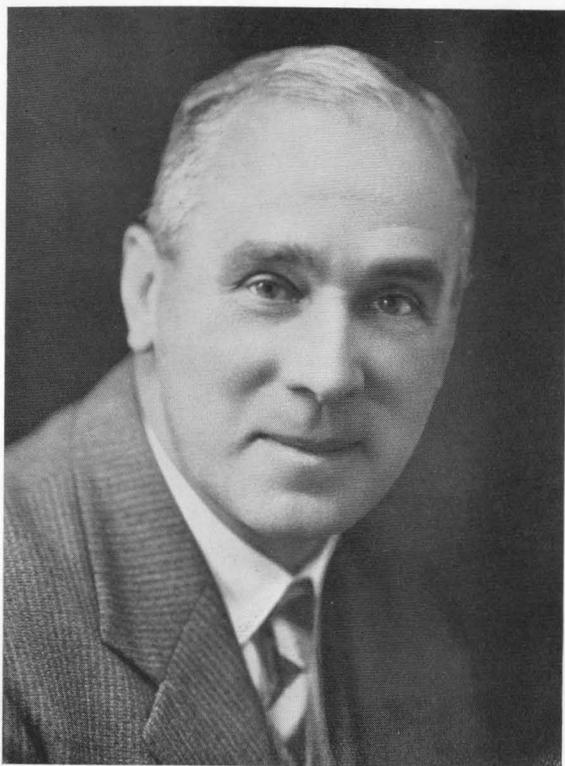


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1935

"YE MENNE OF SHEEP-FORD WENDATH
WHITHERSOEVER THEY WILEN."



PERCY O. WHITLOCK

President S.O.S.A., 1934-35.

Sibford Old Scholars' Association

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1935



FROM New Zealand to Sibford, more than six hundred Old Scholars are awaiting the arrival of this Annual Report; we have been for many weeks conscious of the increasing impatience with which the postman has been greeted morning by morning all over the world. We crave the indulgence of Old Scholars, who could not know that, the Editor having taken up residence at Geneva, the production of this magazine has been carried through under difficulties, not least of which was the vagaries of the international post, in which not only did the account of the Whitsuntide Gathering mysteriously vanish, but a carbon copy suffered the same fate. However, such difficulties surmounted, the Editor in Geneva and his sub-editors in England now place this issue before you, trusting that once more it may be a vital link between all "ye menne of Sheepford".

This Report tells of an Annual Gathering attended by record numbers: our Association thrives! It brings news of an excellent scheme for the "adoption" of a New Elm, in memory of Robert and Elizabeth Oddie. Again, there are valuable memoirs of the "Sibford of Yester-year", while the feature "Under the Old Elm" brings tidings of Old Sibfordians the world over. To all, we send greetings: we hope you will be with us at Whitsuntide; if your attendance is impossible, we look forward to the year when you *will* be there.

As we write, news comes from Sibford of new buildings now being erected. And we hear of interesting plans for next Whitsuntide Gathering, including a grand inauguration of the New Elm.



- FAY—STEVENS. On December 24th, 1934, at Reading, John J. Fay of Glasgow to Ethel E. Stevens of Reading.
- DAWE—BAYLY. February 23rd, at Bromley Registry Office, Henry T. Dawe to Edith May Bayly of Penge.
- MYALL—RUSSELL. April 6th, at F.M.H., Dorking, John C. Myall to Rosalin M. Russell of Dorking.
- SCOTT—BAX. On May 31st, at Friends House, Euston Road, James Birnie Scott of Watford to Freda Kathleen Bax.
- CARN—SMITH. On June 5th, at Eastbourne, C. Leslie Carn to Elizabeth Mary Smith of Eastbourne.
- REYNOLDS—MORLAND. On May 30th, at Paddington Registry Office, Joy Morland of London to James Reynolds of Coulsdon.
- FARR—PALMER. On April 15th, Edward P. Farr of Bedford Park, London, to Margery Palmer of Aylestone, Leicester.
- HARRISON—THOMAS. On June 8th, at Selly Oak, David Harrison to Elsie E. Thomas.
- THOMAS—BUNCE. On October 12th, at St. John's Church, Lewes, H. Austin Thomas of Hurstpierpoint and Lewes to Kathleen Bunce of Lewes.
- CHUTER—TINSEY. On April 20th, at F.M.H., Selly Oak, William A. J. Chuter of Frensham, Surrey, to Sheila M. Tinsey of Selly Oak.
- CHENNEL—BETCHLEY. On October 3rd, at East Grinstead, Sussex, John Chennell of Capel to Edith Betchley of East Grinstead.

BIRTHS, 1934-35

- CULLEN. On September 13th, 1934, at Didcot, to Muriel (*née* Brown), wife of Hector Cullen, a daughter, who was named Dorothy.
- HAWLEY. On November 23rd, 1934, at Birmingham, to Dorothy (*née* Grant) and Arthur T. Hawley, a daughter, who was named Janet Angela.
- WESTLAKE. On December 15th, 1934, to Marjorie (*née* Harrod), wife of Aubrey Westlake, a daughter, who was named Marjorie Carol.
- MYALL. On December 23rd, 1934, to Mary, wife of Stewart J. Myall, a son, who was named Michael Stevens.

- SHEPPERD. On March 26th, 1935, at Billericay, to Mabel K. (*née* Willson), wife of Robert F. Shepperd, a son, who was named Graham Lorimer.
- REYNOLDS. On June 9th, at Rickmansworth, to Owen W. and Rose Reynolds, a son who was named Roger Stewart.
- RUTTER. On April 24th, at Shaftesbury, to Herbert C. and Beatrice A. Rutter, a daughter, who was named Karin Olive.
- RUTTER. On July 20th, at Brummana Hospital, Syria, to Llewellyn and Winifred O. Rutter (*née* Barber), a daughter, who was named Janet Angela.
- BIRD. On November 8th, 1934, to Lawrence and Ruth M. Bird, of Sketchley, Leicestershire, a daughter, who was named Lucy Doris.
- BAYLY. On December 10th, 1934, to Gladys and James H. Bayly, of Paignton, Devon, a son, who was named Gerald.
- CLAYTON. On November 20th, 1934, to Norah and Aylwin Clayton, of Bournemouth, a son, who was named Michael Aylwin.
- GOUDGE. On March 4th, to Hilda (*née* Routledge) and Frederick E. Goudge, of Prestwick, Manchester, a son.
- WILSON. On February 14th, to Norman and Kathleen Wilson, of Banbury, a son.
- HARRISON. On November 26th, 1933, to Marie E. (*née* Nevill) and Walter T. Harrison, a son, who was named Graham Ansell.

DEATHS

- THOMAS. Suddenly, on Whit Monday, Emily Rose (*née* Chapman), wife of Henry Thomas, of College Lane, Hurstpierpoint, aged 59 years.
- HARRIS. On July 25th, at Woolman Cottage, Sibford Ferris, Septimus Harris, aged 86 years.
- HAWKINS. On September 16th, Jane Hawkins (*née* Ellis), aged 79 years.
- KAYE. On June 8th, at London, Walter J. Kaye, former Principal of Ilkley College.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

- Birmingham University and Midland Training Colleges Joint Board (Teachers' Certificate Examination).* E. MAY HARROD (including Advanced Biology and Credit in Music).
- General Nursing Council for England and Wales.* L. JOY HOOPER : Final State Examination.
- School Certificates.* PHILIP TURLAND (Honours), PATRICIA READ (Distinction in English), JOHN COXON, IAN HEDGER, MARGARET GREEN, HELEN HADDEN, MOLLIE NOAKES, WINIFRED SAVAGE.

SIBFORD OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION

LIST OF OFFICERS, 1935-36

President :

MARGARET C. GILLETT

Past Presidents :

1904	JOSEPH SPENCE HODGSON	1920-22	MABEL T. HARROD, B.A.
1904-05	DR. RICHARD L. ROUTH	1922-23	FRANK W. SNOW
1905-06	MICHAEL T. GRAVESON, J.P.	1923-24	ETHEL M. SHARP
1906-07	ROBERT B. ODDIE	1924-25	FRANK LASCELLES
1907-08	JOSEPH S. K. PARSLEY	1925-26	DR. MARGARET BRADY
1908-09	ELIZABETH M. ODDIE	1926-27	CHRISTOPHER MARTIN
1909-10	EDWARD P. KAYE, M.Sc.	1927-28	MIRIAM J. CARTER
1910-11	CHARLES E. BRADY	1928-29	ARNOLD J. KAYE
1911-12	ETHEL M. HARRISSON	1929-30	HENRY JAMES RANDALL
1912-13	ARTHUR B. ODDIE	1930-31	JAMES T. HARROD, B.A.
1913-14	LUCY S. LAMB	1931-32	THEODORA HODGKISS, B.Sc.
1914-16	JAMES T. HARROD, B.A.	1932-33	LIONEL GEERING
1916-19	ELIZABETH F. BROWN	1933-34	JANE SABIN
1919-20	THOMAS JACKSON	1934-35	PERCY O. WHITLOCK

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HOWARD QUINTON, Regnum, Wickersley Road, Rotherham.

Honorary Treasurer :

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JAMES BAYLY.

Representative on the School Committee :

P. O. WHITLOCK.

Editor of Report :

LESLIE THOMAS, College Lane, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.

Committee (in addition to above ex-officio Members) :

JAMES C. BAILY	HENRY LAWRENCE
REGINALD BARBER	DERRYCK HILL
LILY EAST	JOY REYNOLDS

Entertainments Committee for Annual Gathering, 1936 :

ALMA KAYE	DORIS ROE
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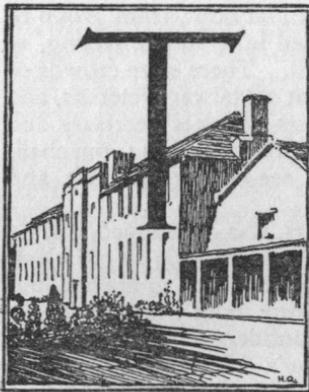
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MEMORIES OF WHITSUNTIDE

By
QUIDNUNC

Illustrated by HOWARD QUINTON



HAT morning, a hundred noses were pushed from a hundred British windows, sniffing the morning air. Would it be fine? Even the President's aldermanic figure, striding jauntily down his garden path in the early hours, betrayed anxiety! and J.T.H., bag in hand, having arrived on the platform hours too early, lifted his eyebrows at the lowering clouds. In the south, L— G— grinned happily—and hanged the weather—as his car slipped out of a garage and turned in the direction of Sibford.

They all arrived there, the President beaming like the new moon. None had seen the work that had gone before. None had seen Roland Herbert buzzing about like a bee in clover, to and fro the villages, from cottage to cottage, seeking shelters for the biggest invasion of Old Scholars—130—that Sibford had ever known. And never a refusal! never a complaint.

None had seen the school staff at their annual Whitsuntide penance, and none had seen the Editor painfully weeding the playground—on the Secretary's instructions. Yet they knew the labours that had gone before, and were grateful. Only the weather faltered, sulky and gloomy, and sometimes bitter. But, whether the weather be hot, or whether the weather be cold, what does it matter at Whitsuntide?

And before we go any farther, where were the babies? At their February meeting the Committee had discussed the possibility of establishing a crèche for the very young (the application card for accommodation, as Leslie Baily pointed out, required only the addition of: "I/we wish to bring a baby"), yet the offspring of Old Scholars were poorly represented.

[The weather was squally enough for us.—ED.]



Robert Bruce and the Spider.

We wandered, as we always do in that first hour, from group to group on the prom. and gradually trickled in to lunch, feeling, at first, a little strange in the Old Dining Hall. There were crowds of young Old Scholars, and the usual turn-out of stalwart veterans, and our very newest official, Howard Campion—Games Secretary and general week-end whip—announced all sorts of frolics: pushball, hockey, tennis, swimming, ping-pong, see-sawing, putting and croquet.

Cricket, for the first time in many years, was abandoned, but no weather could stop six-a-side hockey, with ping-pong in the classrooms. Hockey? True, it bore some resemblance to hockey, but these games on the grass of the new playing fields bore no resemblance to the fracas of the previous Whitsuntide, on the old concrete playground. This time Howard Quinton's All England XI won without a spot on their trousers! Sussex, Birmingham, West England and the School, gracefully deciding to let Howard have his way. Then we retired for tea.

This, the reception by Arthur and Jessie Johnstone, and lots of gossip, took place in the classrooms and on the terraces at "The Hill". [Note for old Old Scholars—"The Hill" is the name of the new building, sketched by Howard Quinton at the beginning of this article.] In a lull in the incessant chatter we glanced out through the great windows across to the blue distance of the Cotswolds and half wished we were at School again.

And if we were, would our French have been equal to "Un Quartier Tranquille", the amusing play which the School gave at their concert in the Gym. in the evening? Or would our acting have been so delightfully in character as that which we saw in "Mr. Sampson", the West Country comedy which a few of the seniors acted for us?

Out of the Gym. and into the Dining Hall, overflowing into the old Cookery Room, which, for the rest of the week-end, was Dining Hall No. 2. Back again in the Gym. for our evening reunion, we found Ron. Quinton and his band amusing us with a "Guest Night"



Queen Elizabeth and Raleigh.

à la Henry Hall, with Kathleen Rice as Gracie Fields singing "Out in the cold, cold snow-ow-ow"! Doris Roe and Gulie Harrod as Elsie and Doris Waters! Dorothy Tye reciting! Althea Clews playing the piano, and so on. Good fun this.

The inevitable hike to the Elm, under a fine moony sky, and then the old, old game of rockets under the Elm, led by the just-as-inevitable Arnold Kaye, and a few songs, and so to bed. In the Paddock, the House of Peers (otherwise known as the Tin Hut) received the Lordly ones: Wilfred Pollard, Howard Quinton, Leslie and Jim Baily, Leslie Thomas, and Reg. Barber, who slept on the floor there, . . . at least, we hope they slept, for 'tis whispered that—

[Censored!—Ed.]

Sunday began on the prom. railings, as it always has begun since they were there. We older Old Scholars welcome the new buildings, the re-organizations, the re-arrangement of premises at Sibford as signs of a vital spirit, but we hope the prom. and its railings will ever remain as they ever were, and that however great the extensions at "The Hill", the old building will never be cast aside.

While the Committee were at work in the old Inner "Stinks" Room, we lazed about or wandered slowly across to the Gower for Meeting. It was good to go there again, to catch once more the memories of Sunday mornings at School, . . . to some of us memories of Robert Oddie, to others of the days when James Harrod sat at the head of the meeting, while Mr. Thorpe watched with his "Meeting look" which always vanished afterwards, when we lounged by the masters' study waiting for the dinner bell, and he stood, hands in pockets, talking with us from the top step.

