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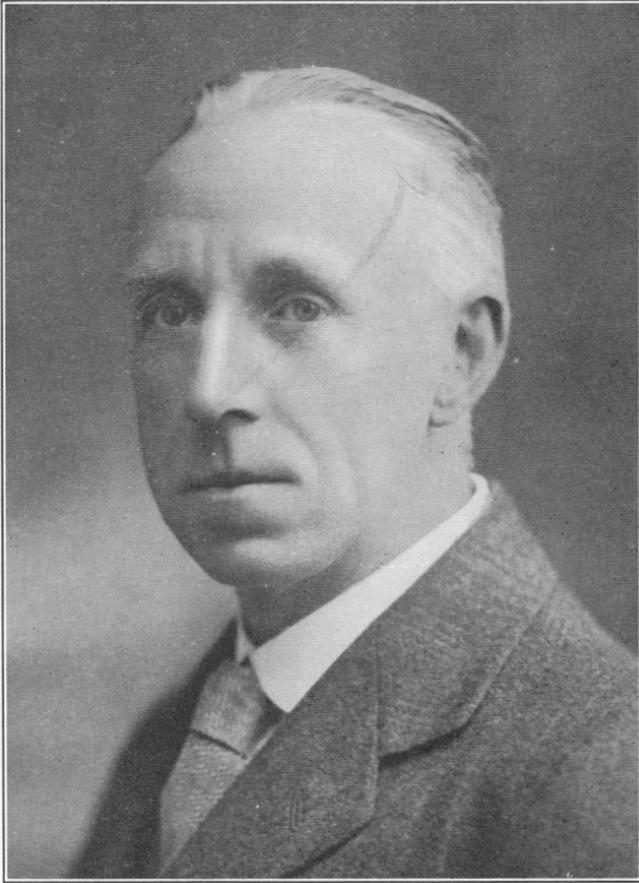
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# "Such Goings On!"

*Being a Narrative*  
of

WHITSUNTIDE AT SIBFORD, 1929



OVER a hundred Old Scholars set off on the Annual Pilgrimage on the 19th of May. The late Spring gave us Sibford at its very best, and once more we had the pleasure of finding Mr. and Mrs. Harrod waiting to welcome us. With appetites already sharpened by the Sibford air, we quickly fell upon lunch, marvelling meanwhile that Jane Sabin (with what trouble?) had somehow found roosting places for us all. After making ourselves at home in our lodgings (for most of us that means throwing our clothes about untidily) we gathered in the Games Field to witness the annual encounter between Past and

The programme for Whitsuntide had been considerably revised for this year and among the innovations was a decision to draw stumps at 5 p.m. This was not altogether successful as owing to a late start, both sides did not get a full innings. Such a rule is obviously dependant upon the match starting promptly. The innings of The Present commenced disastrously, Mr. Herbert being bowled by Sidney Morrish before a run was scored. The second School wicket (Edwards) fell when the score was three, but after that, Mr. Thorpe and Mr. Parkin made a stand and carried the score to 49 before they were separated. Rendel Hill, with seven wickets for 20 runs, was mainly responsible for the dismissal of The Present for 71 runs. The Past innings was dominated by the excellent batting of Sidney Morrish, but when he was still at the wicket and when only two Past wickets had fallen, the five o'clock rule was enforced with the scores as follows:—

THE PRESENT	THE PAST	
R. Herbert, b. Morrish .....	S. Morrish, not out .....	24
P. Edwards, c. Hill, b. Randall .....	E. Brown, b. Parkin .....	2
J. W. Thorpe, b. Hill .....	L. Poulton, b. Parkin .....	0
F. Parkin, b. Hill .....	R. Geering, not out .....	4
C. F. Dunn, b. Hill .....	C. E. Brady .....	} Did not bat
J. Taylor, b. Hill .....	H. J. Randall .....	
H. Carn, b. Hill .....	R. Hill .....	
G. Phillips, b. Morrish .....	L. Thomas .....	
L. Stoneham, c. Geering, b. Hill .....	H. Thomas .....	
A. Standing, c. Brady, b. Hill .....	N. Holding .....	} Did not bat
J. Persson, not out .....	F. E. Goudge .....	
Byes .....	Byes .....	1
TOTAL .....	TOTAL (2 wickets) .....	31
		71

*Whitsuntide Gathering, 1929*

More Old Scholars arrived during the afternoon. After tea came the Present Scholars' entertainment, prefaced by a speech of welcome from Mr. Harrod. It seems wonderful that we have not worn out that welcome, swarming as we do all over the school as though we owned it. Another welcome was sung by some of the scholars, and then five girls showed us how handkerchiefs can be waved to music and dancing. The chief item was an amusing opera based on the legend of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. There was a large cast. The few boys who had parts were far less self-conscious than Sibford boys used to be; possibly this is a result of the raising of the leaving age. We were disappointed that Mr. Herbert was not on the programme in one of his comedy roles, but he was scarcely well enough to be out of bed at all. The concert concluded with the singing of original Sibford songs set to well-known tunes. Old Scholars joined in with enthusiasm, though not necessarily in the correct key.

