

"And the Menne of Sheep-ford went whithersoever they willen."



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OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION,



SIXTH

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# SIBFORD OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION.

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## SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1909.

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## THE 1909 GATHERING.



BACK ROW (Left to Right)—S. Hutchinson, Sidney Oddie, A. E. Smith, Ernest Whitlock, Ivor E. Kear, Edith Millard, Harold Sharp, L. L. Hartmann, Margaret Brady, Chas. E. Brady, Edgar Oddie, Madge Oddie, Arthur B. Oddie, Herbert Simms.

2nd ROW—Ernest Wells, Louie Wilkinson, Alfred Goode, Percy Hodgetts, Philip Sargent, Margaret Ogilvie, E. Percy Kaye, Lizzie Robbins, Fred Lamb, Flossie Jones, Miriam Pitt, Edith Whitlock, Grace Ashworth, Ethel Sharp, Marie Sabin, Helen Oddie, Dick Lamb.

3rd ROW—Vera Meek, Resa Meek, Mabel Jackson (front), Annie Sabin (behind), Thos. Jackson, Miss Austin, Mrs. Philip Sargent, Lucy Ridges, Ethel Snook, Miss Edridge, Ethelbert Harris, Ethel Reason (behind), Nellie Wilks (front), Jane Sabin.

SITTING—Adeline Lamb, Joseph S. K. Parsey, Joseph F. Hills, Robert B. Oddie, Elizabeth M. Oddie, James T. Harrod and Mary G. Harrod, Mrs. Harrod, Mrs. Hughes, Annie Johnson, Mrs. Joshua Lamb, Mrs. Abbott.

IN FRONT—Dr. Routh, Gulie Oddie, Ethel Harrison, Winnie Thicks, Elsie Cook, Ethel Johnson, G. Wesley Austin, Percy Simms.

## THE SIBFORD OLD SCHOLARS' GATHERING—WHITSUNTIDE, 1909.

THIS year we have tried the experiment of beginning the function at midday on Saturday, and it has proved quite a success. As usual there is a considerable number who wish to anticipate events, and who therefore put in an appearance on the previous evening; and it is, however, very pleasant to have the double welcome when the brake arrives from Banbury, the welcome from School and Staff, and the welcome from previous arrivals. What revels were in vogue before Saturday I cannot say—but we've had a good time since. The huge brake, attended by cyclists, drove up to the School door in good time for dinner at 1-30, and we started our match, Old Scholars *versus* the School Team, at 2-45. By playing so early in the proceedings, instead of on Monday as heretofore, we doubtless deprived ourselves of the services of some of the doughty champions of the past, who have helped us on to victory. They came too late on this occasion at any rate, and of *this* there is no possible doubt, with a very weakened team of 9 Old Scholars and 2 Present Scholars, we were beaten in a low scoring match by 3 runs.

### PRESENT SCHOLARS.

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| J. T. Harrod (Capt.)       |    |
| b Hodgetts .. ..           | 4  |
| H. Randall, run out ..     | 4  |
| J. H. Reed, c Sargent,     |    |
| b Harris .. ..             | 10 |
| G. Peckover, run out ..    | 5  |
| F. Parsons, b Kaye ..      | 0  |
| R. Fieldhouse, hit wicket, |    |
| b Harris .. ..             | 1  |
| S. George, l b w, b Harris | 2  |
| G. Mansfield, b Harris ..  | 1  |
| L. Grant, c Harris, b Kaye | 2  |
| R. Bizzell, not out ..     | 2  |
| T. Salthouse, b Harris ..  | 1  |
| Extras .. ..               | 7  |
| Total ..                   | 39 |

### PAST SCHOLARS.

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| C. E. Brady, b Harrod ..     | 15 |
| P. Sargent, run out ..       | 5  |
| P. Hodgetts, b Harrod ..     | 8  |
| E. P. Kaye (capt)            |    |
| c Fieldhouse, b Harrod       | 4  |
| E. Harris, b Harrod ..       | 0  |
| G. Austin, c Salthouse,      |    |
| b Harrod .. ..               | 0  |
| R. Lamb, c & b Reed ..       | 0  |
| Mr. Jackson, b Reed ..       | 1  |
| E. Harris, c Parsons, b Reed | 1  |
| R. Isaac, l b w, b Reed ..   | 0  |
| J. Green, not out ..         | 1  |
| Extras .. ..                 | 1  |
| Total ..                     | 36 |

This year, a cordial invitation by Mr. and Mrs. William Reason to 5-30 tea, brought the Old Scholars to their charming country house, where a very sociable opportunity was enjoyed. The children's entertainment began at 7 o'clock in the gymnasium

which was prettily decorated for the occasion; a temporary stage added much to the effect of the scenes from "The Tempest." This was a very ambitious piece and was successfully rendered, and the other items on the programme were also quite up to the standard usually reached by the School Entertainments.

#### PROGRAMME.

- 1 Pianoforte Solo "Lieder Ohne Worte." .. *Mendelssohn*  
MR. IVOR KEAR.
- 2 Song .. .. "Topical Song." .. ..  
MR. HARROD.
- 3 Three Verses from "A Child's Garden." .. *R. L. Stevenson*  
B. LAMB, M. BIRKETT, P. COPE.
- 4 Part Song .. .. "Kit the Owl." .. .. *Vincent*  
THE SCHOLARS.
- 5 Scenes from "The Tempest." .. ..

#### Dramatis Personæ:—

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|--|-------------------------|
| Alonso, King of Naples .. ..                       | H. FRENCH.              |
| Sebastian, his brother .. ..                       | J. H. REED.             |
| Prospero, the right Duke of Milan .. ..            | H. STEVENS.             |
| Antonio, his brother, usurping Duke of Milan .. .. | K. RUTTER.              |
| Gonzalo, an honest old Counsellor .. ..            | G. PECKOVER.            |
| Caliban, a deformed savage .. ..                   | G. MANSFIELD.           |
| Trinculo, a jester .. ..                           | H. RANDALL.             |
| Stephano, a drunken butler .. ..                   | H. GITTINS.             |
| Master of Ship .. ..                               | C. RUSSELL.             |
| Boatswain .. ..                                    | R. BIZZELL.             |
| Mariners .. ..                                     | J. GREEN AND S. GEORGE. |
| Mirando, daughter to Prospero .. ..                | D. OYSTON.              |
| Ariel, an airy spirit .. ..                        | L. LAMB.                |
| Ferdinand, son to King of Naples .. ..             | L. GRANT.               |

Scenes introduced by THEODORA HODGKISS.

- 1 "A Hymn to the Home Land." .. .. *Sullivan*  
THE SCHOLARS.
- 2 Piano Solo .. .. "Tarentelle." .. .. *Heller*  
M. BRACHER.
- 3 .. .. "The Day-Dream." .. .. *Tennyson*  
Part i. G. TAYLOR. Part ii. E. FEUGARD.  
" iii. W. BENNETT. " v. E. GAFFEE.  
" iv. FORM iii. F. JOHNSON.
- 4 Song .. .. "The Shepherd's Cradle Song." .. *Somervell*  
MISS ASHWORTH.
- 5 Part Song .. .. "Good Night." .. .. *Scott Gatty*  
THE SCHOLARS.  
"God Bless our Native Land."

After the boys and girls had gone to bed the Old Scholars held the first of the popular re-unions in the drawing room *pro tem*—the lower schoolroom. Besides other items, we listened to the rehearsing of Miss Harrison's choir which was preparing for Monday night.

Sunday dawned bright and sunny, and a few of us much enjoyed early morning walks into the lovely country before breakfast. At 11 o'clock the little meeting-house at the other village was crowded, and we had a really good meeting in which the results of action were spoken to by five or six. The greater number spent the afternoon in a very quiet fashion, renewing friendships and refreshing reminiscences, though some of the more energetic accompanied the boys and girls on their walk to Swadcliffe Common. At 5 o'clock tea on the lawn, Mr. and Mrs. Harrod shook hands with us officially and gave us a hearty welcome. Then came the usual School reading to which all the

Friends were invited. Passages of Scripture read by a girl and a boy, and some hymns, were followed by an address explanatory of the story of the woman of Samaria, given by Wilfred Gibbins, of Croydon. After an adjournment for supper we had the pleasure of listening to appropriate songs and recitations, interspersed with intervals for conversation until 11 o'clock, when an evening hymn suitably concluded the re-union.