For the first time in the history of S.O.S. gatherings, we were able to play tennis on Sunday, through the kindness of Arthur Johnstone. Only thus could the rounds of the extensive tennis tournament be played off in time. After lunch we started out for Loughy Bell, a new site for the Whitsun picnic. We found it



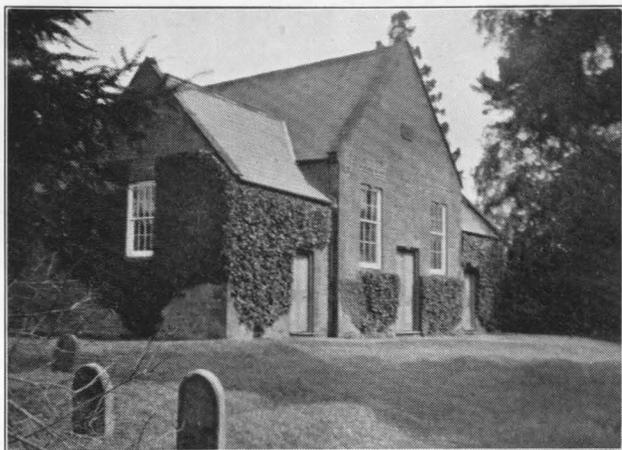
Ulysses and the Syrens.

mid-way between Temple Mill and Traitor's Ford, on the banks of the stream. We heard from James Harrod legends of monks and the discovery there of a monastery bell. President Whitlock and other perspiring waiters busily satisfied our appetites, the Secretary collected seven and sixpence for six pennyworth of broken crockery, and Robert Oddie's Old Scholars—half a dozen or more—held a little reunion of their own. When we returned there was no room for latecomers in the swimming bath. For the weather had turned hot.

After Doris Roe and Birmingham Old Scholars had acted another of the "Little Plays of St. Francis" on the Girls' Lawn, we squeezed into the Lecture Hall (*alias* Gym.) for evening meeting. The singing, and the address by Wilfred Littleboy, Clerk of the School Committee, was worth the little discomforts of space. Even the lobby was full. We went in to supper with thoughts of the long business meeting ahead. We misjudged our new Secretary, however, and his slick and modern ways. We listened to the President's excellent address, then we installed Charles Brady into the chair, and in a twinkling the meeting was over, and we strolling to the Elm, the stealthy crunch, crunch of many feet on the village lane, a cigarette end glowing there and here in the warm darkness, a moon above the tree-tops, God in his heaven, and all well with the world.

The Elm saw a bigger crowd that night than ever it had seen before, and Tyne Hill heard rockets of a volume it had never known. Esoteric exercises accomplished, our raggle-taggle army marched home and we last spied the residents of the House of Peers and cronies of a similar kin, arm in arm, marching, on and on and on . . . is it true that they danced a Roger de Coverley in the black shadow of the hedgerows by the Ghost House that night?

[This question has been referred to a member of the House of Peers. He replies: "The answer's a lemon." Alas, we are of a past age and understand not this modern slang.—ED.]



SIBFORD GOWER MEETING HOUSE

" . . . to catch once more the memories of Sunday morning at School."



A LEISURE MOMENT AT WHITSUNTIDE

Vera and Doris Roe, and Wilfred Pollard.



Picnic helpers: Ruth Taylor, Henry Lawrence and Gordon Wells.



Pearl Mayo, Muriel Andrews, Francis Thompson.



ON THE PROM.

Back row: Winifred Bowen, Paul Caudwell, Winifred Lycett, Muriel Andrews, Edith and Lionel Geering, Marjory and Norman Coxon, Monica Bowskill. Front row: Henry Poulton, Sid Morrissh, Betty Morland, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Willmott.



Margaret Lycett, John Hughes, Irene and Olive Wagstaffe.

WHIT. SNAPS

This year's problem picture is below—identify the legs.



Ex-President Frank Snow passes a bevy of beauty in the Paddock.



Betty and Joy and Jane Morland with Margaret Jones.



Nelson—Trafalgar Square and the Lions.

At breakfast the next morning we heard awful rumours of the approaching destruction of our Elm. Sanctions against the Parish Meeting to prevent such desecration were out of the question! So diplomacy was adopted, and a deputation hurried, forthwith, to interview the Vicar. James Tyler Harrod led the deputation ("to give it tone and dignity," as the President said), Charles E. Brady and Arnold Kaye supported him ("to smooth out legal difficulties"), and Leslie Baily ("to broadcast the result to the world") supported both. The result was a triumph for our diplomats, who came away with the assurance that our venerable Elm would not be disturbed and, further, with the New Elm scheme (described elsewhere) simmering in their minds.

Monday, of course, brought the usual day visitors, and we were glad to see Mrs. Harrod, with Elsie and May. The Monday-at-Sibford habit becomes increasingly popular among Very Busy Old Scholars.

Fickle again, the weather was now gusty and cold, but pushball tournaments at "The Hill" revived sluggish circulations. Here again the game was politely Victorian compared with previous sanguinary conflicts on the playground, and again Howard's "All Englanders" won, mainly because of their captain's habit of leaning wearily on the ball. That was enough.

The ping-pong tournament remained unfinished, but the tennis finals were completed before lunch, Wilfred Pollard and Kathleen Rice beating Arnold Kaye and Betty Swann, 6—2, 6—2.

The Secretary introduced a new idea for the afternoon picnic. Everyone was transported by private cars to the tea gardens at Edgehill, via Compton Wynyates, where we were shown over the house and gardens. At Edgehill at least 150 were crowded into the barn for tea. There was a brief tour of old haunts, and an ascent of the aged tower for a view of the battlefield. The tower showed grave signs of Anno Domini, and many were the O.S. saxpences loyally banged for the renovation fund. It was good to see



The Return of Christopher Columbus.

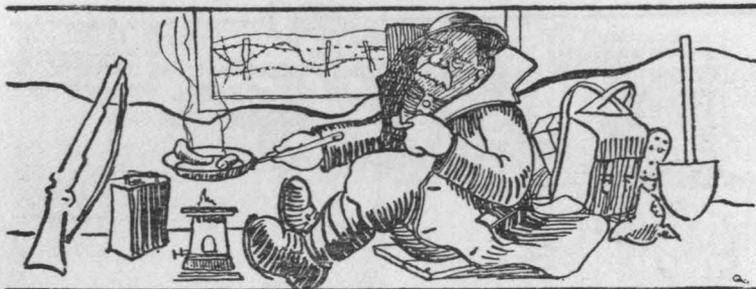
Mr. and Mrs. Bassett-Lowke from Northampton among us for the afternoon.

Then came the journey home, not, as of old, on the broad backs of the farm horses, and in the great Cotswold wagons, but swiftly and dustily in motor cars. Somehow it was not such fun.

But there were rumours of another "Baily Show" in the evening, and sentimental memories were forgotten in our eager scramble home. Nor were we disappointed. Jim and Leslie Baily's charade was almost a riot. From the moment we saw the spider ogling at kilted Geoffrey Long—alias Robert the Bruce—the fun bubbled over. The audience were asked to guess a word of seven letters, each letter being acted in dumb show, and each scene being "from history or mythology." History! why didn't we learn history like that at school? Why did we pore over those half-remembered tomes, and ponder over perfectly ridiculous questions, when history was really such a joke? Why were we never told that the saxophone came over with Columbus? Why, indeed, did we go to school at all? Ulysses and King Charles, apparently, were only human after all, and even Nelson wasn't so blind as he has been made out.

Ring up the curtain on the first scene again, and recall Geoffrey Long trying and trying again to look like Robert the Bruce. Remember that spider, a really fine piece of realism, and the bagpipes—ribbons afflutter from chair legs—and Dorothy Tye as a poor captive woman. We wept buckets of tears—but they were tears of laughter. And we thought the first letter must be either B for Bruce or R for Robert. In Scene Two the letter was apparently E, with Raleigh (Raymond Dyson) and Elizabeth (Kathleen Rice) proving that chivalry had its place in Merrie England. Has our Kathleen been understudying Mae West as well as Gracie Fields?

Even Homer turned up in pantaloons when in the third scene, Ulysses (Roland Herbert), with beard of patriarchal magnificence,

*Old Bill.*

appeared lashed to the mast of his ship (plank on four wheels), propelled by a lusty "crew" (Wilfred Pollard). The "crew" was easily vamped by our bewitching, long-haired Sibford sirens (Olive Wagstaffe and Lily East), but Roland was incorruptible.

Then Trafalgar Square at midnight, with Nelson (Roland again) posed nobly on his column; Dyson driving his 'bus (alias the afore-said ship); then, at the stroke of one, Nelson climbing gingerly from his perch to dance with the lions and flirt with the policeman (Joy Morland). Our sides were aching by the time Isabella of Spain (Dorothy Tye) arrived in scene five, to pack off the red-robed Columbus (Howard Quinton) across the Atlantic. What a wow of a riot when he turned up again in loud plus-fours, cigar and horn-rimmed specs, saxophone under arm, and a little hot jazz! Isabella soon picked up the rhythm. Hot-cha, Howard!

We went into convulsions in the next scene, when, squatting in his dug-out trying to fry a sausage, Old Bill (Henry Lawrence) gave up the job in disgust and hurled the sausage at the enemy. Bang on the blackboard, back-stage, went the sausage, and there it stuck.

Could we laugh any more? We could. Scene seven, and Geoffrey the Bruce turns up in new disguise—Nell Gwynn's ginger curls and ragged skirts (and orange barrow, of course). How well she vamped King Charles (Wilfred Pollard). We shall ever remember Polly rushing off-stage with Nell in the barrow, and that vehicle's collapse! (We hear that only after the expenditure of much brain and brawn was Nell finally extricated from the débris.)

Then that last scene of all, a touching reunion between the authors, as a Sibford schoolgirl and schoolboy, and the cast. What did it matter that the word "Reunion" was guessed in the fourth scene? We sank back in our chairs, almost relieved that the laughing was over.

Then to the Dining Hall again, and back to the Gym. for that last reunion. How very good it was to see Frank Snow taking part; Geoffrey Long gave us some more of his doleful epitaphs;



Charles and Nell Gwynn.

John Smith, some Hitler stories; Gulie Harrod her performing flea act; while we listened with great pleasure to the singing of Kathleen Rice's husband.

And as usual we felt just a little subdued as we wandered up to the Elm again, the last time for twelve long months. We were a record ring of 125 that night, and the rocketing and singing gladdened the heart of the ancient Elm. A gay crowd, yet touched with moments of quiet, . . . how lovely the softness of "Sweet and Low", under the everlasting stars, . . . how rollicking "London's Burning", . . . and so, grudgingly, to "Auld Lang Syne". And the final gossipings before the candles were snuffed and the sweet good-byes! and *was* it true that the House of Peers held midnight feasting? [The answer in this case is, we suspect, a bunch of bananas.—ED.]

On Tuesday, good-bye to all that. And later in the day, in our various corners of Britain, we tried to recapture the pleasures of Sibford, rare pleasures known for a few hours, treasured in the memory until Whitsuntide comes again, . . . and then we will go there once more.



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THE BUSINESS MEETING

THE annual business meeting, which was held in the Lecture Hall on Sunday evening, after supper, was one of the shortest on record (owing, it was alleged, to the methods of the new Secretary). After the President, P. O. Whitlock, had delivered his address, which is printed on another page, Charles Brady was duly installed in the chair.

Messages of greeting* were read from Old Scholars unable to be present, including Lucy A. Harrod (Reigate), Ethel and Kingsley Rutter (Shaftesbury), E. P. Kaye (Glasgow), and F. E. Goudge (Manchester).

[* Unfortunately, most of these messages have been mislaid. We apologize!—EDITOR.]

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Treasurer, Lionel Geering, read the financial statement :

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
<i>To</i>	£	s. d.	<i>By</i>	£	s. d.
Subscriptions received ..	45	2 0	Balance brought forward	15	6 0
Donations received ..	1	17 0	Cost of Printing and Dis-		
Bank Interest ..	2	19 5	tributing Report, 1934	56	8 0
Surplus Whitsuntide			General Expenses :		
Gathering, 1934 ..	5	17 3	Secretary and Treasurer	7	0
Sale of Magazines ..	8	0			
Sale of Badges ..	5	16 0			
Balance carried forward ..	10	1 4			
	£72	1 0		£72	1 0

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT.

<i>To</i>	£	s. d.	<i>By</i>	£	s. d.
Balance brought forward	126	0 0	Balance carried forward	126	0 0

CASH STATEMENT.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
At Bank	113	13 5	Life Membership Account	126	0 0
In Hand	2	5 3	<i>Less</i> General Account ..	10	1 4
	£115	18 8		£115	18 8

Stock of Badges £10 14 0

I have examined the above Statements with the books and vouchers, and in accordance therewith and the information received, certify them to be a true account for the period.

Lionel Geering,
Hon. Treasurer.
June 6th, 1935.

J. H. BAYLY,
Chartered Accountant.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President : MARGARET C. GILLETT, of Oxford, was unanimously elected President, on the proposition of P. O. WHITLOCK, seconded by NORMAN COXON.

Committee : GRACE FARR and WILFRED POLLARD automatically retired ; JOY REYNOLDS (*née* MORLAND) was added, with LILY EAST and DERRYCK HILL, who will represent Arthur Johnstone's Old Scholars.

Branch Secretaries : HOWARD CAMPION (London) resigned and was replaced by WILFRED POLLARD ; proposed by HOWARD CAMPION and seconded by ARTHUR WELLS.

FRED SHELDON (Birmingham) resigned and was replaced by the former Secretary, OLIVE WAGSTAFF ; proposed by DORIS ROE, seconded by GULIE HARROD.

All the other officers were re-elected.

JAMES HARROD referred to H. J. RANDALL's illness, and it was decided that a message of greeting and good wishes should be sent to him from Old Scholars.

GEORGE SYKES

JAMES HARROD also spoke of GEORGE SYKES, of Birmingham, who was in failing health. "George Sykes," he said, "was on the School Committee for over thirty years, retiring only about five years ago, and he has probably done more for the School than anyone else." Old Scholars, he added, did not know how much they were indebted to him. He supplied all the wood for the school workshops, and it was characteristic of his generosity that during the war he gave the extra profits that he made from the sale of his timber towards increasing the salaries of the School staff, which at that time were low. "He was always on the look-out for ways in which he could help the School," he continued, adding that "he was a man of the greatest kindness who was always hiding his light under a bushel."

It was unanimously agreed that the President should write to George Sykes, conveying to him the greetings of Old Scholars and expressing their deep appreciation of his work for the School.

The Headmaster's report is printed on another page.

TO NEW OLD SCHOLARS!

We understand that some recent leavers have not received notices of Branch functions, and they may have wondered whether they are invited. From the day they leave School, all Sibfordians are welcome at every function, and to new Old Scholars we extend a specially warm greeting. The above oversight was due to Branch Secretaries not receiving lists of leavers, and is being rectified.

INTRODUCING THE PRESIDENT

MARGARET C. GILLETT, the twenty-ninth President of the S.O.S.A., is one of the best friends of Sibford School. She is not an old scholar of Sibford, or of any other Friends' public school, but she is deeply interested in Friends' education, and in Sibford particularly.

The daughter of William and Helen Clark of Street, Somerset, where she was born in 1878, she was educated at Mary Ann Wallis's school at Southport, and at Newnham College, Cambridge, where she stayed for four years, taking both parts of the Moral Sciences Tripos. After Cambridge, she was at home for three years, occupying herself with such interests as women's political organization and enfranchisement.