*The old order changeth, yielding place to—jazz.*

After supper there came another of the revolutionary features of the Whitsuntide programme. The Re-union appeared under the new name of "Dancing, Music, and Song." We were very fortunate to have our very own dance orchestra, the "Quintonians," to inspire the feet of the frisky, and although the floor of the "Gym." (where is this place they call the Lecture Hall?) was hardly planned for "such goings on," a shredded candle soon brought it well within the ball-room class. So the time passed full pleasantly until 11 o'clock, when the first day of the Gathering ended—officially.

On Sunday we went to Meeting through fields yellow with buttercups. We brought back across the valley the vivid memory of one hour of peacefulness among the many hours of hurried enjoyment.

"Rambles" was the order for the afternoon. Some Old Scholars just managed to reach the Paddock (ablaze with dandelions) before falling asleep.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrod's reception on the school lawn was provided with a number of sideshows, including Jane Sabin's well-known Strong Man scene, in which she grapples grimly with the tea urn, and also a breath-taking exhibition of dexterity by the President and Henry Lawrance, each balancing towers of cups and saucers in their hands. After tea we gathered round on the lawn for a discussion on the difficult question of "Shall Sibford take public examinations?" The object of the discussion was to enable the Association's representative on the school committee (Harry Randall) to go to the committee with some official expression of the opinion of Old Scholars on this problem.

Harry Randall presented the case in favour of "exams." Although clearly against any system which would make Sibford a "cramming shop," he pointed out that as the age at which scholars leave had been raised to 16, they would in many cases be handicapped if transferring to other schools without having studied for any "exam." He assured us that the taking of these would not spoil the spirit and freedom which was so much a part of Sibford School life. The point on which he laid stress was that many boys and girls upon leaving and seeking posts, were at a disadvantage because employers would not consider applicants who could not show a School Leaving Certificate or who had not matriculated.

Mr. Harrod then gave us briefly the other view point. He reminded us that an "exam." often did not show anything of the real ability or character of an individual, but merely his capacity to remember—possibly not for long—certain learning; that "exams." favoured those who could express themselves best in writing but were unfavourable to many other capable persons, including craftsmen.

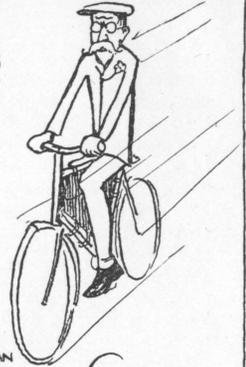
Old Scholars spoke on both sides. We heard the experience of those whose employers disregarded examination results, and of other employers who insisted on what was to them the only test by which they could gauge the intelligence and concentrative ability of applicants for work. There was so much to be said for both points of view that one found difficulty in deciding for oneself



TENSE EXCITEMENT ON WHIT-MONDAY — GREAT CROWDS OF VILLAGERS — NUMBERING SOME HALF DOZEN TURNED OUT



TO SEE ROLAND, THE VILLAGE POLICEMAN PUTTING HIS HAND DOWN WITH A FIRM FOOT — RECKLESS RIDING WAS NOT ALLOWED.



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ENTER THE RAJAH ON WHEELS ENVELOPED IN SMOKE — A BATH TOWEL AND PINK STRIPED PYJAMAS



GODFREY THE FOOL IN "SAFETY LAST" ABOUT TO DEMONSTRATE THE BACKWARD SOMERSAULT.



A SMART-ONE DONKEY POWER-TURNOUT — VERY SPORTING — SUITABLE FOR MARRIED COUPLE.



THE 1929 MOTOR GYMKHANA

*Whitsuntide Gathering, 1929*

what would be best for the school. In answer to a question, however, Harry Randall made it clear that there was no suggestion that examinations should be compulsory at Sibford; and many Old Scholars then felt that there would be no harm in giving scholars the opportunity of taking examinations if they so desired, so that when the matter was put to the vote there was a large majority in favour of expressing an opinion to the Committee from the S.O.S.A. in favour of optional examinations.\*