The heat of Sunday caused a heavy dew in the night which, though it did not damp the enthusiasm of early morning tennis players, made the balls and the paddock heavier than usual. From 7 o'clock to 8-30 there was a changing stream of players and good play. The sun was quite hot by 8, and the improved ground attracted more and more players to the pretty paddock, which was rarely, if ever, without its full complement of players throughout the day.

The Business Meeting, which is fully reported elsewhere, was held at 9-45, and was very well attended. At the close the retiring President, Mrs. Oddie, with a kind speech presented on behalf of the Association to E. Percy Kaye, our Secretary, on the occasion of his approaching marriage as an appreciation of his work for the Association, a handsome Electro-plate Tea Service, consisting of a kettle, tea-pot, cream and sugar basin. After musical honours had been accorded E. P. Kaye thanked the Association for the beautiful gift and expression of good will.

A similar ceremony was performed some 10 minutes later, when Dr. Routh presented Chas. E. Brady with a post-nuptial wedding

present—a case of Silver Dessert Knives and Forks. When the cheers had somewhat subsided, C. E. Brady made reply in his usual witty style on behalf of himself and of his wife whom we were pleased to have with us.

We had perfect weather for the subsequent photographic efforts, and the time from 12 till dinner was spent in strolling up and down the lawn or the garden, or in tennis or bathing.

Upwards of 80 sat down to dinner, after which we adjourned to the cricket field in answer to a challenge from a ladies' team. The men, who were subjected to the usual handicaps, batting with broomsticks, catching, fielding and bowling left hand—made 31 runs, to which the ladies replied with a quickly compiled 36. We then started off on our pic-nic, which was this year held in a field, kindly lent by Mr. Pettipther, near to Temple Mill. Our mundane wants were satisfied by a lavish supply of eatables, sunshine, and beautiful scenery which made the occasion a most brilliant success. It is at times like these that one finds that jovial *bonhomie* for which our gatherings are so deservedly noted. Half an hour of Terza brought us to the time when we had to turn our steps school-wards to be in time for the Presidential Address at 6-30. This was given from the stage erected at the far end of the gymnasium, by our President for the year 1908-9, Mrs. Oddie, and is printed in extenso in another part of the Report. The choice of subject by our past lady-president was exceedingly happy, and the address was heard with great pleasure and attention by the company which filled the room.



After a vote of thanks had been heartily given, Joseph F. Hills, of Sudbury, presented a Cricket Bat to the boy who had shewn the best style in the match against the Old Scholars on Saturday. Continued cheers shewed that agreement with the verdict of the judges was pretty general, and John H. Reed made a suitable speech in thanks for the gift. The Chairman for the evening, Robert B. Oddie, then proceeded with the programme of the Old Scholars' Entertainment, which is given in full below. This was felt to rise to a higher standard than ever before, and this is partly due to the efforts of the Choir on whose behalf Miss Ethel Harrison has worked so hard and deserves our best thanks. The rounds were especially effective, and the audience would not be satisfied until demands for an encore had been acceded to.

# PROGRAMME.

|               |    |                             |    |                                       |
|---------------|----|-----------------------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| Piano Solo .. | .. | ..                          | .. | ETHEL SNOOK                           |
| Song ..       | .. | "Greeting"                  | .. | LADIES' CHOIR                         |
| Song ..       | .. | "The Snowy-breasted Pearl." | .. | MRS. SARGENT                          |
| Part Song ..  | .. | "Drink to me only."         | .. | .. CHOIR                              |
| Recitation .. | .. | ..                          | .. | FRANK LASCELLES                       |
| Song ..       | .. | "The Wood-Pigeon."          | .. | ETHEL SNOOK                           |
| Song ..       | .. | "The Village Blacksmith"    | .. | ALFRED GOODE                          |
| DUET ..       | .. | "Excelsior."                | {  | ETHEL HARRISSON AND<br>GULIE M. ODDIE |
| Rounds ..     | .. | ..                          | .. | .. CHOIR                              |
| Song ..       | .. | "The Little Hero."          | .. | PERCY HODGETTS                        |
| Song ..       | .. | "Homeland."                 | .. | MIRIAM PITT                           |
| Song ..       | .. | "The Old Trombone."         | .. | E. PERCY KAYE                         |
| Duet ..       | .. | "Darby and Joan."           | {  | MIRIAM PITT AND<br>FLOSSIE JONES      |
| Part Song ..  | .. | "Sweet and Low,"            | .. | LADIES' CHOIR                         |
| Recitation .. | .. | ..                          | .. | FRANK LASCELLES                       |
| Part Song ..  | .. | "Humpty Dumpty."            | .. | .. CHOIR                              |

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|--------------|----|----|---------------|----|--------------|
| Song ..      | .. | .. | ..            | .. | MRS. SARGENT |
| Part Song .. | .. | .. | "Good-night." | .. | .. CHOIR     |

The closing item was, however, only a message to the boys and girls; the Old Scholars adjourned for supper, after which they assembled in the Lower Schoolroom for the final re-union. A disappointment in the entertainment had been the unavoidable absence of Frank Lascelles, but he arrived in time for the re-union, and delighted us with his songs and recitations, among which were "The Bishop and the Caterpillar," "The Jackdaw of Rheims," "Maud Müller," "The Gravedigger Scene from Hamlet," and "My Old Dutch." These and items by Miss Ethel Snook, Mrs. Sargent, Dr. Routh, Miss Ethel Harrison, and others, made the midnight hour approach at lightning speed, and it was after 12 o'clock when we sang "Auld Lang Syne." The last good-nights at Sibford are proverbially hard to say, but they were mostly finished by 12-45. There were, however, some hardworkers who set off on their homeward journey at 1-20, and one or two who cycled almost through the night in order to get to business at the right time on Tuesday morning, and yet not miss the Monday evening entertainments. And these were lucky in one respect—they arrived home dry at any rate, whereas those who spent the night in Sibford came in for rain and mud on the Tuesday morning.

## THE BUSINESS MEETING.

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THE Lower Schoolroom was well filled when the meeting commenced at 9-30 on Monday morning.

Min. 1. It was proposed, seconded and carried that Chas. E. Brady be asked to act as Chairman.

Min. 2. J. S. K. Parsey proposed and Dr. Routh seconded, that the minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and published in the last Report, be taken as read ; carried.

Min. 3. The Secretary read a number of interesting letters from Old Scholars who regretted their inability to attend and wished us a very good time. Such were from Miss S. E. Lee, Nellie Gittins, John Handy, Percy Lower, Wm. Mold. Some longer letters from members resident abroad are sufficiently interesting to be published.

Min. 4. The Secretary read his Annual Report and Balance Sheet. It was proposed by J. S. K. Parsey and seconded by Philip Sargent that both be adopted. This was carried.

The reports were as follows :—

### **S.O.S.A. Fifth Whit-Gathering held May 29th—June 1st, 1909.**

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

Once more we are in the happy position of being able to announce an increase in membership in our Association. We have now 298 names on our books, as against 286 last year, an increase of 12. But it is not only in numbers that our position is stronger

than it was last year, for we feel that there is an increased spirit of good-fellowship, a greater anxiety to help, together with a deeper feeling of individual responsibility than ever has been exhibited before by the Association.

Death has removed from our midst more members than we have ever before lost in one year, Walter H. Farrington, Edwin Rollason, John M. Albright. We are giving on another page a very short resumé of their lives.

With regard to the following of our number, I have to announce that, without giving any notice to your Committee, requesting its approval or asking its advice, and notwithstanding the fact that they always appeared to be happy by themselves, they have decided to take unto themselves wives (or husbands as the case may be), Margaret Wallace, Chas. E. Brady, Joseph A. Sargent, Mabel Peirson, Philip Sargent, Arthur B. Oddie, Richard Oliver, and E. Percy Kaye.

#### **Min. 5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

Mrs. Oddie proposed and J. F. Hills seconded, that E. Percy Kaye be elected President for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Dr. Routh and seconded by Percy Hodgetts that E. Percy Kaye be re-appointed Honorary Secretary and Treasurer to the Association. Carried unanimously.



