisa	6, Mill-lane, Station-road, Glastonbury.	Ward, Norman E.	Springfield, Marple, Cheshire.
Stebbing, Donald	21, Middlemarch-road, Radford, Coventry.	Ward, Thomas	Do. do.
Stebbing, William	Do. do.	Warner, Alice (née Whitlow) (t)	Thornleigh, Derwent-road, Stoneycroft, Liverpool
Stevens, Ernest	89, Blenheim-road, Reading.	Waterfall, Wilson	Clery Coed, Gnoll-avenue, Neath.
Stevens, Ethel	Do. do.	Watts, Mrs. J. J.	17, School-grove, Withington, Manchester.
Stevens, Harry	Do. do.	(née Lee)	
Stimpson, Louisa ('90-'92)	7, Broad Walk, Stratford-on-Avon.	Wells, Annie R. (t '90)	28, Woodbrooke-road, Bournville.
Stimpson, Sibley	Do. do.	Wells, S. A.	Do. do.
Stimpson, James	Do. do.	Wells, Ernest, M.A.	Grammar School, Alcester.
Sykes, George (c)	Bernards-road, Olton, Birmingham	(t '85-'90)	
Taylor, Grace	Mentone Villa, Aspley Guise. Woburn Sands, Bedfordshire.	Wells, Elsie	466, Moseley-road, Birmingham.
Taylor, Irene	Swalcliffe Grange, near Banbury.	Wells, Gordon	Do. do.
Taylor, William	Do. do.	Wells, Marjorie	Do. do.
Taylor, Ruth	13, Bessborough-street, West- minster.	Wells, Wilfrid	1, Barn Close, Street, Somerset.
Thacker, Austin	68, Hampstead-road, Handsworth, Staffordshire.	Wells, Winifred	3, Leys-avenue, Letchworth, Herts.
Thicks, Winifred	Henley, Victoria-avenue, Swanage.	Wells, G. Ronald	Do. do.
Thomas, Albert H.	12, Russell Gardens, Golders Green- road, Hendon.	West, Annie	12, Parsons-street, Banbury.
Thompson, Muriel	c/o Mrs. Impey, Myland Hall, near Colchester.	Westlake, Walter	Hodge Hay, Long Sutton, Somerset
Thompson, Ruth	37, Northfield-road, King's Norton, Birmingham.	Westlake, Isabel A.	Do. do.
Tozer, Robert	64, Great Tichfield-street, London, W.	White, Clifford	Bay Cottage, Wrington, Somerset.
Tye, Dorothy	122, Northfield-road, King's Norton, Birmingham.	Whitlock, Frank J. ...	Salisbury House, Rugby.
		Whitlock, Arthur J. ...	65, Bridge-street, Banbury.
		Williams, Alfred (t)	East End, Hook Norton, Nr. Banbury.
		Williams, Eleanor	21, Leghorn-road, Harlesden, N.W.
		Williams, Mary	Court House, Llantwit Major, Nr. Cardiff.
		Williams, Ambrose	Do. do.
		Williams, Stanley	742, Stratford-road, Birmingham.

Willmott, Raymond B. 1, Primrose-road, South Woodford,
Essex.
Wilson, Christine 74, Ridge-road, N.8.
Willson, Mabel K. Western Lodge, Billericay, Essex.
Wilson, Winifred c/o Nurse's Home, London
Hospital, Whitechapel, E.
Wilson, Annie 87, Bath-road Banbury.

Wilson, Florence Dunster House, Mincing-lane,
London, E.C.
Woodhead, Harold 47, Grosvenor-road, Rugby.
Wright, Geoffrey 72, Landeroft-road, E. Dulwich.
Wright, Ralph B. 35, Bostall Hill, Plumstead, S.E.
Wykes, Colin F. 59, Midland-road, Wellingborough.

SIBFORD MEMBERS.