In 1905 she took the opportunity of going to South Africa with Emily Hobhouse, and helped her establish the hand industries of spinning, dyeing and wool-weaving among Boer girls in the war-ravaged districts of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal. Thus she became very familiar with the Dutch-speaking population of South Africa, and made many good friends to whom she still makes long visits from time to time, with her husband.

In 1909 she married Arthur Bevington Gillett, of Oxford, at that time junior partner in the private banking firm of Gillett & Co. (now incorporated in Barclays Bank Ltd.). She has lived at Oxford for twenty-six years, and she has a grown-up family of three sons and one daughter.

Margaret Gillett has been Clerk of her Monthly Meeting and of her Quarterly Meeting, and for twelve years she has been a member of Sibford School Committee, whom she represents on the Friends' Central Education Committee. She was not only deeply interested in the preparation of schemes for the development of Sibford and of the plans for the new building, but she was also an extremely generous supporter of the building fund.

In a personal note, Margaret Gillett confessed to a feeling of dismay at having so little to say for herself! "I received the invitation to become President with the greatest pleasure," she wrote, "and I look forward to the openings for new acquaintance, and for extending my knowledge of the School—the Old Scholars being, after all, the School."

And Old Scholars look forward with the greatest pleasure to meeting Margaret Gillett!

W.L.T.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

BY P. O. WHITLOCK

I SHOULD like to preface my remarks to-night by thanking you as an association for the honour that you have conferred on me by making me your President for this year—an honour I should have appreciated all the more if I had been told that no presidential address was necessary.

Some of you may think that in view of a certain article that appeared in last year's report an address from me would be better "taken as read". I apologize for the egotistic and somewhat flippant words that appeared under my signature.. Your report Editor is largely to blame! He asked me to give a few biographical details so that, as I gathered, he might introduce me to his readers. Imagine my horror when I found my very words (which in my innocence I thought were to be merely a few facts and fancies for the Editor to work up), given in full with no editorial padding to soften their asperities! Perhaps, however, no serious harm has been done. Good may even result as I have been placed on my guard knowing—as I do now—that my little indiscretions will be handed down to posterity!

In looking through some old S.O.S. Reports, I was struck more than once by the number of events that I had completely forgotten of the early days of our Association. Many happy memories were recalled from the limbo of oblivion and I could not help but feel when thinking over the last twenty-five years—a period naturally suggested in this wonderful Royal Jubilee year—like some Rip Van Winkle who after a long period of time in another world had been brought once again to the scenes of his former activities. True I do not possess a beard of twenty years growth nor had I been entirely asleep though I had been in the land of Nod if, as some believe, that country is India.

Rip Van Winkleish I began to muse and marvel over the changes that had occurred during my long absence. I began with Sibford. Here I found a re-born school into which public-spirited, far-seeing and generous folk had without stint poured money and treasure in the shape of brains and service. I saw beautiful class-rooms on a site the view from which must be a continual inspiration to all those who are privileged to work and play there. Quite obviously "shades of the prison-house" do not begin to close upon the growing child in this lovely spot. In the village of Sibford, though fortunately not much changed externally, I found a happier because more independent people with plenty of entertainment for their much greater leisure. Their children, it was good to see, were infinitely better clad and physically fitter than those of twenty-five years ago.

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To PAGO PAGO

in the South Seas wendath Irene Berry (née Mayo-Smith) pictured above with her husband (and Pagoan onlook



To SIBFORD (right)

wendath Arnold Kaye, Henry Lawrence and Howard Campion . . .



*and TO THE RIVER
wendath London Old
Scholars for their annual
river picnic.*



Vera Roe exhibits Robert Bruce's spider (a beetroot with pipe-cleaner legs) to Dorothy Tye, Mary Wells, Wilfred Pollard, and Raymond Willmott.



CAST OF THE CHARADE

Reading from the page boy to right—Howard Quinton, Leslie Baily, Dorothy Tye, Henry Lawrence, Kathleen Rice, Raymond Dyson, Gulie Harrod, Geoffrey Long, Roland Herbert, Wilfred Pollard, Jim Baily, Joy Morland; (seated) John Hughes, Lily East, Olive Wagstaffe, Merlin Phillips.



James Harrod addresses the Lougy Bell picnic.

I spread my gaze from the microcosm of Sibford farther afield. I noticed, at any rate, a superficial levelling-up of classes and a better standard of dress amongst men and women. No longer, apparently, could social status be judged by clothes. The flannel trousers and pull-overs of the men and the silk stockings of the women-folk had affected something like a revolution. The rich idiom and pleasant intonation of the dwellers in rural districts had not disappeared in spite of the jeremiads of certain people who told me that an institution known as the B.B.C. was doing its best to inculcate a "standard English". How delighted one was to find that this was not really the case when one heard the Cotswold shepherd's broadcast talk immediately before the King's speech last Christmas Day. Many of us must have been transported in thought at that time to Sibford. Personally I heard the very accents of men of Sibford whom I have known and loved for forty years.

Continuing my gazings and my musings, I remarked that the people, speaking generally, appeared slimmer. (In this respect, my girth, if nothing else, dated me badly!) They appeared more vital and the women particularly were more lissom and graceful though in many cases I noticed that they favoured adventitious aids for the enhancement (I will not say beauty) of their complexions. Youth was distinctly healthier in appearance. This, I was led to believe, was due to greater facilities for outdoor games and exercise, to something known as hiking (a word I could not find in my dictionary dated 1910), to youth organizations with their hostels, to cycling which in 1910 had almost fallen into desuetude, to the re-discovery of the countryside with its attendant advantages to health and strength.

I was amazed to see the magnitude of the roads, the numbers of people on them and the enormous increase of motor traffic, the spread of the town into the country, the interest of the bulk of the people in the beauty of rural England and the keener appreciation of Nature. At last, apparently, the people of England had awakened to the consciousness of a great possession in their very midst, and the National Trust, aided by generous and public-spirited donors, were assisting in this awakening by placing at the disposal of the people for all time beautiful stretches of our countryside.

I heard with astonishment in this Jubilee year that during our King's reign the savings of the people in Government-controlled thrift institutions had quadrupled; that life insurance premia had trebled; that the people of this country drank fifty per cent. more tea and smoked sixty per cent. more tobacco (how much of this increase, thought I, was due to the women indulging in men's former prerogative?) and their bank deposits were nearly trebled. Certainly, to make the position less rosy, my informant told me that the national budget had risen nearly five-fold and that the national debt was seven thousand million pounds. But even with these

terrible burdens, there could be no doubt in my mind that the material condition of the people had been wonderfully improved and this despite the fact that the country had been engaged for over four years in this quarter-century in a life and death struggle when money and lives had been expended in a manner which bordered on insanity.

I travelled extensively throughout England and could not but deplore the disappearance of many of the "stately homes of England" which had either been demolished or converted into schools or asylums, now, I was informed, called more sympathetically mental hospitals. I visited Compton Winyates and prayed that she might be spared for all time from a similar fate. I found that London had changed almost out of recognition. Apart from merely external changes, a great deal of its former ceremonial—and perhaps dignity—had disappeared and with it to a great extent the "topper"—that former emblem of utter respectability.

I visited some schools and found that the standard of education was altogether higher than it had been in 1910. I was inclined to think that the time tables were too full and that youth was not as well-grounded in basic subjects as formerly. But I had no doubt in my mind that the education given was far better fitted than formerly for the development of mind, body and personality. Concurrently with the higher standard of education, a higher standard in examinations was demanded so that a boy or a girl who passes the higher certificate examination of to-day is almost on a par, as regards educational attainments, with the pass graduate of 1910. How far this had been brought about by the large entries of the brighter children from elementary schools into our secondary schools and how far by the greater insistence by the community on a higher standard of education, it would be difficult to assess. Certain it is, that all classes are benefiting by a broader and wiser education and knowledge is being spread in "widest commonalty". Our great public schools have been revolutionized to a greater extent perhaps than any other type, though the elementary schools have shared in this wonderful renaissance of true education within the limits that are set by a leaving age of fourteen which we hope and believe will shortly be raised to fifteen. Youth is certainly coming into its inheritance and our King has realized this by giving his consent to a great Jubilee Trust which has as its object the helping of all societies which are working for the moral and physical improvement and equipment of the youth of the nation.

John Buchan in his recent book, *The King's Grace*, to which I here pay my acknowledgments for several suggestive thoughts, points out that we might have expected some great creative impulse to have followed the devastating world-war of 1914-18. Do we look in vain? Admittedly there is a spirit of idealism in this country; it is true that class barriers have broken down to some extent, that there is a broader humanitarianism evident on all sides,

that education is endeavouring to meet the demands of a new world, that Governments are trying, though perhaps feebly, to master the evils of unemployment and that the social sense has been aroused. Can we, however, see anything analogous to what followed the long struggles against Spain in the sixteenth century or against Napoleon in the nineteenth century? Perhaps we are too near to discern any epoch-making movements in this country, and twenty-five years hence my successor will be able to see the fruit of the aspirations of to-day. In any case let us be encouraged by these words of the acute observer and imaginative author whom I have just mentioned:—"I question if the historian will find in Britain's record a more honourable page than that which tells of the decade and half after peace. Without the frosts of war to nerve her or the sun of prosperity to warm her, she trudged along the muddy roads of the great thaw. With broken tools, she built the rudiments of a new dwelling which, if the fates be kind, may be a worthier edifice than that which it has replaced."

And there perhaps I ought to end. I have long since thrown off my disguise, but I feel that having said something of the past and the present, I ought to say a few words about the future in which, after all, most of you are more intimately concerned. Can we speculate about this? I suppose we may assume that there cannot be another world war. If there is, all speculation is useless for civilization, as we know it, must inevitably disappear. On the assumption that the destructive in man is kept well chained and that the creative is given full scope, we may take it as certain that scientific invention and discovery will be accelerated, that diseases which have hitherto baffled doctors will be curable, that the average expectation of life will be still further increased and that we shall retain our youth and vigour still longer. Poverty must disappear—poverty both of body and mind. There will be more leisure for all. How that will be employed, whether for good or ill, depends largely on the education our schools are giving to-day. Wherefore let me put in a plea for education for leisure—hand-work, gardening, nature study and the teaching of appreciation of the best in art and in literature, especially poetry; for it is the poets

*"Who gave us nobler lives and nobler cares;
The poets, who on earth have made us heirs
Of truth and pure delight by heavenly lays."*

These things are not forgotten where we are meeting; for the most part they have always been associated with Friends' schools but they tend to be forgotten sometimes in these days of crowded time-tables. Love of Nature can hardly fail to be inculcated here, but let us remember that it is not every child that has an instinctive love of Nature. Wordsworth's fancy that we are less alive to the glory of external nature as childhood recedes is just the reverse of

everyday experience. We teach appreciation of music, of art, of literature. May we not expect that our children should be unconsciously taught to appreciate Nature so that in later life they may experience the joy and the moral and intellectual strength that comes from close communion with her, and perhaps even be led to God through Nature's God.

And one last thought. It becomes more and more necessary that our parents and teachers should instil into the minds of youth a keen sense of social duty and a love for the poor and afflicted. They should show "not only with their lips but in their lives" that a broad humanity is the surest passport to world peace and happiness. We may then find that the narrow nationalism of to-day will be merged into an internationalism which is the only sure bulwark of peace. Then, too, we may find that Tennyson's remarkable prediction will be fulfilled in its entirety. You remember how, writing nearly one hundred years ago, he prophesied in "Locksley Hall" the conquest of the air for commerce and war, the League of Nations and the Federation of the World:—

*"For I dipt into the future, far as human eye could see,
Saw the Vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be ;*

*Saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosies of magic sails,
Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales ;*

*Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there rain'd a ghastly dew
From the nations' airy navies grappling in the central blue ;*

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*Till the war drum throbb'd no longer, and the battle-flags were furl'd
In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the world."*

WALTER J. KAYE

WALTER JENKINSON KAYE, M.A., F.S.A., eldest son of the late Walter J. Kaye, M.A., formerly Principal of Ilkley College, Yorkshire, died in London on June 8th, 1935.

He was educated at Ackworth School and at Ilkley, and at the Universities of Durham and Brussels, and for a period taught at Sibford under the later Robert Oddie.

Following the bent which always attracted him he became a well-known archæologist and antiquary. Author of a number of books on his favourite subjects, probably his chief work, issued in

1922, was "Records of Harrogate," the most complete collection of local original documents hitherto published.

Prior to the war, Walter Kaye acted as special correspondent to a national newspaper from Cannes on the Riviera, where he was then resident, and he published a volume on Grasse, the historic town now devoted to the manufacture of perfumery. He was particularly well known for his antiquarian works on parish history, monumental brasses and Roman vases.

For some years Walter Kaye was hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Parish Register Society, and later was Crown Record Agent in London. He was a co-opted member of the Library Committee of the Harrogate Corporation, and had been both secretary and treasurer for many years of the Harrogate Literary Club. He was the brother of Arnold, and of E. P. Kaye.

The interment took place at Harrogate after a service at Christ Church there conducted by his friend the Bishop of Knaresborough.

MISS THAME

ALL Old Scholars who knew Miss Thame will be very sorry to hear of her death, which took place at the end of September.

She had been for nearly the whole of her life closely connected with the Sibfords and bound up with their interests. For many years she was housekeeper to Dr. Routh, one of our first Presidents, and after his death Miss Thame bought his house and continued to live in it until quite recently, when she went to live with her sister, Mrs. William Poulton, at Burdrop.

Many Old Scholars and others connected with the School remember with gratitude Miss Thame's kindness, courtesy and her unfailing cheerfulness and hospitality. Though not a Friend, her wide sympathies embraced everyone connected with Friends and the school and she was never more pleased than when she could show Old Scholars round her beautiful garden which she had seen grow up under the fostering care of Dr. Routh, William Hawtin and herself. Her home and garden at Malvern House she loved with a passion that is almost out of date in these days when houses are sometimes little more than dormitories rather than homes, and she communicated to those of us who had the pleasure of knowing her and enjoying her companionship something of the charm of old-world Sibford and the Cotswold countryside.

Sibford, and a much larger area than the village, is infinitely poorer for the passing of Miss Thame, and it is fitting that brief reference should be made in this report to one who was the soul of truth, honour and courtesy, and who always had at heart the good name of the school and the interests of its old scholars.

P.O.W.

THE SCHOOL YEAR

A BOY'S VIEW

LAST year the number of scholars again increased, reaching a total of 154. There was quite a considerable change in the Staff: Mr. Whiteside was the new science master; Miss Jones the domestic science mistress; and Mr. Naylor the English and maths. master. In the winter term Mr. Wailes officiated in the woodwork room in place of Mr. Herbert, who was away visiting other schools.

In the autumn term the swimming bath became cracked, whilst the boiler completely passed away, so that swimming had to be postponed until the summer term. As usual the entire school went blackberrying, and, as usual, collected large numbers of blackberries and dirty stains.

We were interested by the Singer film and tantalized by the Cadbury one, whilst an Old Scholar, John Hughes, showed us another film concerning the Youth Hostels Association.

Hallow-e'en was again the scene of festivities on both sides of the school. November 5th was celebrated with fireworks, a bonfire, and Mrs. Johnstone's treacle toffee.