Chas. E. Brady proposed and Mrs. Abbatt seconded, that Dr. Routh and Miss Louie E. Wilkinson be re-appointed as our Local Secretaries for the coming year. Carried unanimously.

Thomas Jackson seconded J. S. K. Parsey's proposal that the Executive Committee for the year should consist of Chas. E. Brady, Miss E. M. Harrison, Miss G. M. Oddie, and Miss A. R. Wells. An amendment, proposed and seconded by Miss G. M. Oddie and Ernest Wells and agreed to by the original movers, that Wesley Austin's name be added to the list was carried unanimously.

Min. 6. J. T. Harrod, B.A., the Headmaster of the School, gave us a short address on the state of the School.

#### THE HEADMASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Headmaster expressed the appreciation of all in the School at the visit of the Old Scholars, and their happiness at the feeling of unity and charm that pervaded the occasion. He alluded to the visits a year ago, of Dr. Church, of British Columbia (who has since sent to offer prizes for the best work done in Natural History at Sibford during the year), and of Wm. Hy. Wise, of Toronto; old scholars, who were greatly interested in re-visiting the haunts of their youth.

Mr. Harrod also described briefly the alterations in the premises which it is hoped to carry out during the summer of 1909. In the main these are:—

- (1). To enlarge the boys' playground by removal of the old workshop and sheds adjoining;

- (2). To provide larger workshop and cookery room;
- (3). To extend the dining room and the rooms below and above it;
- (4). To provide a new system of lighting.

The cost of the alterations is to be about £2,400, and a further instalment on a slightly larger scale is expected in a few years' time.

With the School now full, and the sure prospect of an increase in numbers after the summer holidays, these alterations could now no longer be delayed. An appeal for funds was already issued with gratifying results.

Mrs. J. Lamb said how much we should like to see some more of those whose names are so well connected with Sibford, amongst others Joseph Collins and John W. Proud.

Mr. J. F. Hills proposed that all Old Scholars should be written to; and so a new circular has been printed and a copy is enclosed herewith—more may be obtained from the Secretary—and it is hoped that it will serve to interest some who still hold aloof from us.

At the close of the meeting the Secretary read out 17 addresses which though correct a year ago were now useless; he took the opportunity of imploring those whose state in life was changed to let him know at once.

## CASH ACCOUNT.

| INCOME.                   |    |    |    |    | £  | s. | d. |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Balance in hand           | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11 | 15 | 3  |
| Subscriptions             | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11 | 15 | 2  |
| Reports sold              | .. | .. | .. | .. |    | 3  | 9  |
| Cases sold                | .. | .. | .. | .. |    | 19 | 6  |
| Profit on Gathering, 1908 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5  | 13 | 9  |

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| EXPENDITURE.                |    |    |    |    | £  | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|
| 350 Reports                 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10 | 2  | 6  |   |    |    |
| 3 Blocks                    | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2  | 15 | 6  |   |    |    |
| Sundries                    | .. | .. | .. | .. |    | 9  | 4  |   |    |    |
| Postage                     | .. | .. | .. | .. |    | 19 | 8  |   |    |    |
|                             |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |    |
| Whitsuntide Programmes      | .. |    |    |    |    | 9  | 6  |   |    |    |
| Postage                     | .. | .. | .. | .. |    | 8  | 0  |   |    |    |
|                             |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |    |
| Local Secretaries' Expenses | .. | .. | .. | .. |    |    |    |   | 17 | 6  |
| Secretary's Expenses        | .. | .. | .. | .. |    |    |    |   | 1  | 3  |
| Photographs                 | .. | .. | .. | .. |    |    |    |   | 9  | 0  |
| Music for Choir             | .. | .. | .. | .. |    |    |    |   | 2  | 6  |
| Travelling Expenses         | .. | .. | .. | .. |    |    |    |   | 11 | 0  |
| Balance in hand             | .. | .. | .. | .. |    |    |    |   | 11 | 6  |

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Audited and found correct,

C. E. BRADY.

## MARRIAGES.

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LITTEN—WALLACE.—8th October, 1908. At Moseley Road Congregational Chapel, Birmingham, Herbert O. Litten, of Hyde House, Frome (late of Chicago), to Margaret Wallace (Scholar 1897—99), of Moseley, Birmingham.

BRADY—WILD.—22nd August, 1908. At Wanstead Old Church, Wanstead, Charles Edward Brady, of Wealdstone, Harrow, to Margaret Hannah Wild, B.A., M.B., B.S. (London), daughter of Robert Wild, of Snaresbrook, Essex.

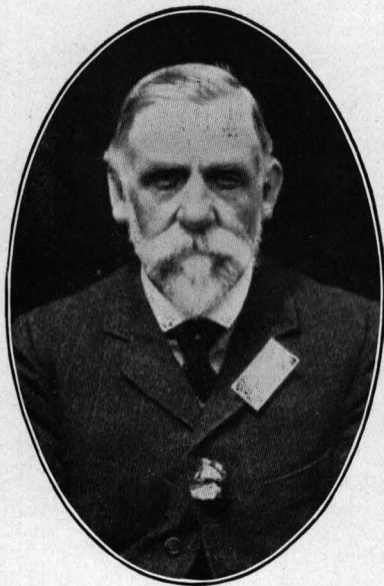
SARGENT—PIERSON.—2nd September, 1908. At the Friends' Meeting House, Dorking, Joseph A. Sargent, son of Philip and Julia Sargent (London), to Mabel E. Pierson, daughter of C. J. and Ellen Pierson, of Dorking.

SARGENT—HANNAN.—16th September, 1908. At Church of Holy Trinity, Brook Green, London, W., Philip A. Sargent, elder son of Philip and Julia Sargent, of London, to Mary Gertrude (Fay), daughter of the late Terence Hannan, Waterford, and Mrs. Hannan, London.

ODDIE—TYRRELL.—15th December, 1908. At Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, Arthur Brearley Oddie, L.D.S., of Croydon, son of Robert B. and Elizabeth M. Oddie, of Sibford, to Mary Emmeline ("Madge"), daughter of Frederick G. and Annie E. Tyrrell, of Westholme, Hastings.

OLIVER—DUTCH.—28th June, 1909. At Winnipeg, Canada, Richard, only son of the late Richard Oliver, of Penmaenmawr, to Louie, daughter of Edwin and Rachel Dutch, of Stoke Newington, London.

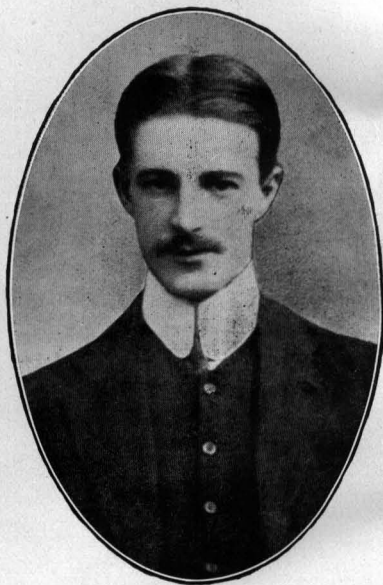
KAYE—WALKER.—19th August, 1909. At Harrogate, Edward Percy Kaye, M.Sc., of Leighton Park, Reading, son of Walter J. Kaye, M.A., of Harrogate, to Ethel, daughter of the late Benjamin Walker, of Harrogate.



EDWIN ROLLASON.



JOHN M. ALBRIGHT.



WALTER HOLE FARRINGTON.

## DEATHS

EDWIN ROLLASON was one of the heartiest of our members right from the beginning of our Association. He died on the 26th of January, 1909. He was born in Coventry in 1832, and was at Sibford School during 1847 and 1848; he always attributed his wonderful health to the outdoor life and farm work which at that time were a part of the school routine. On leaving school he was apprenticed for 7 years to Mr. Walter Dewes, Ribbon Designer; and he gained some prizes as a draughtsman. After buying the business, a few years of success were brought to a close by the disastrous strike of 1860, the Morrill Tariff and the French Treaty. A final disaster in 1877, when his plant was destroyed by fire, caused Edwin Rollason to take up the manufacture of a patent medicine, at which he worked energetically for the rest of his life. His other interests were many and varied. He was one of the pioneers of the Coventry Swimming Baths and an enthusiastic volunteer. He had a very good taste in art and has left behind him a large collection of beautiful paintings. He was always a welcome attender at our meetings, and added much to the cheerfulness and sociability of our gatherings, and will be greatly missed.