Buckley, Margaret (née Ogilvie) Elm Farm, Sibford Ferris.
Harris, Sarah Eliza (57-'60) The Cottage, Sibford Ferris.
Harrod, James Tyler B.A. (t '06) Sibford School.
Harrod, Mrs. J. T., B.A. (t '06) Do.
Lamb, Adeline Jane ... Pool Cottage, Sibford Gower.
Lamb, Edith E. (s '81-'83 t '96-'03) Sibford Gower.
Lamb, Lucy Sophia (née Binns) (s '66-'71, t '71-'82) Sibford Ferris.
Lamb, Bernard Do.
Lamb, Frederick Do.
Lamb, Edna Elm Ridge, Sibford Gower.
Lamb, Freda Do.
Lamb, John Alfred Do.
Lamb, Major Richard ... Do.
Lamb, Rachel Jane Do.
Lamb, Raymond Do.

Oddie, Robert Brearley ... Sibford Ferris.
Oddie, Elizabeth M. (née Shout) Do.
Oddie, Edgar M. Do.
Oddie, Helen Muriel .. Do.
Reason, William, J.P. ... Holmby House, Sibford Ferris.
Reason Ethel C. Do.
Sabin, L. Annie Sibford Ferris.
Sabin, Jane Do.
Tarver, Nellie (née Wilks) Sibford Gower.
Tarver James Burdrop, near Banbury.
Wells, Samuel A. ('73-'78) Sibford Gower.

MEMBERS RESIDING ABROAD.

Absalom, Mary Hestor ... c/o Mrs. Tanner, Mendip Ye Puke,
New Zealand.
Angel, E. R. c/o H. R. Angel and Co. 120,
Liberty-street, New York.
Beck, Gulielma Mary (née Oddie) Clodagh Estate, Matale, Ceylon.

Bizzell, Roydon H.	Meerlust Farm P.O. Groot Drakenstein, Cape of Good Hope.	May, Harold Robert	Royal George Hotel, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada.
Calcraft, Herbert A.	Borden, Saskatchewan Canada.	Megirian, John Jay	666, East, 141st-street, New York.
Clarke, Margaret	Friends' Mission, c/o British Office, Constantinople.	(^{'98-'01})	
Crosland, Harold	North Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia.	Megirian, Joseph J.	Do. do.
Davis, Harry O.	Post Office, High River, Alberta.	(^{'98-'01})	
Dixon, Ernest	P.O. Box 96, Macleod, Alberta.	Megirian, Nevdon (^{'00-'03})	Do. do.
Dixon Harold	Do. do.	Mold, John	Tisdale, Saskatchewan, Canada.
Edmunds, Albert J., M.A. (t ^{'73-'74})	1300, Locust-street, Philadelphia. Edmonton, Canada.	Muggeridge, Albert	Hawera, New Zealand.
Gathercole, Maud	Edmonton, Canada.	Muggeridge, Alfred	Manuhahi, Taranaki, New Zealand.
Gilbert, Walter C.	47, Wilson-avenue, Murray Hill, Flushing, Long Island, New York.	Muggeridge, Amos	Box 636, G.P.O. Wellington, New Zealand.
Gill, Egerton	Thames Avenue, Auckland, New Zealand.	Muggeridge, Charles	Oeo, Taranaki, New Zealand.
Gower, Hugh T.	2351, Green-street, San Francisco, U.S.A.	Muggeridge, Frank	Manaia, Taranaki, New Zealand.
Horne, John	Box 404, Portland, Ore, U.S.A.	Newall, Edgar C. (^{'-'03}) ...	c/o 107, Barcombe Avenue, Strat-ham Hill, S.W. 2.
Johnston, Mary E. (née Perkins) (^{'72-'74}) ...	83, Napoleon-street, Newark, New Jersey, U.S.A.	Oliver, Richard (^{'89-'94}) ...	Tisdale, P.O. Saskatchewan, Canada.
Judge, Arthur W. (^{'-'87})...	c/o Cooper, Logan and Co., East London, South Africa.	Peckover, G. H.	c/o Earlham House, Junction-road, Southsea.
Knight, Hubert G.	Government Building Department P.W.D. Entebbe, Uganda.	Price, Richard F.	c/o Samuel Price, 5, Pakenham-road, Birmingham.
Lakeman, Ada	Kingscourt, Ontario, Canada.	Quertier, Alfred	Guernsey Park, Chataura, Southland, New Zealand.
Lakeman, E. Prideau (^{'72-'75})	Haleville, Ala, U.S.A.	Reed, J. H.	
Lamb, Sarah E. J.	Box 22, Lakepost P.O., Colbourne, Ontario, Canada.	Reeve, Charles F.	Poona and Indian Village Mission, Nasrapur, Bhor State, Bombay, Presidency, India.
Lawson, Frank	c/o N. Saunders, Borden, Saskatchewan, Canada.	Thorpe, Emily (née Ashby) (^{'44-'48})	321, West Front-street, Plainfield, New Jersey, U.S.A.
Lower, Arthur P. (^{'93-'97})	Windrush, Peel-road, S. Launceston, Tasmania.	Vandervord, Stanley	68, Morrison-street, Niagara Falls, Ontario.
Marriage, Kathleen (née O'Neill) ..	Oneonta, Mullinville, Kansas, U.S.A.	Waites, T. P.	Box 5705, Johannesburg.
		Warner, A. Louise	
		Wells, Ronald	Prospect Hill Farm, Waterloo Iowa, U.S.A.