Parties went to the Banbury concerts, while five musical concerts were presented at the school. The Pilgrims and Frank Butler provided us with light entertainment, to say nothing of the "history without tears" given by the Old Scholars, while Oxford Young Friends performed for us "The Other Wise Man". We have enjoyed seven lectures on a wide range of subjects, and have been visited by Harvey Theobald, J. S. Hoyland, Francis Knight, Dr. Sanger, a lady from Madagascar, and two members of the staff of an International school in Holland, and also Laurence Housman himself, who read several of his plays.

At Christmas we performed Galsworthy's "Silver Box"—the most ambitious production which the school has yet attempted—together with a French play, "Un Quartier Tranquille". The latter was presented to the Old Scholars and again at General Meeting, together with "Mr. Sampson", a one-act play in Somersetshire dialect.

As usual, a party went to Yearly Meeting. The Fifth Form saw "As You Like It" at Stratford, while the Third Form again visited Broughton Castle. We enjoyed the usual picnics at Whichford and Edge Hill, and on the former a walking party helped to extinguish a thatch fire in Long Compton.

The year has been, as usual, happy and successful. House kenness has been shown by Nansen and Penn plays, hobbies have found an organized outlet in the Societies, and social consciousness has been demonstrated by the activities of the Peace Society.

ALAN P. CARLTON SMITH.

GIRLS' SPORTS

The hockey season opened with a great deal of enthusiasm, and in view of this it was disappointing that the first eleven lost most of their matches. Their failure was chiefly due to a lack of co-operation, and to the forwards' hesitancy. The juniors, however, were more successful. The results were: first eleven, played 10, won 1, lost 7, drawn 2; second eleven, played 4, won 3, drew 1.

Netball was played in the winter and spring terms, but the play was not good enough for outside matches. We hope to arrange these in the future.

There were several notable achievements at the School Sports, held on a bitterly cold day at the end of the Easter term. Yolande Ellis, who was senior champion with 55 points, cleared 4 ft. 4 ins. in the high jump, while Joan Hilling cleared 14 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in the senior long jump and Peggy Bishop 12 ft. 6 ins. in the junior jump. The junior champion was a First Former, Peggy Yeoman, with 56 points.

The summer term was too short for all our activities. Enthusiasm for cricket increased, but we had few matches as they were not easily obtainable. We were twice beaten by Banbury County School, but we beat Great Tew Ladies, who raised a team for our benefit.

Tennis was definitely weak, and the house matches revealed that it was not ability, but enthusiasm for intelligent practice, which we lacked.

M.E.J.

BOYS' GAMES

Interest in games and sports has been well sustained throughout the year, though very few matches have been won.

The football eleven was distinctly patchy. Lambourne and Turland were the most reliable players, and they worked hard to hold the team together. A. Ladd developed into a fast outside right, but needed more ball practice to be really effective.

Many of the older boys show great keenness for hockey, and they look forward to the spring term when we get the sticks out. The standard of play is not high, but it should improve a good deal if we can get the playing surface less bumpy. We enjoyed some good games, and honours were evenly divided.

The newly-laid cricket pitch seems to have been more to the liking of our opponents than to us, as we have not won a match on it yet. We had a good fixture list and we played 11 matches, losing 10 and drawing 1.

Our chief weakness was in bowling and fielding. We had no real attacking bowler, and the ground fielding leaves much to be desired. On the batting side, D. Butler did well and played several stylish innings. D. Lambourne was our best all-rounder, scoring most runs and taking most wickets in the season.

THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT

WORK and play, endeavours and successes, and an endless succession of interesting visitors. Thus the year's round at Sibford.

Christmas term opened with dismal news. The swimming bath, after thirty years' loyal service, struck work when the heating apparatus broke down, and swimming had to be forgotten. Luckily he recovered for the summer, and life-savers and learners vied with each other in their enthusiasm.

Our societies continue to flourish. The Peace Society, after organizing an open-air meeting, did good work in Sibford and the surrounding villages for the Peace Ballot, while the Science, Literary, and Art and Craft Societies seem to have been incessantly busy. A slight rearrangement in the curriculum enabled certain times to be set aside for studies of individual choice, and this was appreciated.

End-of-term plays were ambitious—an amusing French play, "Un Quartier Tranquille", and Galsworthy's "The Silver Box". They were performed before a crowd of friends from the village, and again at Whitsun and at General Meeting.

St. Valentine's Day inspired the usual fever of verse-scribbling, one merry young soul producing an epic on "The Incitement to Disinfection Bill". Not long after there was a mild outbreak of chicken pox!

The seniors again enjoyed visits to concerts at Banbury, to "As You Like It" at Stratford Memorial Theatre, and as usual to the Yearly Meeting.

We have had interesting talks from many visitors, including Laurence Housman, who read some of his "Little Plays", Alec Wilson, J. W. Harvey Theobald, Alec Marsh, Hubert Peet, Frank Butler, Francis Knight, John Hoyland, Frederick Sanger and the Pilgrims, Roland Priestman, George Edwards, Effie Ryle, William Graveson, Elfrida Vipont, Morland Braithwaite, Henry Hancock, Herbert Jones, Neave Brayshaw, A. B. Searle, Montagu Butler, and Katherina Peterson and Kurt Neuse (from the Quaker International School in Holland). Delightful musical concerts were given by Leonard Isaacs and Maurice Hardy; the Dorian Trio; H. R. Little's party, and Mr. and Mrs. Foss, while the Oxford Young Friends produced "The Other Wise Man".

With the summer exams. over, the School scattered to the four corners of England, and some to the camp at Chastleton, some to Normandy with Neave Brayshaw and one to the Summer School at Geneva.

We were delighted to hear that of the thirteen candidates for the School Certificate, eleven passed, six with exemption from London Matriculation.

A.J.



TAKING IT
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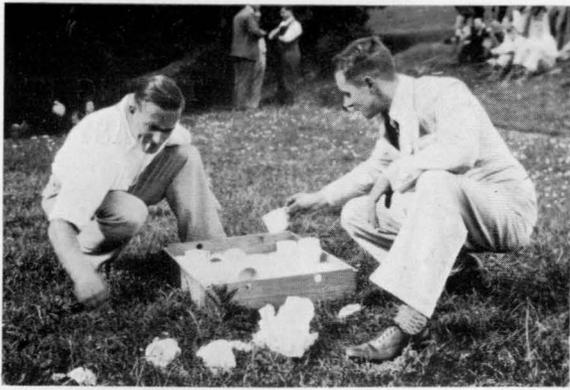
On left: Dorothy Tye and Jim Baily.



ON THE PROM.

*On right: S.O.S.A. officials—
Leslie Thomas (Editor),
Howard Quinton (Secretary) and
Percy Whitlock (President).
Also, peeping behind,
Vera Roe and
Kathleen Rice (née Snow).*





Reg Barber and Bernard Aylward.



A convivial group at Sally's.



Watching the Tennis Tournament.

THE SCHOOL CAMP

A SELF-GOVERNED camp, on a Cotswold hill, with perfect weather, cannot be anything but a success. The school camp at Chastleton in Gloucestershire was ample proof of this.

On Friday, July 26th, we broke up. After the first buses had gone, we set out on foot, at 9.30 in the morning. We walked *via* Rollright and were picked up in relays by two of the four staff cars. We arrived for lunch, and found the school tents erect. We pitched our own in the afternoon. The tents were arranged in three divisions, "Petticoat Lane" being the girls, always at war with "Park Lane", the boys' bell-tent; and the masters' tent. The other boys' private tents, which had such names as "Au Lion D'Or", "Chelsea Town 'all", formed the neutral "Grosvenor Square".

On Saturday we went in search of a bathing-place, but the one we found was too far, and too expensive. In the afternoon, however, while we made hay, Mr. Herbert found a lily pond, much nearer, where we could swim free of charge.

On Sunday morning a party went to Chastleton Church, while others "rested". We had a swim after dinner, and after tea enjoyed a "human sacrifice" and a bonfire in the British camp. We were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Parkin and family, and David Hughes.

On Monday morning "Park Lane" fought "Petticoat Lane". In the afternoon we played a cricket match, and in the evening hunted three bears, Patch, Thatch, and Spenny (Messrs. Westcott, Naylor and Spencer). We caught only Thatch. Thatch, Patch and Sherb (Mr. Herbert) then entertained us.

On Tuesday we had an all-day walk *via* Churchill and Bruern Abbey. We returned to find some apples left by Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone who had come to visit us, but had drawn a blank.

On Wednesday we contributed for some gramophone records, and in the afternoon we bathed. We went for a night walk *via* Rollright Stones and on Thursday morning Mr. Parkin, Mr. Rodley and Mr. Brayhaw visited us, whilst Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone came to tea. In the evening we divided into two "tribes", occupying the School and British camps, for an Indian game. The School tribe won.

On Friday we walked through Stow-on-the-Wold to the village of Swell, and returned to bathe at Adlestrop; and on Saturday afternoon we walked to Chipping Norton to see a film. We all bought chips, and returned for bed late at night.

Sunday dawned fine again. A few went to church, and a party visited Chipping Campden. In the evening the tribes changed camps and recommenced hostilities, but the same side won.

On Monday we had a treasure hunt, and in the evening we made a campfire in a quarry. On Tuesday we packed our belongings and clambered on to the lorry, leaving a jolly good time behind us.

ALAN P. C. SMITH.

BRANCH REPORTS

LONDON

CALLED upon unexpectedly to record the doings of the London Group, I can only rely on memory for the main points of interest. The successful New Year's Party, a year ago, at Friends House took its usual form of games and songs, but was varied for two of the company by a ride in an L.C.C. Ambulance with an injured Old Scholar who tried conclusions with a glass partition. When ten o'clock came, people were loath to part and many adjourned to the Corner House to continue festivities.

For our annual dance we again joined with Ackworth and, though perhaps our percentage of attenders was not high, our enjoyment was 100 per cent. Following this success, other Friends' School dances found quotas of Sibford Old Scholars helping both the attendance and the hilarity.

Old Scholars were not hindered by dampish memories of last year's downpour from supporting the 1935 river party. Some thirty turned up at Long Ditton Ferry, in spite of threats of rain in the early morning, and we were glad to see some long-distance members from Canterbury, Hurstpierpoint, and Oxford. We took

SUPPORT YOUR BRANCH!

The Branch Secretaries work hard to organize local functions. Show your appreciation, and help to make the S.O.S.A. a live organization, by lending your encouragement, even if you cannot always be present. An acknowledgment to a circular is encouraging to the Branch Secretary, and if you make suggestions he likes it better still. But the best thing is to *attend* these shows.—*They're Good Fun.*

to the boats soon after eleven o'clock; skiffs for speed; punts for every other experience, including an occasional swim to retrieve an errant pole. We picnicked just above Taggs Island, our armada causing some surprise to the islanders who proved friendly and entertained us with sweet music. We bathed from here. During the landing one A—K—lost a highly valued pair of glasses: these R—B—rescued with a truly spectacular dive.

In spite of discouraging prophecies of adverse winds we made good headway and reached Sunbury in time for a very satisfactory tea at the Bungalow Tea Rooms.

We enjoyed an autumn ramble in Epping Forest, with tea at Upshire.

In order to compile a list for future use, the London Secretary will be glad if those wishful to hear of coming events will write to him.

WILFRED POLLARD.

BIRMINGHAM

Following our visit to Alton Towers in September, a dance was held at Boot's Café, Colmore Row, but alas, either the enthusiasm or the weather must have affected the Old Scholars, who were few in number. However, it was a very jolly dance, and enjoyed by all who attended.

As an alternative from inviting the Birmingham present scholars to "hike" with us and have tea, we held a social at the Priory Rooms, Bull Street. A good number assembled for games and a short entertainment, which took the form of accordion solos and community singing, and a short monologue. An extremely jolly evening came to an end with the traditional "rocket".

OXFORD

Paul Caudwell writes that his efforts to arrange meetings for the Oxford Group have met with no success, chiefly owing to the scattered membership and inconvenient transport facilities.

The Oldest Inhabitant at Sibford Recites "Old Man's Beard"

SOME folks calls it Wild Clematis,
Some folks Traveller's Joy;
I still calls it Old Man's Beard,
Like I done as a boy.

Farmer Giles at Sibburd Ferris,
When them sprays turned grey,
"Old Man's agein; summer's dyead,"
So 'e used to say.

Farmer Giles, 'e grew good apples,
Red and crisp, but 'igh,
Danglin' 'alf across 'is 'edges,
Well I minds, for why?

Once 'e caught me 'alf-way over,
Screwed 'is eyes and peered,
"What you doin' there?" . . . I pipes
"Pickin' Old Man's Beard."

Them seeds'll turn red come autumn,
Them 'airs, silver-white;
Old Man's Beard I *allus* calls it—
Nothin' else sounds right.

[Adapted from *Punch*.—P.O.W.]

ABOUT THE ELMS

IN view of the increasing infirmity of the Old Elm, the O.S.A. decided, at Whitsuntide, to adopt the young elm on the other side of the Banbury road. It has since passed into our possession, with the little plot of land where it grows, and when the Old Elm is no more, future Sibfordians will pursue their nocturnal devotions around an elm of their very own. Now that we are owners of real estate, however, we need money: enough to defray the expense of clearing the land and of erecting a seat. Old Scholars who are able, are asked to send subscriptions to the Treasurer, Lionel Geering, immediately.

Below, James Harrod writes about our acquisition of the younger Elm, and Joshua Lamb contributes a short history of the Old Elm.

THE NEW—

Old Scholars who, year by year, have watched with regret the effects of increasing age on the Old Elm, will be interested in providing a new one. At Whitsun, we were reminded of the fact that within a few yards of that immemorial landmark stands what must be one of its progeny, just at the corner of the lane to Taylor's farm and the road to Banbury; a tree already promising to become a giant in a fertile soil that so greatly favours it. At the same time, we heard a rumour of a decision of the Sibford Jubilee Committee to uproot the old torso and replace it with something insignificant.

The O.S.A. promptly sent representatives (Charles Brady, Arnold Kaye, Leslie Baily and myself) to the Vicar, who was Chairman of the Jubilee Committee, who received our protest kindly and assured us that no harm to the Old Elm was intended or would be permitted. Then I interviewed Mr. Gaydon, the owner of Elm Farm. He speedily showed himself most friendly toward the O.S.A., to the School, and to Friends generally, and consented to sell a corner of his field, including the young elm, to the O.S.A.

It occurred to someone that here was the opportunity for making a most appropriate memorial to Robert and Elizabeth Oddie. The suggestion for erecting a seat, bearing an inscription, was enthusiastically received and our representatives were asked to carry on.

Since Whitsun, Roland Herbert has had several interviews with Mr. Gaydon, on behalf of the Committee, and Joshua Lamb has given advisory help. Lionel Geering has contributed the cost of the land, and Charles Brady unable, himself, to act as our solicitor, has contributed the transfer fees. As a result, a triangular piece of

land, about thirteen yards along each side, has passed into the possession of the O.S.A., the conveyance being to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Association.

Old Scholars will want to help with the expense. We still have to pay for the clearing and levelling of the land, and for the provision of the seat and tablet. Let us do this in a worthy manner.

And may the new Elm be the centre of our dance and song for hundreds of years!