WALTER HOLE FARRINGTON, Scholar at Sibford School 1894-98, was the only son of G. J. and S. E. Farrington, of Notting Hill Gate, London, and brother of Ethel F. Farrington (also a Sibford scholar), and was born at Bradford-on-Avon, November 26th, 1884. He was an ardent supporter of the Sibford Old Scholars' Association, interesting himself in all connected with the School, never missing

the Whitsuntide Gathering and always ready to take his part in making it a success. Fond of all sports and games, he shortly before his death gained a Silver Medal for Gymnastics at a London Technical Institute. His sunny nature made him a favourite wherever he went, and his upright manly character gained him the esteem of all who knew him. His death on September 17th, 1908, after a very short illness, left more than one blank which time may gloss over, but can never fill. He was buried in the Friends' Burial Ground, Winchmore Hill.

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27. 1. '09. JOHN MARSHALL ALBRIGHT.—John M. Albright was born at Charlbury in 1815. His father started the leather glove-making industry in the town, where subsequently as many as 25,000 dozen pairs have been produced in a single year.

As illustrating the long period of time that may be covered by two lives, J.M.A. could tell of knowing Robert Spendlove, who had carried bread to the Young Pretender's soldiers concealed at Cornbury after their dispersion at Derby in 1745.

J.M.A., as a Minister, had been seven times to Ireland, and had visited every congregation of Friends in the British Isles. He was a member of the School Committee for 40 years, being well-known and highly esteemed by generations of Sibford boys and girls. He travelled much on horseback, and he not unfrequently walked from Charlbury to Sibford and back in the day. He was a consistent advocate of Education, Peace, and Total Abstinence; and a militant opponent of the use of Tobacco—the spread of the smoking-habit, especially among boys—being a great trial to him.

## LETTERS FROM ABROAD.

N'GOHGO HOUSE, NAIROBI.  
*April 30th, 1909.*

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I have been asked to write a short description of this country for the S.O.S.A., but I am such a poor correspondent I feel I am not capable of doing justice to it.

The Port-Mombasa is a charming place, especially pleasing after the aridness of the Red Sea and Somali Coasts, there is plenty of green foliage and beautiful flowers and fruits. Nairobi is 327 miles up the Uganda Railway and the journey up is most interesting. One doesn't see many signs of white occupation, but we see countless herds of Zebra, Gnus, Ostriches, and Antelope of all kinds, with occasional Giraffe and Lion; they come close up to the line and don't seem to mind the trains in the least, in fact the trains have several times run over animals and have come into the station decorated with the trophies. Nairobi is less than one degree south of the Equator, but owing to the high altitude 5,450 ft., the climate is very nice and fairly healthy. Still further up the line, we get some magnificent scenery—mountains and dense forests, and then at the end the most wonderful of all—the Great Victoria Nyanza. I have crossed the lake and visited Entebbi, the Capital of Uganda, which one might call the Garden of Africa. I have also visited the Ripon Falls, the source of the Nile. This is a most fascinating country for travellers and hunters, but not very profitable for settlers. The natives round Nairobi are woefully ignorant, uncivilised and lazy, so that the labour question is a very serious one, in spite of the fact that we have five millions of them. The houses are chiefly wood and iron bungalows, and very comfortable they are, I enclose a photograph of mine. We are in a very nice position and have a fine view of Kilimanjaro, 160 miles away on the German border, the highest mountain in Africa, and Kenia, 80 miles away on the Equator, the 2nd highest.

Hoping you will have a most successful gathering,

I am yours sincerely, EMILIE WOOD.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA:

1300, LOCUST STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

31. iii. 1909.

DEAR FRIENDS,

A few of you may perhaps remember a youth of sixteen from London, who taught the lowest class of boys in 1873-4. That youth has still in his possession a diary kept at Sibford during the first half of 1874, and a recent perusal of it has brought up visions of Swalcliffe Common, Temple Mill, and the Hook Norton Road, together with the faces of Richard Routh and his son John, Samuel Gibbs, Margaret Clarke, Lydia Rickitts, and Sophie Binns. Indeed I still have a photograph wherein these worthies appear.

Coming from Croydon, my ancestral School, I found everything about Sibford very strange. The remoteness of the village from a railway—seven miles in those days—the occasional variation of the school program by an afternoon of work on the farm; the meeting of boys and girls in the same dining-room; the swimming-bath, open to the sky and with green water, whose bottom you could not see; the rural walk to meeting, instead of along a suburban road; the strange institution called barm dumping (I had never heard the word *barm* before): all these things were very captivating to a boy from the neighbourhood of the capital.

As my studies have been historical, you will excuse me if I argue about a date, and especially a date which involves the delicate question of a lady's age. I remember one day at the teachers' table, we became confidential, and every one present told his or her age. Richard Routh was 59; Hugh Perkins was 37; Lydia Rickitts and Sophia Binns were — never mind how much; Samuel Gibbs was 19; I was 16; and (here is my point) Margaret Clarke was 40. Now, this worthy friend, whose typically Quaker face I can never forget, says, in her letter to you of 1904, that she went to school in 1851. This would make her 17 at the start, so I



think, either that there must be a misprint, or that she entered the school as a teacher.

I have lately had some correspondence with the two Lakemans, one in Devonshire and the other in Alabama. The younger one, George, was in my class; the elder one, Prideaux, was in the first class, and distinguished himself by having a hand in a certain escapade, about which there may still be traditions at Sibford. To any one who is curious I can furnish contemporary testimony, written on the spot. [Let us hear it. Ed.]

At the age of sixteen I was certainly too young to teach. One of my boys was a sturdy Birmingham lad of twelve, who could probably have knocked me down. I have always considered this piece of ancient economy to be very wrong. Those boys should have been under a teacher of maturer years, and I should have been still at school or college. I believe this mistaken system is now abolished, and I hope the day will come when the profession of schoolmaster will be the loftiest of human careers, as honourable and as dignified as that of Member of Congress or of Parliament. The qualifications for such a sacred office should be high and the training severe, so that only the best could compete. Such a staff of teachers would be next door to Plato's Republic, where kings are philosophers and philosophers are kings.

Yours sincerely,

ALBERT J. EDMUNDS.

HALEYSVILLE, ALA.

May 25th.

I came to the "States" in '85, and at once settled in the "South," and have followed Railroading for ten years, and Farming, Saw-milling, and Cotton Ginning since.

Haleysville, my present home, is in the mountains of North Alabama, and sixteen years ago, when I first came to this neighbourhood, it was one of the most "Backwoods" settlements in the country. Many of the houses were small log cabins with "stick and mud" chimneys, and often not a piece of sawed lumber in their construction. Ploughing and hauling were done chiefly by oxen, the people were clothed in real Homespun. Great changes are taking place and modern methods fast coming in. In the country gay hats are replacing sunbonnets. Horses and mules are displacing the oxen, and buggies are quite common. The Log Church, with a biblical name such as Shiloh or Bethel, generally stands on a hill in the midst of a grove, and is known as the Meeting House. The men sit on one side and women on the other, with a platform or pulpit holding three or four preachers facing the meeting. "Shouting" is frequently indulged in, and "feet-washing" was an annual observance. Although half the population of the State is coloured, only three negroes lived in this County. Others were not made welcome.

During the War many of the mountaineers joined the Union Army, their sympathies not being with the rich planters, and now they enjoy a pension of 8 or 10 dollars a month, while the old Confederates draw a much smaller pension from the State. Cotton is our main money crop, and Indian Corn our food crop. Growing fruit for shipment to the North is fast coming to the front. Education is free and is being put on a much higher plane than heretofore. The manufacture of "Wild Cat" Whiskey thrives more or less in spite of Uncle Sam's Revenue Officers. Good school houses, churches, stores and banks are spreading over the country. We have a Municipal Dispensary here, and since December last the whole State has been "dry."