A fine address was given by Miss Field during evening meeting in the "Gym.," to which we returned after supper for the re-union. This commenced with the showing of the film "Sibford." It was followed by an epilogue called "The Producer's Nightmare," made specially for exhibition on this occasion, cleverly composed of pieces of waste film cut out of "Sibford" when that film was edited. These were put in upside-down, sideways, and out-of-focus, and mixed with an original scenario, officially styled an "impressionistic melodrama," the whole being presented by Sibford Film Productions, and produced by J. W. Thorpe, "the renowned producer of 'Sibford.'" The cast of the original portion of the "nightmare" included both Old Scholars and others, the former including Reg. Barber, "the Birmingham idol," as The Villain; Leslie Baily as the Producer; and (as the programme told us) "the debonair realist of a thousand romances"—this turned out to be Fred Goudge, whose contribution consisted of opening a door with grace and dignity. "The Producer's Nightmare" was a soul-stirring melodrama, pulsating with life, sending a heart-throb—a catch in the throat—a sob in the voice—a cold in the head—and a tear in the eye to every man, woman, and child in the audience! Anyway, it was very good fun.

Whit Monday was another brilliant day. After the business meeting came another novelty: the Motor Gymkhana. There were 16 official entries, but as the regulations required every vehicle to be fully (if not over) loaded, the majority of Old Scholars were implicated in some way or other. The Gymkhana started with a Fancy Dress Parade outside the school buildings. The judges were Mrs. Harrod and Arnold Kaye. The masquerade in some cases was so perfect that identity was a problem. Who could recognise in that red-nosed, walrus-whiskered village policeman, Mr. Herbert (now, happily, more or less recovered).

All Sibford assembled to gaze on the spectacle. Oh, these "goings on"! There was a pious pair on a motor-bike: a clergyman and a choir-boy, who, beneath their clerical attire, looked rather like Harold Rose and P. Woodhall. The Clan of Wells looked really rustic in a car disguised as a hay cart. Another motor-cycle, ridden by Rastus with Asbestos as pillion rider, had an "epilogue" called Sambo balanced on a trailer which may, years ago, have started its career as half a perambulator. Mr. Gearing, in tartan, had filled his car with assorted passengers, including a very faded and frowsty old lady who turned out to be Mr. Dunn. We mention with regret that this lady was later arrested by P. C. Herbert for being drunk and disorderly. The Burdrop Steam Laundry (7 horse-power model) sought our patronage with convincing specimens of their handiwork fluttering from a clothes line. And there was a smart butcher's van serving chiefly as a mobile stage for Godfrey Baseley's clowning. Once or twice it nearly moved off without him! The prize for the best-dressed car went to the Dust Cart. Who would imagine that two young men (Wilfred Pollard and Owen Reynolds) famous for their immaculate appearance could be such disreputable dustmen! Their car, disguised with brown paper and festooned with the familiar relics that hang round dust carts, matched its crew beautifully.

When all the entries had lined up there was suddenly a commotion as an unique vehicle approached; an ancient pony trap, complete with steering wheel, in which sat Arthur Gooday and his spouse, Mrs. Gamp (Howard Quinton). The latter was provided with something in a bottle "to have if she felt so disposed—" which seemed rather frequent. The motive power was supplied by the "Moke" who seemed a little resentful about the roars of laughter which greeted the

\* A few boys and girls are already making some preparation for the First Schools Certificate of Oxford University in 1930 or 1931.—EDITOR.

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I. NUTTER-SCOTT

"The High Priestess of the Sacred Urn."

arrival. They were awarded an extra prize. After the judging the competitors made a grand procession to the race-course (it used to be the school sports field), where they lined up for the first race. A very attractive programme had been provided for racegoers by James and Leslie Baily, in which they had thought of every kind of race except the one for which cars are suited! There were walking races, a potato-peeling test, an obstacle race and many others. The obstacle race was for most cars a painful business, in which they scattered cricket stumps over the meandering course, and ended in a cloud of smoke. The last race was the Tortoise Derby, in which progress was so restrained as to suggest a really swell funeral. The Gymkhana will be remembered as one of the brightest parts of the Gathering.

After lunch we ambled off gently to the infernal regions (known in more polite circles as Hill Bottom). It was indeed good to sprawl lazily upon one's neighbour's coat while somebody else brought round the tea and eats; to watch the others work, directed by Jane, the High Priestess of the Sacred Urn! Half regretfully, we returned for the Old Scholars' concert. Programmes (as at the Gymkhana) were sold in aid of the Sibford Re-building Fund. Before the entertainment commenced the President announced the results of the Gymkhana. Marks had been debited under two main headings (on time and for performance in the various tests of skill), as follows:—