J. T. HARROD.

—AND THE OLD

My earliest recollections of the Sibford Cross Elm are connected with what my uncle, John G. Harris, used to tell me of how he frequently went up there in the early morning and hid in one of the recesses formed by the huge trunk, to wait for, and shoot, the hares which patronized the cross-roads; and a large painting of the tree by my cousin, William Lamb, shows my uncle there in the act of killing one.

Before the head was blown off, a very large arm reached horizontally across the main road, and this was a favourite resort of the village boys who delighted in dropping missiles on the carrier's cart when passing underneath, and in playing other tricks with pedestrians.

It was during a terrific snowstorm from the north on the afternoon of Saturday, November 18th, 1893, that the main portion of the head was blown off, leaving the large horizontal bough intact. As this was considered to be unsafe it was sawn off, and the whole head of the tree, which was computed to weigh twenty tons, was sold by my father as "auctioneer" on the spot a few days afterwards, and realized £4 13s. 6d. The larger limbs were bought by William Poulton, and when sawn into boards showed a beautiful grain, and took a fine polish. The upright portion of the head, when severed transversely at about twenty-five feet from the ground, showed 257 rings, or years of growth, so that the tree could not have been less than three hundred years old at that time.

Standing as it did on the crest of the watershed of the Thames and Severn, at an altitude of about seven hundred feet, it was a landmark for all the district around, and within a week of its fall, my uncle, Septimus Harris, wrote a long poem on its demise, which appeared shortly afterwards in the *Banbury Guardian*. In the lines:

*"The Roundhead and the Cavalier
When civil strife was raging near
May thy young limbs have seen . . ."*

he seems to refer to its great age and to the possibility of the soldiers of the Civil War having passed it on their way to Edgehill.

JOSHUA LAMB.

UNDER THE OLD ELM



HOME thoughts from abroad.—Eric Quinton writes from Durban (South Africa): “I hope you had a jolly good time at Sibford—we thought about you, and would have given a bit to be there. I’ve read the last Report from ‘end to side’, as Fay says, several times over. It’s a fine effort. . . . As an exile, there are three suggestions I should like to make . . . which I hope you can incorporate in the next Report: (1) in the list of addresses, give the dates of the school years of each Old Scholar; (2) enlarge the ‘Under the Old Elm’ section, and give us more pithy notes of the doings of Old Scholars; (3) send a postcard of greeting to all overseas Old Scholars, signed by those who know the Old Scholar concerned.”

Excellent ideas! Suggestion one will be adopted when someone has the time to go to Sibford and delve into its archives; suggestion two depends entirely upon Old Scholars being energetic enough to send the Editor some news; suggestion three has already been talked about and will almost certainly be adopted.

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Officials of the S.O.S.A. came to the conclusion that something should be done about those Old Scholars whose names appear in the Old Scholars list and who have regularly received their Reports, yet who never give indication, financial or otherwise, of interest in the O.S.A. No fewer than sixty-four therefore received the following note: “Dear Old Scholar: As we have not heard from you for several years, we are wondering whether you wish to remain on the S.O.S.A. list of members. If you do, will you please reply *within seven days*. As long as you are still interested, and we hope you are, arrears of subscriptions need not debar you from retaining your membership.” At first it was decided that those who did not reply within the specified time should be struck off. Being soft-hearted, however, certain officials decided that the note should first appear in the Report, after which those who made no reply should be removed.

Mabel T. Harrod continues as busy as ever, lecturing on League of Nations affairs to institutes, guilds, schools, etc., in Birmingham and Warwickshire. J.T.H. writes that her lecturing for Warwickshire was so successful that Northamptonshire "borrowed" her for four weeks. She attended the September Assembly of the League at Geneva, and was invited to preside at a ladies' dinner, followed by a lecture from Mlle Forchhammer, the only lady delegate to the League who has attended every Assembly.

J.T.H. is still Secretary of the Friends' Esperanto Society, and wishes that all who learned Esperanto at Sibford would join. He writes that the thirty Old Scholars he and Mrs. Harrod entertained to tea in October "were very jolly and made us very happy".

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Leslie Thomas has "chucked" his job on a South of England paper to go to Geneva for about twelve months, staying at the Quaker Student Hostel and studying French and international relations at the Graduate Institute for International Studies. Hopes to do a popular book on our modern City of Babel.

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William Strang, of Acton, has presented the School with a chest of tools which belonged to his son, Ian, who died in June. Ian Strang was at Sibford in the latter part of the war.

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Roy Bizzell, writing to James Harrod from Capetown, recalls Sibford with a sigh: "Twenty-nine years! How the time has flown, and yet, at times, how it has dragged. I should love to have those times over again. . . . Does Mrs. Harrod remember making me recite 'Jabberwock'? How I loathed 'Twas brillig and the slithy toves . . .'! I don't think I've heard or seen it since."

Owing to "exigencies of the Service", R.B. does not expect to visit England for some time. In his letter he recalls his experience in 1915, when the warship in which he was serving was chasing the *Konigsberg*, and a piece of a shell which exploded over his head entered his leg. From August 1915 to December 1916, he was in and out of hospital. Once, he recalls, he ran the "100" in 11½ seconds. Now, owing to his leg, he could do it in five minutes!

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Percy Whitlock writes: "I do not know that I have heard any news of Old Scholars, but I can say that those I have met are jolly decent people and treated their last President in a very generous way!" Also says that Old Scholars are giving half-a-dozen dessert apple trees to School to commemorate 1935 gathering. "Old Scholars should see them blossoming next Whitsun."

Freddie Goudge, now in charge of the "Bill and Documentary Credits" department of the foreign branch of his bank at Manchester, sends notice of the birth of a son.

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At Whitsuntide, Percy Whitlock sent the following letter to George Sykes of Birmingham, on behalf of Old Scholars: "The Sibford Old Scholars' Association, meeting at the School this Whitsuntide, wish to send to you an expression of great regret that you are not able to be with us. Old Scholars feel under a deep sense of gratitude for all your help to the School during the last thirty years and more, and desire to record their thankfulness for your thoughtful attention to the improvement of the School premises and for your unflinching generosity on many occasions. They are grateful, too, for many acts of personal kindness and for your consistent belief in, and support of, the aims of the School. Old Scholars send to you and Mrs. Sykes and your family their sincere good wishes, and hope that on a future occasion you will be able to be with us."

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Since the above paragraph was written we deeply regret to learn that George Sykes passed away on December 26th, 1935.

Sibford has lost a true friend.

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John Perry is now with the Vancouver branch of the Pacific Cable Board. Hopes to visit Sibford when he is in England again in 1936.

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News from Oxford way: Frank Goodley in charge of laboratory at Radley College, where Fred Bushley is also a member of the staff; William S. Cook and Harold Warner are at Morris Motors, Cowley; and Margaret Warner is running a café at Kidlington, where she is captain of the ladies' hockey club. Wilfred Timms and his wife are Wardens of the Youth Hostel at the Henley-on-Thames F.M.H.

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Harold Rose (Ilford) writes that, while at St. Albans, he enjoyed the job of fire-fighting so much that he decided to become a professional fireman. For five years he was Secretary of the Hendon Brigade, and in November 1934 was appointed Third Officer of the Ilford Brigade. Last year he passed the Associate Member's exam. of the Institute of Fire Engineers.

Harold's brother, Robert, is a research engineer at Rowntree's, York. J. C. ("Jim") Baily is also a Rowntree man, in Birmingham—right on Cadbury's doorstep!

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From a letter of some four lines, dated August 1935, it is gathered that Leslie Calcraft, in Hong Kong, is still alive.



The new Elm.

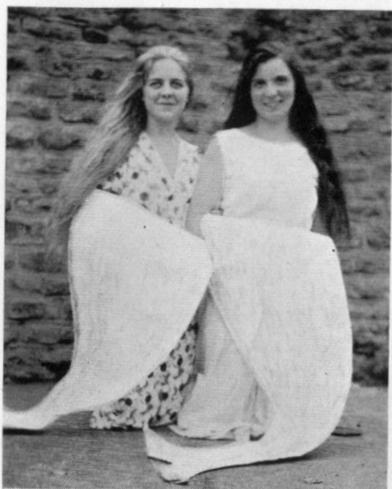


Sunlight and shadow . . . Roland Herbert's garden.



AT THE MONDAY PICNIC

From left: Fred Elsmere, Mollie Noakes, Mrs. Parkin, Norman Coxon, Marjorie Coxon, Ruby Mogridge, Norman Tovey, Reg Barber.



ENTERTAINMENTS AT WHITSUNTIDE

Lily East and Olive Wagstaffe as Sirens in the Monday evening charade.

"St. Francis": Vera Roe, Olive Wagstaffe, Joyce Wells, Gulie Harrod, Norman Coxon.



Gordon Wells officiates at the Picnic.

Leslie and Margaret Baily were responsible for a delightful miniature Old Scholars' gathering at their home in Welwyn Garden City on a Sunday in September. Arnold Kaye and his elusive brother fra' over the Tweed, E.P.K. (who is head science master at Glasgow Academy) were there, and Ruby Mogridge, Mary Jesper, John Hughes, Leslie Thomas and—James W. Thorpe. How good it was to see J.W.T. again, looking more fit than ever! For hours, it seemed, everything began with "D'you remember?" and there were laughs and laughs and more laughs. He *didn't* remember the time when he caught the Editor stuffing orange peel up the exhaust pipe of his motor cycle—but the Editor remembers, and even now imagines he can feel a tender spot where the toe of J.W.T.'s shoe connected. We are still hoping to see J.W.T. at Whitsun!

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R. T. White of Middlewich (Cheshire) sends us a bouquet: "I have just received a copy of the Twenty-ninth Annual Report and feel that those responsible for its production are to be congratulated upon their splendid work. It is very pleasing to me to be thus reminded of the happy days I spent at Sibford . . . the Quintons appear to be going strong and Geoffrey Long seems to be doing well. . . . I cannot attend the Whitsuntide gatherings as at that time I am engaged in assisting in managing a boys' camp in Yorkshire. . . . With happy memories of Sibford and kindly wishes for the welfare of the S.O.S.A."

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In a note from Philadelphia, Albert J. Edmonds writes that his book, *Buddhist and Christian Gospels*, is described in *A History of Buddhist Literature*, by Winternitz of Prague, a recent publication of the University of Calcutta.

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Mary E. Johnston (*née* Perkins) of Newark, New Jersey, writes: "Thanks for the Report, which arrived yesterday. Every word has been read and enjoyed, even to the verses not very complimentary to the cooks in the School in my days. I well remember joining in the singing of 'This time next week where shall I be? Not in Sibford Academy . . .'"

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Sibford, by the way, was visited by a remarkable hailstorm at the beginning of the Christmas term. Throughout the night—so a small boy tells us—lightning was so vivid and consistent that boys at the Hill were reading by it! Hailstones were as large as pigeons' eggs and in the morning the windows at The Hill looked like sieves, while large pools of water covered parts of the dormitory floors. Over 200 windows were smashed. In one field near by, two partridges and a hare were found which had been killed by hailstones.

Sibford School now has a Parents' Association. At the last General Meeting several Friends expressed a desire for closer co-operation between the School Staff, Committee and Parents, and a minute was passed asking the Committee to consider the need for more opportunities for parents meeting together with the Headmaster and members of the Staff and of the Committee. It was thought that such an organization would meet a need long felt by many Friends, for providing opportunities of sharing the experiences and problems associated with training the children, and to enable the parents, as a group, to co-operate more effectively with the Staff and the Committee.

The first week-end conference, at Sibford in October, when the Council was formed, was a great success and was attended by nearly eighty parents.

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Socialism won a sweeping victory at the School elections in November. There were Labour, Communist and National Liberal candidates, each depositing sixpence with the returning officer. Socialists and Communists, we hear, formed an effective "united front" for the job of heckling the Nationalists. Candidate "Broady" was opposed by candidate Narraway. Hence the placard: "Broady's the way that leadeth to destruction. Vote for A. Narraway." The Communist polled half the Socialist vote, while the National Liberal nearly "banged his saxpence for nowt"!

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Of recent leavers, Francis Thompson is doing television research work in the labs. of Electrical and Musical Industries Ltd., John Coxon is articed to an accountant, while a number of others have gone on to Sidcot, Ackworth and other schools.

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Leslie Baily has continued his successful series of broadcasts for the B.B.C. Has now written "Scrapbooks" for the years 1909, 1913, 1914, 1910, 1918, 1921, 1905, 1911 and 1901. Perhaps his outstanding broadcast during the past year was "William Penn", which was broadcast in the "Famous Trials" series. It was of the greatest interest, naturally, to Friends in England and America. The *Yorkshire Evening Post* wrote: "This is the kind of broadcasting which fulfils the high ideal of the B.B.C.—to instruct as well as to entertain." The *Daily Mail* critic said: "Our eyes were opened, that there could have been such days in England . . . not hilarious entertainment, but undeniably interesting." This play is the only B.B.C. drama production ever relayed direct to America and broadcast there by stations from Atlantic to Pacific.

During the past year another Baily radio play, "The Fantastic Battle," has been broadcast by stations in New Zealand and Norway,

while on Armistice Day, "Scrapbook for 1914" was transmitted from Cape Town.

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On top of this, Leslie Baily and his B.B.C. colleague, Charles Brewer, have produced two gramophone records: "Jubilee Scrapbook," and a nine-minute version of their "1910" broadcast. These are in the Columbia catalogue.

And just to keep himself busy, Leslie, together with brother Jim, pulled the B.B.C.'s own leg in a broadcast burlesque called "Night Falls on Slow-on-the-Uptake."

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Meet the "Six Leominster Liberal Sisters" . . . such was the *Daily Express's* description of our own Farr girls, who generally manage to send one or two representatives to S.O.S.A. functions, but whose names we always get hopelessly muddled together . . . we sometimes wonder if their brother Eddie (known in his Zibberd days as "Dreamy") knows t'other from which. But what we really set out to tell you in this paragraph is that when Farr Père put up as Independent Liberal candidate for Leominster Division of North Hereford at the General Election, his daughters and son all helped in the constituency, Phyllis being his Election Agent, while sundry S.O.S. turned out to assist on polling day, including Lionel and Dick Geering, John Clark, and Mrs. Eddie Farr (*née* Marjorie Palmer). Mr. Farr reduced his Conservative opponent's majority from 7,000 (in 1931) to 1,750.

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Immediately after her marriage Irene Berry (*née* Mayo-Smith) sailed round the world via New York, Niagara, Chicago and Grand Canyon—"terrifying in its vastness," she writes—then via Los Angeles ("saw some filming") to San Francisco and so across the Pacific: "As the boat slowly glides into Honolulu there is an orchestra on the quay playing to welcome you . . . a haunting thing that rings in your ears for long after. As you land they garland you with flowers."

Irene enjoyed wonderful surf-riding in this playground of rich Americans, then went sailing round the Pacific Islands—"great fun," she writes. "Pago Pago (pronounced Pango Pango) was the most primitive." So to Australia. Irene writes to us from Melbourne, where her husband is opening a new factory for Heinz. "Melbourne," she says, is "the brightest city in the world."

Lucky, lucky Irene. . . we wish you 57 varieties of good luck.