E. PRIDEAUX LAKEMAN.

## THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

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DEAR Old Girls and Boys, Present Scholars, and Fellow-Members of the S.O.S.A.,

In accordance with time-honoured—that is, five-years-old custom—I am called upon, by way of assertion and justification of my position, for something in the nature of an Address.

The few thoughts that I have strung together would be lacking in courtesy were they not, at the very outset, prefaced by an expression of my appreciation of the honour of having been chosen as the first Woman President of your Association.

I see before me many probable successors to the office, and, recognizing that I have an abiding interest in, and a duty with regard to them, I hope to show, for their encouragement, that a Presidential Address need not necessarily assume formidable proportions, either as to its length or its ornate character.

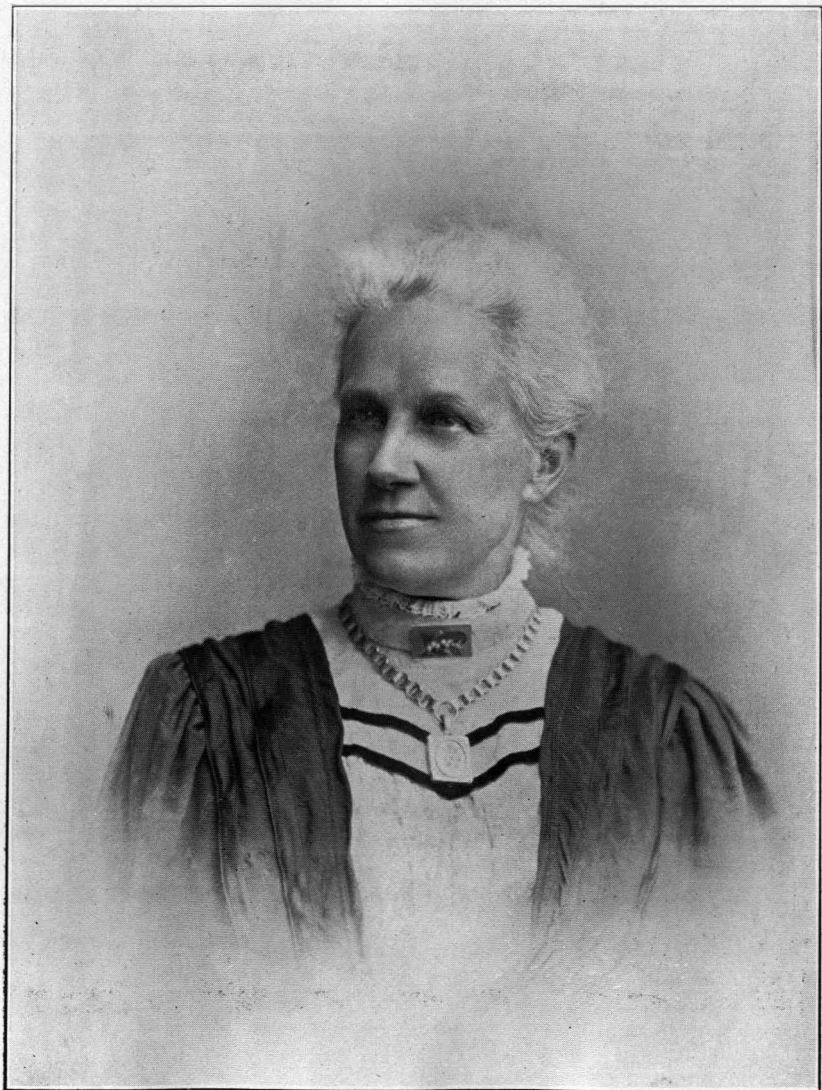
I take it that a President, by the fact of his election, is asked to give his views on some question that he deems to be of importance and of common interest. Therefore I venture to voice the thoughts that have at times occupied my mind during the last few months, in dread anticipation of the present occasion.

These thoughts have, perhaps not unnaturally, turned with much solicitude, to the consideration of the position and attitude of

the women of our day in relation to the problems and responsibilities of life as affecting themselves and the general community.

In all times, in all places, and in all circumstances of human history, for weal or for woe, from Adam's day to our own, from the Garden of Eden to the Albert Hall, from our simple mother Eve to our advanced sister the Suffragette, have women been in evidence from the sheer force of their character, capacity, and destiny. They have ruled Society, as women of the world; the empire of Letters, as patronesses of the Arts; the State, as favourites and advisers of kings. They have given the tone to sentiment, philosophy, and morality. Their caprice has made wars and signed treaties of peace. They have raised monarchies and destroyed dynasties; and they have shared to the fullest extent in the world's errors, its crimes, its calamities, its virtues, and its achievements. Like men they have failed and suffered, because, like men, they have striven.

Woman's influence has not always been pure and good, nor has it invariably been wisely held or rightly wielded. It has often been corrupt in its source, and evil and fatal in its exercise and results. But it was power. And though the historian may never have fully or willingly acknowledged its existence, he cannot efface the fact that the influence, if not actually the *rule* of Woman has, in



**Elizabeth M. Oddie.**  
**President of the Association, 1908-9.**

every country and in every age, been a factor in shaping the destinies of individuals, of communities, and of humanity at large. Retarded through the ages by the artificially subordinate position into which she has been forced, woman may have been slow in estimating her possibilities and in realizing her opportunities, but we must acknowledge that we have been enabled to witness in the progress of the "woman movement" within the experience of our own generation, a deliberate psychic evolution affecting the radical fortunes of an entire sex. In England especially, during the last century, has Woman blossomed out into activities hitherto undreamt of in her philosophy. It were interesting surely, as "the proper study of mankind is man," to trace the social and intellectual status of the English Woman, say from Saxon times to our own. Step by step would be seen the various advances in woman's public and private estimation—literature, no less than history, illustrating their growing importance. There would pass in review before us a continuous line, thin at its source, but widening and deepening as it proceeds, until it becomes a solid and well-defined and irresistible phalanx of potentiality. Within the range of, so to speak, our own day, we can readily particularize, as we recognize in the ranks the familiar forms of Harriet Martineau, and George Eliot, and Frances Power Cobbe, and Josephine Butler, and Florence Nightingale, and Queen Victoria. As directly associated with educational methods, and thus of special interest to us, Frances Mary Buss, and Dorothea Beale, and Mrs. Henry Fawcett, are conspicuous personalities. And not to overlook important and beneficial changes in fashionable society that have

been instituted by the good sense of woman, we are reminded how that Lady Waldegrave, by opening her salon at Strawberry Hill to every kind of intellectual and worthy distinction, has broken down barriers that had hitherto been considered insurmountable. Indeed we find that the cultured activity of the *young* woman of the present day has caused the dinner-party to supersede the dance, and has given men the added interest of discussing with the other sex matters of profound moment which used to be deemed entirely outside the province both of the daughter and the wife.

We will not however complain of the toils of strife, nor of the tardy recognition of the past achievements of women. Rather would we rejoice that in our day, yet greater power, and ampler scope, and wider fields of influence, and a fuller and more clearly-defined rôle in the economy of life are being, not grudgingly conceded, but cheerfully assigned and trustingly committed to women, and that "new opportunities, new responsibilities, and new interests" are ever, under the strenuous conditions of modern existence, presenting themselves and appealing not in vain for sympathy or amelioration at the hands and from the hearts of womenkind.

How true for us of to-day are Mazzini's words—"Life is a *mission*. Any other definition of life is false, and leads those who accept it astray. Religion, science, philosophy, though still at variance upon many points, all agree in this—that every existence is an *aim*."

" We live in deeds, not years : in thoughts, not breaths ;  
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.