Whitlock, Ernest E. ... 531, Osborne-street, Winnipeg,
Man.
Whitlock, Percy O., M.A. Ravenshaw College, Cuttack, India
Williamson, Alice (née Address not known.
Knight) (s and t
'83-'91)
Wood, Emilie (née Wad- N'gongo House, Nairobi, British
dington) East Africa.
Young, Mabel Canada

NEW MEMBERS

who have left School since Whitsuntide 1918, and to whom membership of the S.O.S.A. is free until Whitsuntide 1920.

Baseley, Godfrey Alvechurch, Birmingham.
Bax, Freda 20, Homecroft-road, Sydenham,
S.E.26.
Bultitude, Gladys 77a, Inglethorpe-street, Fulham,
S.W.
Badham, Phoebe Campden, Glos.
Chatton, Gladys Ingledene, Wells, Norfolk.
Clark, John Battleton Lodge, Evesham.
Caudwell, Paul Dewes Farm, Sutton Wick,
Abingdon.
Freestone, Ernest 43, Harger-road, Plumstead, S.E.18
Farr, Phyllis Abermaw, Squirrel's Heath,
nr. Romford.
Grimes, Wilfred 28, Elsie-road, East Dulwich,
S.E.22.
Harding, Ralph 269, Hertford-road, Enfield
Highway.

Haycraft, Ena 13, Waterloo-road, Wellington,
Somerset.
Hartwell, Mabel 100, Moyser-road, Streatham,
S.W.16.
Hadley, Ewart 664, Stratford-road, Birmingham.
Harris, Kenneth Sibford Gower, near Banbury.
Hawkings, Marjorie 59, Melton-road, King's Heath,
Birmingham.
Hes, Harry 114, North-road, St. Andrews,
Bristol.
Lewis, Lilian 2, Rosehurst Villas, Woodland-
road, Tunbridge Wells.
Law, Tom 21, Queen Elizabeth Walk, N.16.
Mann, Olive F.M.H., Frenchay, near Bristol.
Mann, Violet 6, Cotteridge-road, King's Norton,
Birmingham.
Morland, Marjorie 161, Albert-road, Handsworth,
Birmingham.
Ostler, Ethel 24, Meredith-street, E.C.
Ostler, Gertrude Do. do.
Quinton, Ronald Denholme, Woodbrooke-road,
Bournville.
Rose, Alister 22, Alwyne Square, Canonbury,
N.1.
Sturge, Owen 38, Terminus Terrace,
Southampton.
Tite, Osborn Waterloo House, Witney.
Tite, Norman Do. do.
Walker, Maud Hewell-road, Barnt Green,
Birmingham.
Wells, Arthur 466, Moseley-road, Birmingham.
Wright, Louis Henham, Stansted, Essex.
Wilson, Leslie Gage Farm, Epwell, Banbury.
Woodroffe, Dorothy 63, Beaumont-road, Bournville.