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Marjorie ("Dick") Wells is in America now, and Emiline Viccars (*née* Dawes), who lives a mere seventy miles out of Melbourne, has been hobnobbing with her new neighbour, Irene Berry.

Philip Turland training to be a civil engineer, at Welwyn Garden City estate office. Last seen by a neighbour, John Hughes, disappearing down a sewer trench. . . . John is at Youth Hostels Association head office, Welwyn Garden City: went down to Sibford last year with Y.H.A. film, the cameraman of which was Morland Braithwaite who photographed the Sibford film. We learn that the Y.H.A. is making a second film this coming summer, with Morland again as photographer.

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Ruby Mogridge is secretary to Chief Engineer at A.C. engineering works, Dunstable. After working with him for months she discovered that he is an Ackworth Old Scholar.

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Muriel Stone training to be a teacher at St. Catherine's, Tottenham. . . . Derryck Hill and Irene Wagstaffe both at Cadbury's. . . . Winifred Savage learning all about running a photographer's business.

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From Harrow comes news of intense municipal activity by Councillor Charles Brady. Rapid building developments in this area mean immense expansion of local administration, and a busy and responsible life for such conscientious Councillors as C.E.B. In past year he attended 140 committee and council meetings!

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By the time Old Scholars arrive for their annual gathering in 1936 the Sibford villages will be in possession of a new water supply. The spring from which the supply comes is in the field below the church, and an automatic pumping plant has been installed there, which will pump the water to all three villages. Stand pipes are to be erected at convenient points and any who wish may have water laid on into the house.

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Extracts from the School's Remove Form magazine, published last term:

The week's best Prep: "We need food to live. It goes to our stomach, or as some say belly. If we drink beer it goes to our head."

"A woman motorist driving along a country road saw a couple of repair men climbing telegraph poles. 'Fools,' she exclaimed, 'They must think I never drove a car before.'"

LIST OF MAIDEN NAMES

Married names in brackets ; for addresses, see List of Members

Angerson, Hilda (Hewitt)	Lewis, Ethel (Sly)
Angerson, Mildred (Chattin)	Mann, Olive (Warren)
Ashby, Emily (Thorpe)	Mayo, Amy (Robotham)
Badham, Phebe (Read)	Mayo-Smith, Irene (Berry)
Barber, Winifred (Rutter)	Moore, Margaret (Masters)
Bax, Freda (Scott)	Morland, Joy (Reynolds)
Bax, Marjorie (Brown)	Mould, Phyllis (Wells)
Bayly, Edith (Dawe)	Moule, Dora (Ray)
Beal, Marjorie (Christopher)	Moxon, Mary (Oddie)
Bentley, Muriel (Stevens)	Nevill, Marie (Harrison)
Blunn, Jessie (Morley)	Nicholl, Gladys (Salter)
Bradley, Sarah (Megahy)	Oddie, Elizabeth (Greaves)
Brady, Marion (Robb)	Oddie, Gulielma Mary (Beck)
Bracher, Mary (Caffrey)	Ogilvie, Margaret (Buckley)
Brock, Roslin (Geering)	O'Neill, Kathleen (Marriage)
Caudwell, Marjorie (Smallbone)	Palmer, Marjorie (Farr)
Chalker, Muriel (Pickering)	Perkins, Mary (Johnston)
Chapman, Elizabeth (Muddell)	Pierson, Mabel (Sargent)
Chennell, Dorothy (Chalwin)	Pitt, Miriam (Carter)
Chennell, Fanny (Langley)	Powell, Dorothy (Leeding)
Cheshire, Edith (Birch)	Priestman, Louie (Hambridge)
Clark, Eliza (Walker)	Quinton, Edna (Bond)
Cooper, Louisa (Pike)	Robbins, Lucy (Graaf)
Cowan, Fay (Quinton)	Rose, Marjorie (Parsons)
Croker, Bessie (Secret)	Roy, Edna (Harris)
Dawes, Emiline (Viccars)	Satchwell, Ruby (Gibbs)
Edwards, Hilda (Elliker)	Simms, Dorothy (Porritt)
Farrington, Ethel (Shortell)	Smith, Elizabeth (Carn)
Faulkner, Grace (Dyson)	Smith, Sarah (Hopkins)
Feugard, Ethel (Rutter)	Snow, Kathleen (Rice)
Feugard, Kathleen (Blake)	Snow, Nancy (Perkins)
Geering, Marjorie (Coxon)	Standing, Elsie (Jefferys)
Grant, Dorothy (Hawley)	Taylor, Ruth (Pugmire)
Harris, Alice (Lamb)	Thomas, Elsie (Harrison)
Harrod, Marjorie (Westlake)	Thompson, Muriel (Kelson-Ford)
Henley, Phyllis (Arthur)	Tinsey, Sheila (Chuter)
Henley, Rosalie (Warner)	Van der Vord, Dorothy (Hepworth)
Herbert, Beatrice (Cemm)	Waddington, Emilie (Wood)
Hodgkiss, Ann (Lyll)	Wells, Elsie (Randall)
Horton, Doris (Quinton)	Whitlock, Edith (Langley)
Hurley, Emily (Morrish)	Wilkie, Nellie (Tarver)
Hutchinson, Sarah (Bowman)	Wilkinson, Louisa (Gitsham)
Jones, F. (Bassett-Lowke)	Williams, Elenor (Ball)
Kendall, Dorothy (Bristow)	Williams, Mary (Dinnage)
Lamb, Edna (Wealsby)	Williams, Mary (Evans)
Lamb, Eva (Herbert)	Wilson, Mabel (Shepperd)
Lansdowne, Helen (Cabeen)	Woodroffe, Dorothy (Salter)
Lee, Bessie (Campion)	Young, Mabel (Roseboro)

A SENTIMENTAL FARRAGO OF THE ELM

THE old elm stands in regal pride,
Greater than all at Whitsuntide.
Even the President, man of weight,
Holds but a courtesy kingly state;
And as for the S.O.S. Committee,
They wouldn't inspire the meanest ditty,
While the elm tree stands and remembers well
How the monks knelt in prayer at Lougy Bell.

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He has seen a million cows
In the meadows roam and browse,
Dreaming on from year to year.
But of these, not e'en the best,
Ever passed the modern test
(Labelled with an expert's pride,
"Not a microbe lives inside")
Strictly non-tubercular.
Soon they will forbid the trees
To have such things as elm disease!

Oftentimes the elm tree shady
Listens to his old friend Brady.
Hears him shower imprecations
On all communistic nations,
And urging every man to hate
The new totalitarian state.
Yet the elm remembers the days gone by
When he gaily flaunted a scarlet tie!

He looks on Kathleen Rice (*née* Snow),
And is glad to see her go,
Singing songs of one called "Gracie",
Which, to say the least, are racy!
(Not a patch, sigh all the trees,
On the ancient village glees.)
She has grown so gay and wild,
Romping like a naughty child.
Long ago, she was, thinks he,
Very sweet and womanly!

The Whitsuntide sartorial champion
 Is the ever-dapper Campion,
 Most correct in all his ways. . . .
 Yet in far-off schoolboy days,
 His hair was long, his eyes were wild,
 He was a most unruly child,
 He never washed, was always rude,
 His face put people off their food—
 At last, in hopes to make him sweeter,
 They dubbed him Sibford's Struwellpeter.
 And thereupon he washed his face
 And grew in beauty and in grace!

Beneath his branches to and fro,
 Sibford ghosts from long ago
 In Arcadian revels pass,
 Laughing shadows on the grass.
 Howard Quinton (tall and lean)
 Sports with Doris on the green.
 And Harry Randall (young and spry)
 Sighs as Elsie dances by.
 While the youthful Pollard smiles,
 Innocent of lovers' wiles;
 And the elm tree smiles to see
 Such nymph and satyr revelry!

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When all have gone, the elm still hears
 The music of the Sibford years;
 Beyond in Wychford, every tree
 Has caught the haunting melody.
 And passed it to the wind to hold,
 And to the soft hills which enfold
 The Sibford country. . . . 'Till it dies
 Far off beyond the Cotswold skies.

J.S.W.

* * * *The Editor* is particularly grateful for the contribution on this page. It strikes a fresh note, and comes from a new source. We hope many others will send us verse, articles, news paragraphs, sketches, photographs and suggestions for next year's issue. Too often the labour of producing this Annual Report rests on too few shoulders. Contributions should reach the Editor not later than October, preferably much earlier.

SIBFORD SCHOOL STAFF

<i>Headmaster</i>	Arthur Johnstone, B.Sc. (London) (Diploma in Education).
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<i>Senior Mistress</i>	Gladys M. Burgess, B.A. Hons. (Diploma in Education).
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<i>Crafts Master</i>	Roland Herbert.
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SIBFORD OF YESTER YEAR

Only six years remain before we celebrate the Centenary of Sibford School. A Centenary History is to be written, and the task of collecting material will be facilitated if Old Scholars, especially of the times of Richard Routh and Robert Oddie, will write down their reminiscences and send them to the Editor of the Report, or to any O.S.A. Official. Photographs will be very welcome. This year we are glad to publish some of the reminiscences of our old friend, Joshua Lamb, whom Old Scholars will warmly welcome as a contributor, and of Theodora Sheppard.

JOSHUA LAMB'S MEMORIES



SINCE I have been invited to place on record some of my recollections of the early days of Sibford School, I should say that I was not myself educated in that Institution but in many ways have been kept in touch with its history in addition to having myself served several years on its Committee.

My first wife was educated there, and from 1871 till our marriage in 1882 continued there as a teacher, and my present wife was a pupil from 1883 to 1886. In addition to these a

brother, two sisters, two sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren have spent more or less time there.

My grandfather Lamb who bore the same Christian name as myself records in his diary that in 1804 when quite a lad he remembers watching a man cutting chaff in what is now the Hall, and I have no knowledge of the house having been occupied between that time and the establishment of the school in 1842. I am equally in ignorance of how in the meantime the property came into the possession of my grandfather, Joseph Harris of Holly House, but it was he who sold it to the Committee together with Cubs and Boyer, which latter fields had been part of his own original estate ever since the enclosure of the open field half a century before, and he is said to have long regretted that he did not ask more money for them!

My grandfather Lamb, previously referred to, was a regular attender at Quarterly Meetings, and he makes frequent mention in his diary of the deliberations there in connection with the establishment of a school in this district, and of how the Committee appointed to choose a suitable place decided on Sibford in preference to either

Chapel House, or Swalcliffe Park, which were the alternatives proposed.

I am not aware how the Committee got in touch with Richard Routh who was then about 27 years of age, and teaching in a small school at Countersett in Yorkshire near his own Wensleydale home, which was beautifully situated on the shore of Lake Semmerwater overlooking the valley of the Ure. I was intensely interested in visiting the spot several years ago.

Rebecca Thompson who was chosen as headmistress was a widow about 33 years of age whose maiden name was, I believe, Laycock, and it is reported that it was at the suggestion of the Committee that she and Richard Routh were married about three years afterwards. She, together with her husband, wore the orthodox Quaker garb, and I remember her as a pleasant but strict disciplinarian whose comparatively early death from cancer in 1868 was much deplored by all who knew her. Their eldest child, Richard Laycock, was born in 1846, and John two years afterwards.

At the time of the establishment of the School two old cottages stood where the sanatorium is now situated, and there was also a large horse pond by the roadside almost opposite. This was drained at the request of the Committee on the understanding that in case of fire in the village the water in the School bath, the building of which was then under consideration, should be available. My Uncle, Frederick Richardson, who was a master at the School in its early days, told me that the boys used to bathe in the Upper Pound at Temple Mill prior to the construction of the bath, and that one of them was nearly drowned through getting his head stuck in the mud.

My earliest recollections of the School are connected with having accompanied Johnny Routh—as he was then called—down some steps into a place by the bath to see his rabbits; he was a great cripple in his early days, and never quite regained the use of one foot. About this time too there was a great run on silkworms among the children in which I participated, and a large mulberry tree which stood in the orchard just below the bath was almost denuded of its foliage to satisfy their voracious appetites. A primitive device of mine for winding the silk off the cocoons was borrowed for use at the School. Another recollection of my early boyhood was the building of the high wall between the great garden and the village street, which has left a very vivid impression on my mind.

I had some girl cousins of the name of Shemeld in the School, and I remember going to see them on their playground, and it was at that time that I got in touch with the mangle which was used by the institution, and which is immortalized in the following lines, composed by one of the boys whose duty it was to work the machine:

*" Cheer boys cheer, Hannab Golder's got a mangle,
Cheer boys cheer, she fills it full of stones ;
Cheer boys cheer, she makes me turn the handle,
Cheer boys cheer, till it nearly breaks my bones."*

The laundress named was a married woman who lived in the village. The pressure was obtained by loading the machine with stones, to some extent at any rate.

Another incident at that period was the poisoning of the fish as far as Traitorsford through a heavy storm washing the tar from the newly-laid boys' playground into the stream below. It was a long time before the normal number of trout was to be found there.

After the death of Rebecca Routh, Margaret Ann Clarke was appointed to take her place, and she retained the position during the remainder of Richard Routh's régime, which ended on December 31st, 1880. She afterwards spent several years at Constantinople assisting in the Mission work there, but on the outbreak of the Great War returned to this country, and passed away at Nottingham in 1921, and was laid in our quiet graveyard at Sibford Gower not far from her mother who died while on a visit to the School in 1865.

Richard Routh became tenant of the Sibford Grounds Farm about 1869, and installed his son John there as manager, and in 1873 added, by purchase, the Folly Farm. These two were carried on until 1881 when, owing largely to the decrease in his income through relinquishing the superintendence of the School, he found himself unable to meet his liabilities. He died while a boarder at what was afterwards known as Paradise House, on December 12th, 1882, and he was interred by the side of his wife in our graveyard where his son John followed him in 1925, the elder brother Dr. R. L. Routh having been laid in the churchyard nine years previously. There was no descendant of the family, although Dr. Routh had been married twice.

My father, Richard Holtom Lamb, was 17 years of age when the School was established, and it was not long before he became intimately connected with the outside management of the estate. He actively assisted in arranging for the conveyance of the water to the premises in pipes, for drinking purposes, from the well at the top corner of the Cubs which is now enclosed in iron railings, and also in installing the ram down by the stream at the bottom of the "Dug" field to pump up the brook water for washing, etc. This proved to be a very difficult and expensive undertaking, as the waste water from the ram itself had to be conveyed a long distance in a very deep culvert to reach an outlet by gravitation, nearly as far, I believe, as the footpath across the fields to Sibford Gower. Then came the sewage disposal scheme, which answered the purpose fairly well until the present one was inaugurated quite recently.

Father was also frequently consulted by Richard Routh as to the best mode of cultivating the two arable fields which in the first place was largely done by the boys themselves, and ultimately he was appointed on the Committee in which capacity he served acceptably during the remainder of his life.

All of us I am sure recognize that the School has been and still is the "life blood" of our meeting at Sibford; from its very earliest days it has been instrumental in bringing to our midst not only our valued Banbury Friends, but countless travelling ministers and others well concerned, many of them having for long periods made their home in our villages and not a few of whom now lie in our quiet graveyard. One of the first of these was Elizabeth Naish Capper, who for several years took earnest and acceptable part not only in our meetings for worship but in Bible classes and temperance work until her return to her own meeting at Bristol. Another woman Friend, whose ministry was much valued during the comparatively short time she resided at Norton House, was Susan E. Scott.