We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives  
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

And it would seem to be of peculiar fitness that the women, especially the *young* women, of the Society of Friends should, as occasion presents, be reminded of the fact that in our community has always existed a sentiment, in-advance probably of that of the times, that accords a full acknowledgment, as between men and women, of equal opportunities, equal responsibilities, and equal interests. What a rich legacy of the example of noble character has been bequeathed to us by Margaret Fell, and Mary Dyer, and Amelia Opie, and Elizabeth Fry, to name only a few of our honoured forebears ! How the Quaker Mother and the Quaker Daughter have been portrayed in the history and fiction of our own and a preceding generation, as the reflex of the quiet, simple, high-toned living of the cultured and disciplined English home ! Our Literature would surely be the poorer were it divested of the kindly criticism and reverential estimate of Charles Lamb of those "troops of the shining ones" whom he shyly went forth to view at Yearly Meeting times ; and of the ideals personified in Rachel Halliday, and Dorothy Fox, and "Friend Olivia" ! The Arts, too, are truly embellished and ennobled, and religious and domestic life honoured, in pictures such as "The Quaker Wedding," "A Silent Meeting," "The Evening Hour," and "Lavender Time." Art, Literature, and experience combine to shew that the Quaker environment is Nature's own nursery-ground, wherein is, or ought

to be, propagated, tended, and brought to fruition, that concern for the welfare of others that is an attempt, however feeble, to exemplify that love of which our Saviour said—"Greater love hath no man than this—that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The exercise of love towards others entails willing sacrifice and cheerful self-denial—sacrifice, not perhaps of existence itself, but in our attitude towards the exigencies of life, in our pleasures and indulgences, in our predilections, in our outlook, in our aim. Is not a Quaker household, with its peaceful, well-ordered routine, a very recruiting-ground for standard-bearers and reformers ? Does not the Quaker maiden imbibe from her cradle the very breath of inspiration for work and responsibility ? She sees not only her father and her brother interested in the activities of service, but she is unconsciously taught that mother and sister are equally in touch with, and are perhaps even more directly useful in efforts for the good of the Church, in social movements, and even in political propaganda. In process of time she enters a school where, in the curriculum, little if any differentiation as to sex is recognised ; and where, even in the gymnasium and the playing-field, no particularly hard and fast line of distinction is observable. And on leaving school, imbued with healthy, if impetuous, ambitions, she may find herself side by side with men in amicable rivalry for University honours, and may fearlessly proceed to invade the quondam prohibited preserves of the professions of Divinity, Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, and Accountancy.

Others there are to whom these air-ship flights of intellect and attainment would be impossible.

" Their lot forbade ; nor circumscribed alone  
Their growing virtues, but their *aims* confined,"  
would doubtless be true of the vast majority.

" Let every man find his work and do it ! " was the prayer, rather than the injunction, of the strenuous Thomas Carlyle. And let every man and every woman find a dignity in useful labour, arduous and lowly and simple though it may be ! Let them remember that he who gives but a needed cup of cold water shall have his reward—he will have done something to alleviate the condition of a fellow-mortal—" one of these little ones."

Listen to these stirring words, borne to us from the sister Isle, in recent testimony to the useful life-work of a mother in Israel, happily still with us. " Many could look back to the dawning of those causes with which the name of Anna Maria Haslam was inseparably connected ; of movements which she had made her own, and in the development and progress of which she had shared with other great and good women. When, in 1860, Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell took her degree in Medicine, and was shortly followed by Dr. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, Anna Maria Haslam was one of those who, with the vision of a true prophet, saw what the future had in store, and that this was no mere ephemeral movement, but a mighty advance which would lead to the blessing and benefit of humanity. Looking round them now, they saw that women were standing equal with men in their researches into pathology, and that highly-educated women were as necessary as highly-educated men for the welfare of the body politic. What

gigantic strides had been made during the life-time of the lady they were honouring ! Her voice and her pen had always been at the service of great moral questions, when men had sometimes halted and hesitated. Hers it was to cheer and encourage the younger generation of women, and to shew them the standard they were to aim at. They thanked her, and many for years to come would thank her, for the inspiration of a life of quiet, earnest, consistent, and self-effacing work."

But though the heights of Olympus are gained but by the few, the path of service may be trod by all. While the Muses brood on Parnassus, there must be the dwellers in the plain. And happy is the woman who, cumbered about much serving and endless domestic worries, can discern her hum-drum lot and life of ceaseless and perchance thankless toil, to be " even as the garden of the Lord " ; and who, from a heart replete with thankfulness can say—" The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places ; yea, I have a goodly heritage."

Blessed be drudgery ! Says Rufus M. Jones.—" The *happy* people are the toilers. In New York the street-sweepers are called " White Angels," engaged as they are in as divine a service as the Gabriels and the Raphaels."

" A servant with this clause  
Makes drudgery divine :  
Who sweeps a room as for Thy laws,  
Makes that and the action fine."



There are sister-members of the S.O.S.A. filling places in some of the stations I have indicated, and I heartily wish them success and happiness in their allotted work. Doubtless each one of them has her share of trial and her seasons of discouragement. There is so much to be done, and the labourers, although an increasing force, are still few and inadequate. But progress is being made, and already ideals which but a short time ago appeared as chimeras, and for which those of an older generation had worked with but small prospect of success, have been realized. Without associating ourselves with the extreme methods of certain pioneers, we can do what in us lies to advance the day "when women shall occupy their rightful position in the social and political scale; when their claim for an appropriate part in the moral government of the world shall be fully recognised; and when the natural rights of sisters, wives, and mothers shall be extended and sacredly safeguarded."

Meanwhile, what fields of glorious service lie before us, not only in woman's undisputed domain of *home*—

"Where mother, daughter, wife,

Strew with fresh flowers the thorny paths of life,"

but as Teachers, as Poor-law Guardians, as School and District Visitors, as Purity Crusaders, as Health Inspectors, as Hospital Nurses, as bearers of the "glad tidings" that woman can commend in a manner all her own! Shall we not thankfully rejoice in that our outlook is so wide, that such spheres of usefulness surround us, and that opportunities so great are vouchsafed to us?

May I venture to hope that some word of mine, or of those whose thoughts I have borrowed, will have the effect of deepening, in the heart of even one member of the Association a desire and determination to take a more expansive and more serious view of the responsibilities of life—of her duty to God, to her neighbour, and to herself? And through all discouragement, and trial, and failure, may each one of us be able to say with the Quaker poet—

"Age brings me no despairing  
Of the world's future faring;  
In human nature still  
I find more good than ill."

## THE SCHOOL CHRONICLE.

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School re-opened on August 11th. There are now 38 boys and 33 girls, a total increase of 10. Mr. A. E. Smith has taken Mr. Knight's place as Master-on-Duty and Manual Training Instructor. On September 5th twelve boys drove to North Newington, by invitation of Mrs. J. Gillett. The afternoon was spent in playing cricket with other visitors, and the evening over indoor games, while Mr. Gillett kindly exhibited wireless telegraphy, X rays, and other scientific wonders, in full working. On September 12th, after the visit of the School Committee, Theodore Neild interested the upper boys and girls with a short lecture on the Licensing Bill, and on the influence of alcohol on the brain. September 22nd was a fine day, and we had the morning free for blackberry gathering. The total weight gathered was 185 lbs. 11 ozs., or about 100 lbs. more than was obtained last year.

The birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harrod on September 27th was followed by a day of rejoicing on the 29th. It took the form of an expedition to Edgehill, in brilliant weather. At short notice two wagonettes were obtained, and all but a few stalwart ones rode a good part of the way. A halt was made at the Stratford road for dinner, a very enjoyable picnic. A short journey on took us to the scene of the battle. After imbibing an abundant supply of liquid refreshment, kindly provided by the teachers, we spent

the rest of the afternoon in games, or in strolling about the beautiful woods. A capital tea invigorated us for the journey home. Many and most hearty were the cheers given for mother and child during the day, and all declare this to be the best outing we have had.

Oct. 12th. Quarter-Day turned out very fine, and we enjoyed an expedition to Rollright, with its stone circle, Long Compton, the birthplace of Dick Whittington, and Whichford Woods. Other occasions of interest were produced by the visits of the Swathmore Football Club, and a team from Gooch Street, Birmingham; in both cases the evenings were occupied with Entertainments promoted by the visitors. Two other evenings have been given up to music, games, and charades in the Gymnasium.

Lectures, too, have been plentiful, and all but one illustrated with excellent lantern slides. "Famous pictures" were described by Mr. Harrod. Miss K. Dixon talked about India and Mission Work at Hoshangabad, and showed lantern slides in the evening, and many curios on the following morning. A. T. Wallis revived interest in Bird Life by his beautiful, original slides and fascinating experiences. A lecture on Switzerland, by A. Humphries, was notable for some fine slides of the "Fête des Vignerons," at Vevey, and of a reception at the Hospice of St. Bernard. "A Trip to

Normandy," by A. N. Brayshaw, provided many of us with dreams for future holidays. On November 23rd, William Noble, who had been spending the week-end with us, and beguiling us with his music and many stories, lectured in the Meeting-house on John B. Gough, and illustrated his life's work with examples of his eloquent orations.