Then came Watson and Esther Binns, the former exercising his acceptable gift in the ministry for several years amongst us: they were both ultimately laid to rest there. Another much valued minister who passed away shortly after settling in the village from Ireland was Frederick Wood. His loss was deeply felt by all who knew him, and after many years his aged widow was interred beside him not so long ago.

Other leading Friends who have settled among us and died while in residence, were James Abbatt, William Henry Brown, Charles and Martha Ann Blunsom, Francis Dell, William Reason and Samuel N. Baker, and must we forget our Friends, Robert B. and Elizabeth M. Oddie, who after serving the School as Superintendents for a quarter of a century spent the remainder of their days with us.

In addition to those already mentioned several Friends have made their home here for a while and then again left us. First and foremost of those must be mentioned Constantia F. Wells who spent many years with us as the second wife of our friend John Wells. Her service as well as that of her husband was much valued in our Meeting, and regret was expressed when she moved away, after his decease, to Chelmsford. Among others who stayed for longer or shorter periods acceptably with us as residents, were Louisa Wells, Mary Greenwood, Herbert and Agnes Taylor, William H. F. and Harriette Alexander, Ernest E. and Helen Bourne, Herbert and Ethel Jones, and last but not least, our dear friends, James Tyler and Mabel Harrod, who after nearly twenty-five years of faithful service as Superintendents of the School have handed over their duties to Arthur and Jessie Johnstone under whose régime the duties of the establishment is increasingly flourishing.

October 22nd, 1935.

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THE WAR YEARS AT SIBFORD

By THEODORA SHEPPARD

AS I first entered Sibford School on August 11th, 1914, and left on June 19th, 1917, my recollections of schooldays spent there are naturally inseparable from memories of the earlier part of the Great War. Little thinking what an eventful year it was to prove both in world history and my own little world, I had seriously commenced keeping a diary at the beginning of 1914, so perhaps a few remarks may be of interest.

After looking forward to boarding school life at Sibford, I eventually arrived there just a week after the commencement of war. It was a hot day, and to hear some of the parents shouting cheerfully "See you at Christmas!" as the train steamed out of the station, made the holidays seem very far away. I believe Mr. Perry was checking the arrival of scholars at Banbury, and that I travelled to Sibford in a wagonette. Some of the elder boys and girls were joking about the war and having "a loaf less a day". I asked what one did first on reaching the school, and was told that one bagged a bed and a desk. All parcels were to be held in the left hand on arrival, to enable one to shake hands with Mr. Harrod.

I slept in the dormitory the first year, and well remember one or two of the old girls there singing—

*When father joined the Territorials
Ours was a happy little home;
He wakes us up in the middle of the night,
Says we all must be prepared to fight. . . .*

Three other new girls besides myself were put into the Third Form. Dorothy Roberts, now Beeby, left after eighteen months—I met her some years ago—but the others, Louisa Squire and Margaret McCallum, who left when I did, are still faithful friends and correspondents of mine, and of each other. The mistresses the first year were the Misses Wilkinson, Child, Ecroyd and Reynolds, and a student teacher, Miss Willis. The masters were Messrs. Thorpe, Perry and R. T. White. During the troublous times which followed, other teachers were the Misses Moore, Glaister and Millard. The masters, some of whom were C.Os., were Messrs. Pugmire, Davis, Miller, Barnet and Parkin. Mr. Thorpe was away part of the time with the F.A.U. Miss Cooke was the matron, and the housekeepers included the Misses Shotter, Hutchinson (who begged us off some lessons when she left) and Freakley. The secretaries were Miss Taylor, and Miss O'Brien, author of *The Quaker Bonnet* under the *nom de plume* of "K.K.K." I believe. We elder girls read it before we left.

Mrs. Harrod took some classes which she made intensely interesting, and sometimes came into the classroom with the baby

(May) on her back! My first lesson was singing in the "Gym." We sang "Oh! who will o'er the Downs so free . . ." Feeling homesick, the dictation given next by Mr. White, beginning

*O days and hours, your work is this,
To hold me from my proper place,*

seemed peculiarly appropriate.

I was very homesick for the first year or so, but even then there were compensations. Does anything else in life ever equal the thrill of the last morning of one's first term? The second term was the worst. I find that old scholars from other schools agree with me. One is still a "new kid", and treated as such, while the novelty of the new life has worn off. Our terms in those days contained more than twenty-one weeks. In May 1915 we were saddened by the death of a beloved schoolfellow, Minnie Roper. The hymn, "Our Blest Redeemer", which we sang at the funeral always brings back the scene to some of us. Now and again rumours were afloat that the soldiers would commandeer the place and that we should have twenty-four hours to clear out. I am afraid that with some of us this was ". . . a consummation devoutly to be wished. . . ." but we were disappointed, probably because the school was so far from a town and not easy of access in those days. The conveyances to and from Banbury were very dear and increasingly difficult to get at all. I believe some scholars walked part of the way to Banbury, at any rate the last term or two. I was very happy most of the time after my first year, though the war soon made the matters of food and the teaching and domestic staffs terribly difficult problems. We did some household tasks from the beginning, but these were steadily increased owing to the war. Washing-up did not come in my time, but I believe it did soon after.

Supplies of fish apparently failed after only one fish dinner (which I enjoyed). Unfortunately, I did not like treacle, and this commodity figured at every meal one day in 1916, during a blizzard I believe, but at breakfast one morning in 1917 even this was missing! Butter gave place to margarine towards the end of my first year.

Once we were told to take only one potato at dinner, and once only one piece of bread, but the two regulations were not in force at the same time. Bread-eating between games and lessons in winter, and sometimes supper in summer, often had to be missed; yet some of the food I liked and still prefer. I have never tasted elsewhere the popular "blanket pudding" supplied on Saturdays. We enjoyed bread and hot milk at winter teas, having tea to drink only on three days, and always milk for breakfast except on Sundays and for a whole fortnight when milk ran short in the early days. Tuesday's "slosh" for tea was a favourite and never called anything else, but must have been apple mince usually, though other fruit was sometimes used in summer. We were allowed to spend one

penny a week on sweets at the school and sometimes more in fruit if our parents approved. I think before the war it was 2d. and could be spent on, or partly on, cookery. It was during my last term that most of us went without stockings most of the time except for meeting, owing to the difficulty of obtaining mending wool, but the fashion became popular and continued after the war, in the summer at any rate.

When the Committee came, the Lower IV had meals in the cookery room, as their table was used in addition to "top-table". Those of us in Upper IV who had the honour of waiting on them had the same kind of meal afterwards, a privilege we greatly appreciated! I had this pleasure on my fifteenth birthday. Dare I recall that when there was much chattering in the dining-room, or a noise generally there, one boy was fond of remarking, "Reminds one of the Committee!"?

Windows had to be darkened to prevent light showing, particularly during my last year, and poor Mr. Harrod had to start his rounds quite early in the winter, borrowing rugs from some of the girls. Once when I slept in top bedroom, or Restholme, Miss Reynolds rushed in exclaiming in an excited manner that our light could be seen all the way to "Gate Hangs High". Mr. Harrod read the news to us between the courses at dinner: chiefly war news. The last year we used to work for war victims. When the senior girls worked for the Bedford Institute, Mrs. Boorne had them in her beautiful house or garden opposite the school, about once a fortnight. I remember "Little Grey Home in the West" being sung on the gramophone there.

We never had the pleasure of visits from "The Pilgrims", and we witnessed only a tiny Old Scholars' Gathering in 1916. I had the report of this for helping to send copies to Old Scholars. We had, however, many distinguished visitors, chiefly lecturers, and I cannot mention them all in an account like this. As I am concerned with the cause of Anti-Vivisection it was particularly interesting to me some time ago to find mention of the late William Brown, M.R.C.V.S., who gave us at least one lecture on "The Intelligence of Animals". I think it was in connection with this that some of us from different Friends' Schools wrote essays on "Kindness to Animals". I still have mine. Some of us went for a walk with Henry Marriage Wallis, author of *The Master Girl* with which we were already familiar. He was gifted in many ways, and his views on the war and pacifism were quite different from those of Elizabeth Foster-Brown, who also talked to us, so our education in this respect was by no means onesided. Other lecturers included Harvey Theobald, Mr. Evans, Headmaster of Leighton Park School, Colonel Kitching of the Salvation Army, Mr. Enoch who gave most interesting lectures on insect life, C. Richardson, then Clerk of Sibford Preparative Meeting, Maude Robinson, the Taylors and others. Occasionally one or two of

the scholars themselves (boys) would give a lecture. These were generally about animals, the R.S.P.C.A., and so on. If the lecturer gave his talk on a Saturday, he or she often took Sunday evening Meeting. I used to enjoy the stories Mr. Harrod read very much, too, such as "The Fig Tree of Rohax", "Jenifer Petch", and many others; in fact I always found the school Sunday evening Meeting most interesting. Upper IV girls and boys were chosen to read the pieces of Scripture between the hymns. The Meeting was always held in the dining-room after letter-writing in our schoolrooms. Ordinary lectures and musical evenings were usually given there, too, and lantern lectures were always given in the science room. Half-term socials were sometimes held in the gym. We enjoyed these half-term socials and picnics very much. The Saturday picnic was usually to Compton Winyates and the Monday picnic to Whichford Woods. Hockey tournaments were held on Friday and finished on Tuesday. Towards the end of the "summer term" we used to go to Edgehill. Picnics at other beauty spots were held fairly frequently in hot weather. Being town-bred, I found the country delightful, and on the whole my health was better then than at any other time, in spite of the undeniable wartime privations. During the half-year beginning after Christmas, half-term celebrations sometimes took place at Easter. Easter 1917 brought almost as many visitors as the 1916 O.S. gathering, including Messrs. Quinton, Fryer, Lawrence and Herbert Rutter. Some had to hurry back to their wartime work. Eggs were provided on Easter Sunday, though one year it was possible only through the kindness of the father of one of the boys. One year, mottoes were written on them in pencil, and we were supposed to learn them before eating the egg: the teachers' mottoes were written in Latin. We generally had two eggs a year, the second on the last morning of the same "half". In the winter, sausage rolls usually formed part of our last breakfast.

Once, in June, the girls went for an evening walk to see how many kinds of wild flowers could be found. One hundred and three different specimens were discovered, and we heard the nightingale. Nature study, however, was not my strong point. My favourite lessons were English, except perhaps grammar, history, Bible knowledge and hygiene. Writing of Bible knowledge reminds me that sometimes in winter we were excused Bible reading before breakfast, and rose a little later. I do not know whether this was for economy in lighting. Lights were also put out during breakfast before it was really light, either for economy or safety from air attack I suppose. I believe I heard Mrs. Harrod say that for her birthday treat she would ask to have the lights kept on! Once when returning to school I saw a lot of disconsolate conscripts having their names called out on the station (Snowhill), and I remember our parents sometimes being upset at seeing a trainload of fine young men departing, perhaps never to return.

SIBFORD OF YESTER-YEAR



A photograph taken about 1896 of the cottages, now known as Holly House, and, as the residence of Roland and Eva Herbert, a hospitable guest house for visitors to Sibford. In the foreground is John Lamb, of Sibford Gower.



ROBERT OGDIE'S OLD SCHOLARS AT LOUGY BELL PICNIC

(Back row) John Dearden, Ethel Shortell (née Farrington), Edna Harris (née Roy). (Front row) Percy Whitlock, Elizabeth Foster Brown, Charles Brady, Jane Sabin. To left of group, Mrs. J. W. Dearden.



Godfrey Baseley (left) broadcasting in a play from Birmingham B.B.C. studios.

OLD SIBFORDIANS AT THE MICROPHONE

Leslie Baily directs cast of "Trial of William Penn"—actor on extreme right is "Penn."



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L	Sly, Ethel (<i>née</i> Lewis)	..	6 Wilmer Way, Southgate, N.14.
O	Smallbone, Marjorie (<i>née</i> Caudwell)	..	Byng Lea, Sutton Courtenay, nr. Abingdon, Berks.
R	Smith, Janet E.	..	37 Cambridge Avenue, Lincoln.
L	Smith, John C.	..	Sundial Cottage, Athenaeum Road, London, N.20.
R	Snow, Frank	..	The Poplars, Mellis Eye, Suffolk.
L	Spencer, Geoffrey	..	40 Parliament Hill, N.W.3.
w	Squire, G. May	..	Hill View, Long Sutton, Taunton, Somerset.
w	Squire, Sylvia	..	do. do.
w	Squire, Louisa	..	20 Somerton Road, Street, Somerset.
L	Standing, S. John	..	4 Nevill Road, Croydon, Surrey.
L	Standing, W. A.	..	do. do.
L	Standing, David	..	do. do.
w	Standish, Catherine	..	Penscot, Shipham, Winscombe, Somerset.
L	Stanton, Alan	..	103 Richmond Road, London, N.15.
w	Stapleton, John	..	Koyenuk, Redcliff Bay, Portishead, near Bristol.
B	Stebbins, Donald	..	Newholme, Abercorn Road, Coventry.
B	Stebbins, William	..	do. do.
R	Stevens, Ernest	..	44 Mill Street, Hereford.
O	Stevens, Ethel	..	91 Blenheim Road, Reading.
O	Stevens, Harry	..	Gower Cottage, Elm Road, Reading.
O	Stevens, Muriel M. (<i>née</i> Bentley)	..	do. do.