December passed quietly for us here, occupied by "the daily round, the common task;" nothing of note took place. Towards the end of the examination week, Mr. Harrod gave us a series of three lantern lectures on The History of the Society of Friends, attended also by local Friends. The breaking-up concert was an unusual success; it was almost entirely in the hands of the boys and girls, and resulted in bringing to light much unsuspected talent. "Sousa's Military Band," conducted by Roy Bizzell, performed in humorous costume; it consisted of some sixteen boys, including a clever clown portrayed by G. Mansfield, and they awoke uproarious applause. Two scenes from "Rudder Grange" were taken by the Teachers, with R. Bizzell as the dog, Lord Edward. The girls performed "Mrs. Pullett's New Bonnet," from "The Mill on the Floss," and sang "Row, brothers, row," as a part-song. Of the individual items, the most successful was "The Night Wind," a recitation by Paul Cope. The evening closed with light refreshments, and the distribution of Christmas cards from Baby, whose latest photo aroused much enthusiasm.

Next morning, we were up early for our eight mile ride to the station, and the pleasure of the drive was increased by perfect

weather, and as fine a sunrise as we could wish to see. School re-opened on January 19th. Mr. Ivor Kear is assisting with some classes and duty, to relieve Mr. Hartmann to give music lessons. The weather has been fine and frosty; we have had a little sliding, but no skating yet. Mr. F. Enock came on the 29th, and interested us by his delightful lecture on "Aquatic Autocrats and Fairies."

March 3rd. Owing to a heavy fall of snow on the previous evening, great excitement prevailed, and when Mr. Harrod announced that tobogganing was to be the order of the day, off we all went to the Long Field, dragging our sleighs behind us; and a thoroughly enjoyable time was spent until mid-day, when, after changing our damp clothes, we retired to the class-rooms for a short period of work. March 17th. Frederick Andrews, B.A., honoured us by giving us a lecture on "Japan." This was illustrated with coloured lantern slides, and greatly appreciated by all present.

On Monday, March 22nd, Mr. Gaskell, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, gave us a short lecture. On Friday, March 26th, a number of young Friends visited Sibford in search of a site for their Summer Camp, which is to be held here. On Saturday evening we had a Social Gathering in the Gymnasium. The scholars contributed Pianoforte Solos, Songs, and Recitations, whilst Mr. Dell gave us a Recitation and Mr. Elliott Thorp a Song. Paul Cope's Recitation, "The Night Wind," was particularly good. On Sunday our visitors attended Meeting, and in the afternoon visited Compton Wynyates. Unfortunately, the weather was bad,

but, on the whole, our visitors had a good time, and we are looking forward to their re-appearance in the Summer.

March 29th. At the Literary Meeting of the Association, the Third Form entertained the other members by a series of Scenes from the Golden Legend, and by recitations of other poems of Longfellow dealing with Mediæval times. Each item was introduced by a member of the Form. The part of Prince Henry was taken by Dorothy Simms, and that of Elsie by Elsie Rose. Freda Johnson made a good Ursula.

Friday, April 2nd, Mr. Harrod gave us a holiday to commemorate the birth of a son to Mr. Hartmann. We went to Traitor's Ford and had a jolly time wandering through the woods and playing terza. April 5th. Mr. J. W. H. Theobald gave us an interesting lecture, entitled "Temperance and Hygiene." April 8th. We commenced our Easter Holidays with a pic-nic to Hill Bottom, where we had a most enjoyable time. In the evening, Mr. Hartmann gave us a short talk on a few Egyptian slides, which Mr. Harrod possesses.

April 9th. Mixed Hockey Tournaments took place in the morning, Peckover's team being the Champions. In the afternoon, we visited Wigginton Heath, where we had tea, returning home about 7 o'clock. April 10th. On Saturday, we visited Whichford. April 12th. Much to our disappointment, Monday was wet, and so we had various games in the Gymnasium. In the afternoon, we had a Concert, when songs were sung by Messrs. Harrod and Brady, and by Mrs. Brady's "Trained" Choir. The scholars

acted charades, and we all enjoyed ourselves. In the evening, Miss L. E. Wilkinson gave us a most interesting lecture on Cocoa Manufacture and Bournville, illustrated by slides, kindly lent by Messrs. Cadbury Bros. Mr. Mansfield also gave a short talk on the Bournville Works. Mrs. Jackson recited "The Fireman's Wedding."

On Easter Tuesday, we accepted the kind invitation of Mr. Wilks, of Brailes, to inspect his curiosities. After an early dinner we set off, expecting to make another camp fire for tea. When we arrived at Brailes, it was raining fast, and we were somewhat travel-stained. But Mr. and Mrs. Wilks cordially invited us all in at once, and the old Manor House was speedily crowded with dense throngs of explorers. After tea the rain ceased for our return journey. Hearty cheers for our kind entertainers, closed a very enjoyable occasion.

April 27th. The Fourth Form attended the Quarterly Meeting held at Banbury. We were interested in the Business Meeting because our own school was under discussion. Afterwards, Miss Brown gave the girls an invitation to tea, and Mr. Harlock invited the boys. We came home by Bloxham, and visited its old, interesting Church.

During the past two months our Field Club has progressed considerably, and we are now doing some good work. Russell and Harvey have found a number of fossils, whilst other members have done equally good work in other sections. The wild flower list gradually grows. The members of the Club have visited several of

the Churches in the district, and last Saturday, the Secretaries arranged a visit to Compton Wynyates.

May 3rd. Dr. Walker gave us a short lecture on the butterflies and moths found in this district. He explained how to catch them and set them when caught, and brought with him two cases of specimens to illustrate his lecture. He also told us where to look for specimens and how to attract them. May 8th. This afternoon we have played our first cricket match this season, and suffered a defeat at the hands of the Banbury Adult School. June 5th. We played Gooch Street Cricket Team, and although we did our best suffered a defeat at their hands. We had not the able assistance of our captain (Mr. Harrod) or we should no doubt have made a better show. In the evening our visitors joined us in a game of terza, and afterwards chocolates, sent by Mr. Jones, were given to us.

The following week we commenced our half-yearly examination, each doing our best to obtain the first place in our respective classes. On the Monday following the examination week we went for a pic-nic to Edge Hill, and had a most enjoyable time. Our provisions were packed in the donkey cart, but after a few miles "Edward" refused to pull them any further, and so one of the three brakes which were with us went back for the provisions, which were soon consumed on its return, "Edward" arriving about an hour afterwards. Some of us visited the neighbouring village of Radway, others the battlefield, and those who were not inclined for a long walk sauntered through the woods. After tea we all started for home and arrived at school about 8 o'clock, happy but tired.

On Wednesday afternoon we played the village team at cricket and easily beat them. Thursday we were busy packing our boxes and preparing for General Meeting, which was held the next day. This year the General Meeting was a larger one than any we have had for some years. In the morning we attended meeting for worship at the Meeting House, Sibford Gower, at 11 o'clock, and after this we went on the tennis court and had our dinner of pork pies and cake. In the afternoon classes were held from 2-30 to 3-15, so that our visitors might see us at work. At 3-30 we all assembled on the playground to hear the result of our year's work, and our position in class. Stevens had done the best work of the year and so retains the honour of being the senior boy, whilst T. Hodgkiss moved up one place and is our top girl. After this prizes for leisure time work were presented to the winners; and Peckover as Senior Champion had a medal presented to him by William Darby. Mr. John Wilkinson, a member of our Committee, again made presentations to the boy and girl who had been most helpful in our leisure time; H. Stevens received a gold-mounted "Swan" fountain pen, and watches were given to Roy Bizzell and Theodore Hodgkiss. After several speeches our visitors wended their way to the Girls' playground for tea, and we retired to the Dining Hall for our last tea of the term. At 7-30, Saturday morning, we all started off in high spirits for our homes after giving many cheers for our school.



Temple Mill Stream.



## ATHLETICS.

### FOOTBALL.

Oct. 10. v. Swarthmore 2nd xi.; l. 1-12.