- R Stevens, Grace .. 19 Percy Street, Stratford-on-Avon.
R Stewart, James W. .. Bretforton Road, Badsey, Worcs.
R Stimpson, James .. 60 Shotter Road, Stratford-on-Avon.
R Stimpson, Sibley .. do. do.
L Stone, Muriel .. 39 Tudor Court, Walthamstow, E.17.
L Stoneham, Frederick C. 1 Oakwood Terrace, Chase Road, Southgate,
London, N.14.
L Stoneham, Leslie A. .. do. do.
B Storey, Eric .. 119 Langleys Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham.
O Strainge, Mary R. .. Ducklington Farm, Witney, Oxon.
L Swann, Betty .. Loughrigg, Thames Ditton, Surrey.
R Symes, Ronald C. .. Friends' Meeting House, Ordnance Road,
Southampton.
- CO Talbot, Muriel .. Sconecroft, Peppard Road, Caversham, Oxon.
S Tarver, Nellie (née Wilkie) Sibford Gower, near Banbury.
W Taylor, Herbert .. White House, Winterbourne, Moncton, near
Swindon.
W Taylor, Edward .. do. do.
S Taylor, John .. Swalcliffe Grange, Banbury, Oxon.
S Taylor, Ruth .. do. do.
B Thacker, Austen E. .. 15 Beaudesert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.
R Thomas, H. Austin .. 12 Priory Crescent, Lewes, Suss x.
R Thomas, Hedley .. do. do.
R Thomas, Leslie .. do. do.
L Thomas, John L. C. .. 132 Hale Lane, Hale, Edgware, Middlesex.
R Thomas, Wilfred L. .. Sarnia, Ware Road, Hertford.
L Thompson, Bryan .. Bosbury House, Mill Hill Grove, Acton, W.3.
L Thompson, Ernest B. .. do. do.
L Thompson, Francis P. 4 Walpole Gardens, Chiswick, London, W.4.
W Thorpe, J. W. .. Address not known.
W Tilley, Reginald H. .. Hale, Winscombe, Somerset.
O Timms, J. Wilfred .. 45 Northfield End, Henley-on-Thames.
O Timms, Kathleen M. 7 Sidmouth Street, Reading.
O Tite, Norman .. 60 High Street, Witney, Oxon.
O Tite, Osborn .. do. do.
R Tomkins, Mary .. Sunnymede, Abbotswood, Greenhill, Evesham.
W Tovey, Norman .. Quaker Friars, Merchant Street, Bristol.
L Tucker, Francis J. .. 43 Kyrle Road, Clapham Common, London, S.W.9.
W Turner, Roy S. S. .. Mai Maison, Lodge Hill, Exeter.
S Tustian, John W. .. Lessor Farm, Milcombe, Banbury.
B Tye, Dorothy .. 122 Northfield Road, King's Norton, Birmingham.
O Tweedie, Barbara J. .. Audley, Tilehurst-on-Thames, Reading.
O Tweedie, Margaret M. .. do. do.
*R Tyler, Joseph H. .. Arden, Linden Gardens, Belfast.
- R Vanstone, Betty .. 65 Bute Road, Wallington, Surrey.
B Wagstaff, Olive .. O-Do-I, 355 Heath Road, Northfield, Birmingham.
B Wagstaff, Irene .. do. do.
B Walker, Benjamin .. Tutnall House, Hewell Road, Barnt Green.
W Walker, Eliza A. (née
Clark) .. 81 Strathmore Road, Horfield, Bristol.
W Walker, Phyllis .. do. do.
O Warner, Margaret .. St. Cuthbert's, Kidlington, Oxon.
L Warner, Rosalie A. (née
Henley) .. 62 Cantley Drive, Ilford, Essex.
W Warren, Olive M. (née
Mann) .. 166 Englishcombe Lane, Bath.
W Waterfall, Geoffrey B. Southdale, Albert Road, Clevedon, Somerset.
W Waterfall, Malcolm R. do. do.

S	Wealsby, Edna	(<i>née</i> Lamb)	..	Sibford Gower, near Banbury.
R	Webb, David J. H.		..	Royscote, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire.
B	Wells, Arthur		..	466 Moseley Road, Birmingham.
B	Wells, Joyce		..	do. do.
W	Wells, Arthur W.		..	Hill House, Olveston, near Bristol.
W	Wells, Joan		..	do. do.
W	Wells, Gordon A.		..	Whichford, Egg Buckland Road, Crown Hill, near Plymouth.
W	Wells, Phyllis	(<i>née</i> Mould)		do. do.
W	Wells, Wilfred		..	1 Barn Close, Street, Somerset.
W	Westlake, Emily		..	5 Council Cottages, Long Sutton, Somerset.
W	Westlake, Walter		..	do. do.
*L	Westlake, Marjorie G.	(<i>née</i> Harrod)	..	92 Southwark Park Road, London, S.E.
W	Wheeler, Kathleen		..	64 Thornleigh Road, Hornfield, Bristol.
W	White, Clifford C.		..	Bay Cottage, Wrington, Somerset.
W	White, Mrs. C. C.		..	do. do.
L	Whitlock, Percy O.		..	Kingsley House, Hitchin Road, Letchworth.
L	Willmott, Raymond B.		..	102 The Avenue, Highams Park, London, E.4.
L	Willmott, Mrs.		..	do. do.
*R	White, Reginald T.		..	12 The Crescent, Nantwich Road, Middlewich, Cheshire.
R	Williams, Gwendoline	A.		The Flat, 13 Bridge Street, Stratford-on-Avon.
L	Williamson, Edith		..	60 Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.
S	Wilson, Annie		..	87 Bath Road, Banbury.
L	Wilson, Christine		..	Wilcot, 3 Green Lane, London, N.W.4.
R	Wilson, Reuben		..	56 Agraria Road, Guildford, Surrey.
L	Wilson, Winifred		..	Nurses' Home, London Hospital, Whitechapel, E. 1.
L	Winfield, Paul		..	95 Finchley Lane, Hendon, N.W.4.
R	Winter, Leonard		..	Address not known.
B	Wood, A. Edward		..	272 Marsh Lane, Stockland Green, Erdington.
X	Woodall, Peggy		..	Lime House, Rolvenden, Kent.
X	Woodall, Phyllis		..	Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings.
R	Woodhead, Eileen M.		..	Tillock, Links Avenue, Felixstowe, Suffolk.
O	Wooding, Barbara		..	Yardley, Shepherds Lane, Caversham, Oxon.
W	Woodley, William H.		..	2 Nugent Hill, Cotham, Bristol.
S	Wotherspoon, Constance	V.		Gallows Hill Farm, Brailes, Banbury.
R	Wright, Brian		..	9 Forest Cottage, Kingfield, Woking, Surrey.
L	Wright, Louis E.		..	3 Ditton Hill Road, Surbiton, Surrey.
R	Wycherley, Eva		..	"Strathearne," 16 Malling Down, Lewes, Susscx.
L	Yarwood, Irene		..	Penmaen, Portnalls Rise, Coulsdon, Surrey.

MEMBERS RESIDING ABROAD

ALL OF WHOM ARE INCLUDED IN AREA " R "

It is known that some of the following addresses are incorrect. As several of the Colonies do not return "dead letters" it is difficult to keep this list up to date. Members residing abroad are particularly requested to acknowledge receipt of this Report, and to confirm their addresses.

Barber, Allan	..	Oppossum Bay, South Arm, Tasmania.
Beck, Gulielma Mary	(<i>née</i> Oddie)	..
Berry, Irene	(<i>née</i> Mayo-Smith)	..
Bizzel, Roy H.	..	P.O. Box 1102, Cape Town.
Brett, Rev. A. Ernest	..	36 Essenwood Road, Berea, Durban, Natal.

- Cabeen, Helen A. (*née* Lansdowne) Minstrel Island, B.C.
- *Calcraft, Herbert W. Eastern Avenue, Wyndmoor, Chester Hill, U.S.A.
- *Calcraft, Leslie A. c/o Butterfield & Swire, Hong Kong.
- Dearden, Henry 101 West Sharpnack Street, Germanstown, Pa.
- Dixon, Ernest P.O. Box 96, Macleod, Alberta.
- Dixon, Harold do. do.
- Dixon, Wilton H. do. do.
- Edmunds, Albert J., M.A. 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia.
- Geering, Sidney Public Works Dept., Bathurst, Gambia, W. Africa.
- Gill, Egerton Thames Avenue, Auckland, N.Z.
- Gower, Hugh T. 2351 Green Street, San Francisco, Cal.
- Graaf, Lucy J. (*née* Robbins) Forest Hill, P.O., Gaberones, Bechuanaland Protectorate.
- Grimes, Wilfred E. Bank of Montreal, Elora, Ont.
- Horne, John 1966 Beechwood Drive, Hollywood, Cal.
- Hunter, John M. Yellowdine, via Southern Cross, W. Australia.
- Isaac, W. Roger Address not known.
- Jefferies, Douglas Bertram's Farm, Vinemount, Ontario, Canada.
- Johnston, Mary E. (*née* Perkins) 83 Napoleon Street, Newark, N.J.
- Judge, Arthur W. 78 Inverleith Terrace, East London, C.P.
- Knight, Hubert G. Government Building Dept., P.W.D., Entebbe, Uganda.
- *Kelson-Ford, Muriel E. (*née* Thompson) c/o Macmillan & Co., Ltd., Patullo Road, Mount Road, P.O., Madras.
- Lakeman, E. Prideau Haleville, Ala, U.S.A.
- Lamb, Sarah E. J. Box 22, Lakepost P.O., Colbourne, Ont.
- Lansdowne, M. Rose Lily Vale, c/o Wood & English, Ltd., Englewood, B.C.
- Lambeth, Thomas W. Central Fire Station, Durban.
- Lawson, Frank Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada.
- Lower, A. P. Perth, Tasmania.
- Maconochie, Eveline Château de la Tour, Longuenesse, St. Omer, France.
- Marriage, Kathleen (*née* O'Neill) Oneonta, Mullinville, Kansas, U.S.A.
- Mold, John Canada.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Should be sent to:—

WILFRED POLLARD,
Cranfield,
Russell Road,
Buckhurst Hill, Essex.

Moscrip, Mary A.	..	Manutuke, near Gisborne, N.Z.
Moscrip, M. Grace	..	Manutuke, near Gisborne, N.Z.
Muggeridge, Albert	..	Hawera, New Zealand.
Muggeridge, Amos	..	Kaupokonui, Taranaki, N.Z.
Muggeridge, Charles	..	Oeo Road, Auroa, Taranaki, N.Z.
Muggeridge, Frank	..	do. do.
Murphy, William A. (formerly of Munich)	c/o "Deco" Société Anonyme, Place Leopold 10, Antwerp, Belgium.
Nichol, Connie	..	Whakapiran, North Auckland, N.Z.
Nichol, Horace J.	..	Hyde Rock, Kondonin, W. Australia.
Nott, Thomas	..	Y.M.C.A., 1441 Drummond Street, Montreal, Canada.
Perry, John	..	436 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C.
Porritt, Dorothy (<i>née</i> Simms)	..	P.O. Box 543, Port Alberni, Vancouver Island, B.C.
*Quinton, Eric	..	Dunlop Rubber Works, Sydney Street, Durban, South Africa.
Quinton, Fay (<i>née</i> Cowan)	..	do. do.
Read, Phebe (<i>née</i> Badham)	..	Railway Flats, Rayapuram, Madras, India.
Rose, Ronald	..	Box 37, Waikia, N.Z.
Roseboro, Mabel A. (<i>née</i> Young)	5030 Quitman Street, Denver, Col.
Roughsedge, Clifford	..	c/o T. Burgess, Bunbartha, Victoria, Australia.
Roughsedge, William	..	c/o F. Lorains, Zeernst, via Tallygaroopna, Victoria, Australia.
Rutter, Winifred O. (<i>née</i> Barber)	Roissee, Brummana, Lebanon, Syria.
Sa ter, Gladys (<i>née</i> Nicholl)	..	Whakapiran, N. Auckland, N.Z.
Salter, Leonard G.	..	do. do.
Thorpe, Emily (<i>née</i> Ashby)	..	321 West Front Street, Plainfield, N.J., U.S.A.
Viccars, Emiline (<i>née</i> Dawes)	..	Ferris Gardens, Berwick, Victoria, Australia.
Waites, T. P.	..	Box 5705, Johannesburg.
Warner, A. Louise	..	The Oaks, Huguenot Seminary, Wellington, C.P.
Watkins, George Edward	..	72 Windermere Road, Greyville, Durban.
Wells, Marjorie	..	La Tauler, Carretra, De Glenova, Palma de Mallorca, Espana.
Wells, G. Ronald	..	3700 First Avenue, S. Minneapolis, Minn.
Whitlock, Ernest E.	..	361 Ashland Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
*Wood, Emilie (<i>née</i> Waddington)	P.O. Box 10, Nairobi, B.E. Africa.

NEW MEMBERS

who have left the School since the publication of the last Annual Report, and to whom membership of the S.O.S.A. is free until Whitsonide 1936.

L Baker, Nancy I.	..	111 Windsor Crescent, South Harrow, N.4.
L Barnard, Freda	..	185 Handside Lane, Welwyn Garden City, Hertts.
B Baseley, Raymond J.	..	Grasmere, Lower Bentley, near Bromsgrove.
R Blackie, Conrad	..	Aylwin, West Avenue, Shelton Lock, Derby.
W Boey, Violet H.	..	Walmond, 19 Heywood, Cinderford, Glos.
R Brewer, Monica	..	Windyridge, Gundrada Road, Lewes.
B Coxon, John	..	21 Little Moor Hill, Smethwick, Birmingham.
S Green, Margaret J.	..	Grove End Farm, Brailles, Banbury.

R	Hadden, Helen M.	..	St. John's Road, Wexford, Ireland.
O	Haines, Dorothy	..	Oakfield, Church Green, Witney, Oxon.
R	Hedger, Ian R.	..	Haybury Road, Woking, Surrey.
O	Hawkes, Roland H.	..	33 Bramshaw Road, Tilehurst, Reading.
W	Ladd, P. Alan	..	Shute Lane, Long Sutton, Taunton, Somerset.
S	Lamb, O. Barbara	..	Woolman Cottage, Sibford Ferris, near Banbury.
O	Lambourn, Betty T.	..	8 Donnington Road, Reading.
S	Manley, William H.	..	Manor Farm, Brailes, Banbury.
R	Milner, John P.	..	23 Sycamore Avenue, Harehills Lane, Leeds.
O	Noakes, Molly K. A.	..	Tower Lodge, Witney, Oxon.
L	Norman, Bernard G.	..	19 Queen's Avenue, Myddelton Park, Whetstone, N.20.
R	Parker, Bertha E.	..	67A Branstone Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.
R	Pickering, Judith M.	..	Garbaldisham, Diss, Norfolk.
R	Pucknell, Eileen M.	..	Green View Avenue, Leigh, Kent.
R	Read, Patricia L.	..	Myrtleville, St. David's Road, Aberystwyth.
R	Roberts, Joan	..	80 Queen's Park, Aylesbury, Bucks.
B	Roy, Robert D.	..	641 Walsall Road, Hamstead, Birmingham.
S	Sabin, Lily R.	..	Sibford Gower, Banbury.
R	Savage, Winifred	..	Elvo, Penn Grove Road, Hereford.
L	Smith, Alan P. C.	..	79 Athenaeum Road, Whetstone, N.20.
L	Turland, Phillip	..	79 Peartree Lane, Welwyn Garden City, Herts.
R	Whittle, Anne K.	..	York House, Markland Hill Lane, Heaton, Bolton.
R	Whittle, Jennie M.	..	do. do.
R	Wilson, Robert W.	..	Little Goddards, Hatherden, Andover, Hants.

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MARRIAGE: *Arnold-Kirby*. On December 13th, 1935, at St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, Robert Sawyer Arnold, youngest son of Milton N. and Mary E. Arnold (both deceased), to Edith D. M. Kirby, of Clapham.

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EXAMINATION SUCCESS: *Alan Stanton*—Cordwainers' Technical College, two-years course certificate.

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DEATH: *Sykes*. On December 26th, 1935, at Chalfont, Olton, Birmingham, George Sykes, aged 80 years.

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BIRTH: *Baseley*. On December 27th, 1935, to Godfrey and Betty Baseley, a daughter, who was named Jane.

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DEGREE: *Clifford H. Mortimer*, Doctor of Philosophy, Berlin University.

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EXAMINATION SUCCESS: *Elsie M. Rose*—Froebel Teachers' Handwork Diploma, weaving and basketry section: first-class in both oral and written papers.

GATHERING'S END



BANBURY STATION: TUESDAY MORNING

*Fare thee well, for I must leave thee,
Do not let the parting grieve thee. . . .*

HEADLEY BROTHERS
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and Ashford, Kent