Oct. 17. v. Banbury Adult School; l. 3-5.

A capital game in which the boys showed excellent form and looked like winning until the last quarter-of-an-hour. Peckover, Parsons and Charlish, all new to the team this year, were especially useful.

Nov. 4. Boys' xi. v. Ark House School; w. 8-2.

„ 14. v. Banbury Juniors; l. 0-3.

„ 21. v. Gooch Street School, Birmingham; l. 0-2.

A finely contested game, played with great keenness, ended in a victory for Gooch St., whose weight and speed were rather too much for us, although charging was conspicuous by its absence. Good work by our back division was the feature of the play, Grant tackling well, and J. T. Harrod kicking far and often.

Nov. 28. v. Sibford Adult School; w. 2-0.

Team: Bizzell—Stevens, J. T. Harrod—Grant, Peckover, Rutter—Fieldhouse, Charlish, Mansfield, Read, Parsons.

Dec. 9. v. Banbury Municipal School; l. 2-5.

Although our boys had shown great improvement during the season, we were much surprised to score the first goal in this match, and to hold our own until half-time. In the second half, we pressed only occasionally, and were unable to score, whilst our opponents played very cleverly and put on three more goals. Mr. Harrod was again in good form, and everyone played with great pertinacity. Our goals were scored by G. Mansfield and G. Peckover.

Jan. 30. v. Banbury Juniors; l. 0-2.

Play was very difficult on the frozen ground, but no accidents resulted. For us, F. Parsons at outside-left, and G. Peckover at centre-half worked hard, with success; the other halves, G. Mansfield and K. Rutter, were also good. S. George did well in goal, in the absence of R. Bizzell.

Mar. 13. v. Banbury Wesleyans; w. 6-1.

April 3. v. Ark House School; d. 2-2.

On April 3rd, Mr. Albert E. Smith took our team to meet Ark House School. The game resulted in a draw (2-2). Perhaps some of us were disappointed, for we fully expected a win. However, our players are to be congratulated, for we played a really good game all through.

Team: Albert E. Smith—G. Peckover, G. Mansfield—S. George, G. Pocock, R. Fieldhouse—L. Grant, J. H. Reed, F. Parsons, N. Charlish, A. K. Rutter.

### CRICKET.

May 8. v. Banbury Adult School; l. 36 and 25 for 4 wks.-60.

„ 15. v. Banbury Municipal School 2nd; d. 77 for 5 wks. (dec.)-48 for 3. J. T. Harrod 40\*.

May 22. v. Banbury Municipal School 2nd; l. 36-49.

Peckover 16\*; H. Randall 6.

May 29. v. Old Scholars; w. 39-36. J. H. Reed 10.

June 5. v. Gooch St., Birmingham; l. 27-63.

„ 9. v. Ark House School (boys only); w. 35 and 13 for 7-23 and 24.

„ 12. v. Ark House School (boys only); w. 30-16.

„ 16. v. Sibford Village; w. 61 and 34 for 7-12.

J. T. Harrod 29 and 16\*.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS.

After three weeks' hard work we held our Athletic Sports on Monday, May 10th. This year a much greater interest has been taken in them, and consequently they have been much better. Sides were arranged, Lucy Lamb and George Mansfield being the captains of one, and Dorothy Oyston and Harry Stevens captains of the other. As a final a tug-of-war had been arranged; unfortunately the rope was not strong enough to bear the great strain of the "Samsons" of Sibford School, and broke, causing

much amusement. After this disaster Mr. Harrod arranged sides of five for football, each player being securely tied in a sack; this was more amusing than the tug-of-war, and was the cause of much merriment. A number of Friends and several members of our Committee encouraged us by their presence, and the scholars showed an excellent sportmanslike spirit in all the races. Our thanks are due to Miss Wilkinson and Mr. Smith and the other members of the staff for the excellent arrangements which were made for the occasion.

|                    | BOYS.         | GIRLS.              |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 100 Yards .. ..    | H. Stevens.   | M. Young.           |
| 220 Yards .. ..    |               | M. Young.           |
| Quarter Mile .. .. | G. Peckover.  | M. Young.           |
| Half Mile .. ..    | G. Peckover.  |                     |
| Long Jump .. ..    | G. Peckover.  | D. Oyston.          |
| High Jump .. ..    | H. Stevens.   | L. Hutchinson.      |
| Throw .. ..        | G. Peckover.  | D. Oyston.          |
| Kick .. ..         | G. Mansfield. |                     |
| CHAMPIONS.—Boys .. | G. Peckover.  | Girls .. D. Oyston. |

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

At the International Congress on Moral Education held in London in September, 1908, Caroline C. Graveson, of Goldsmith's College, New Cross, S.E., read a paper on the "Preparation of Teachers for Moral Instruction."

In connection with the Bath Pageant it is interesting to see as Master of the Pageant, Mr. Frank Stevens, more popularly known as Mr. Frank Lascelles, the son of Rev. E. T. Stevens, M.A., a former Vicar of Sibford.

The Secretary received the following letter on 20th March, 1909, from the Secretary of the School Committee:—

Dear Friend,

At our last Committee Meeting, I was asked to forward to the Old Scholars' Association through you "a hearty invitation

to hold your gathering upon our premises this Whitsuntide, and the hope that it will be a most successful gathering."

I am, Yours very truly,

ALEX. W. PATCHING.

During the Whitsuntide Gathering the following telegram came to hand. "Saffron Walden Old Scholars greet Sibfordites."—to which the reply was "Heartily reciprocate your kind greetings, everything top hole, no bunkers."

Geo. Wesley Austin has successfully hoodwinked the examiners at the Intermediate B.Sc. Exam. at Birmingham University.

Edith Millard is now teaching at Rawdon School, near Leeds.

From the same district our special correspondent telegraphs that Matthew Knight is engaged to Lois Loveless.

Horace F. Castle is still passing examinations in Drawing and Design.

Percy O. Whitlock came out top of the 2nd Class in the recent Modern Language Tripos, Part I., at Cambridge.

A. J. Edmunds, M.A., of Philadelphia, has just brought out two volumes, on "The Buddhist and Christian Gospels."—Besides these he is the author of "Buddhist Texts in John," and has written some poems. Copies of these should certainly be in the School Library.

The third marriage announcement in this number is of peculiar interest to the S.O.S.A., as it is the first we have ever recorded in which both parties are members of the Association.

The Association gained to the extent of £5 13s. 9d. on the 1908 Whitsuntide Gatherings—and yet we were excellently fed for the week-end,—and all for 12/6. The more who come, the faster the fun, and the bigger the profit. You'd find it a good bargain at twice the price.

Our oldest member is Mrs. Morley (*née* Jarratt), of Brailles.

We are indebted to "Past and Present," the journal of the Friends' Schools, for a good deal of the School Chronicle. For the loan of the photograph of John M. Albright, we tender our best thanks to the Orphans' Printing Press, Leominster.

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The minimum Annual Subscription is 1/-, but it is hoped that those over 21 years of age will subscribe from 2/6 upwards.

s signifies Scholar.

t Teacher.

c on the School Committee.

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| Hill, Samuel ('98-'99) ..    | Priory Street, New Ross, co. Wexford.                       | LADE, DONALD R. ..         | Housedean, Falmer, near Brighton.                                     |
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| Oddie, Elizabeth M. ..        | Ditto ditto                           |
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| Oddie, Helen Muriel ..        | Ditto ditto                           |

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| Ogilvie, Margaret (t'96-'00) | Sibford Ferris, Banbury.        |
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| Routh, Richard Laycock       | Sibford Ferris, Banbury.        |
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| Sabin, Marie L. (t'89-'93)   | Sibford Ferris, Banbury.        |
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| Sabin, Jane .. ..            | Ditto ditto                     |
| Sharp, Ethel M. (t'07)       | Sibford School, Banbury.        |
| Shotter, A. Blanche ..       | Sibford School, Banbury.        |
| Wells, Samuel A. (t'73-'78)  | Sibford Gower, Banbury.         |
| Wilks, Nellie ( -'03) ..     | Sibford Gower, Banbury.         |
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| Hamlin, Carl E. (t'02-'03) | In Canada.  |
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