ENTRY NO.	DRIVER	LOST ON TIME			LOST ON PERFORMANCE			TOTAL LOSS
		Obstacle Race	Dummy Dodging	Tortoise Derby	Potato Peeling Test	Police Trap	Tortoise Derby	
1	.. Gordon Wells .....	12	3	10	0	0	6	31
2	.. R. Geering .....	1	11	3	0	5	6	26
3	.. N. Tite .....	3	12	5	0	10	0	30
4	.. Harold Rose .....	8	6	14	0	5	0	33
5	.. W. Pollard .....	4	8	2	0	5	1	20
6	.. A. Wellman .....	2	1	4	0	5	2	14
7	.. F. Geering .....	11	9	11	0	5	2	38
8	.. C. Ball .....	0	7	1	0	5	7	20
9	.. H. Lawrence .....	6	10	12	3	10	0	41
10	.. T. Lyall .....	9	4	6	0	5	2	26
11	.. Arthur Wells .....	7	11	7	0	10	6	41
12	.. N. Holding .....	13	6	9	0	5	11	44
13	.. A. Moke .....	x	x	x	x	x	x	x*
14	.. K. Mayo-Smith .....	10	0	13	0	0	0	23
15	.. "Rastus" .....	14	5	8	0	0	1	28
16	.. D. Jefferies .....	5	2	15	0	0	1	23

\* x—incalculable.

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The trophies were presented, amid deafening cheering, as follows :—

- The Harrod Golden Trophy (value 23 pfennigs) for best performance, cars : A. Wellman.
- The Mrs. Harrod Golden Trophy (value 15½ lira) for best performance, motor-cycles : A tie between D. Jefferies and K. Mayo-Smith.
- The Sibford Challenge Cup (presented by Lord I,ca Francis) for best dressed vehicle : W. Pollard.
- Solid platinum bon-bon case, for best fancy-dressed passenger : G. Baseley.
- World Championship Cup (presented by Baron Burdrop) for slowest in Tortoise Derby : W. Pollard.
- The Brainwave Bowl (for composer of best Limerick) : F. L. Geering.
- The 1,000 Guineas Cup (presented by A. Rhode Hogg, Esq.) for best performance on time only, cars : A. Wellman.
- The Half-guinea Cup, for best performance on time only, motor-cycles : D. Jefferies.
- Booby Prize (presented by Sibford Zoological Society) for fastest in Tortoise Derby : H. Lawrence.

To we plain folk who are unaccustomed to gold plate, the first cup looked very like an egg-cup. And so did each succeeding trophy ! Except the award for the fastest "Tortoise," which appeared to be a match-box with a snail inside it !

In the Entertainment the Birmingham Branch again showed their talent, in a splendidly-acted Sketch, "Old Martha" (Keble Howard). The cast was :—

Martha .....	MARJORIE T. WELLS
Jane Box .....	MARJORIE HAWKINS
Monica .....	DOROTHY TYE
Squire .....	TOM NOTT
The Curate .....	GODFREY BASELEY

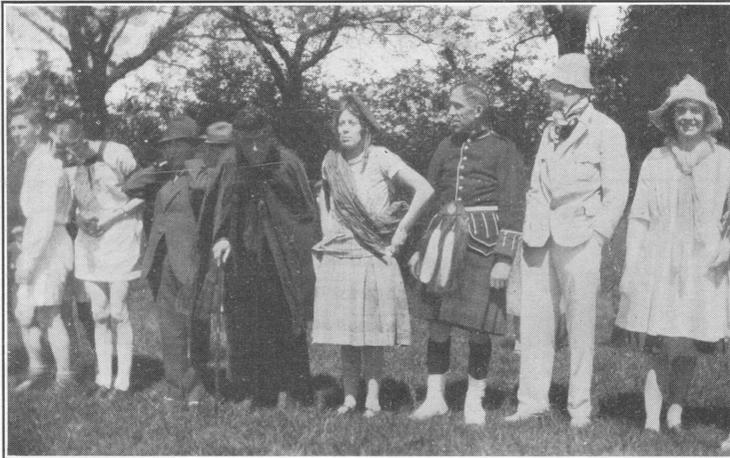


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*Some of the Competitors lined up in the Games Field for the start of the Motor Gymkhana. Left to right they are : K. Mayo-Smith, Cedric Johnston, Winnie Woodall, C. F. Dunn, Hilda Jenks, F. L. Geering, A. W. Wells and Dorothy Tye.*

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The Quintonians provided a musical interlude between this and a playlet of Beau Nash's time, "The Beau of Bath" (Constance D'Arcy Mackay), delightfully presented by the Bristol Branch:—

Beau Nash.....	COLSTON BALL
Jepson (his servant).....	KENNETH MAYO-SMITH
The Lady of the Portrait.....	A. IRENE MAYO-SMITH

Lastly, the London branch concluded a most enjoyable concert with "Captain Cook and the Widow" (Stuart Ready), showing that "a little widder is a dangerous thing," the players being:—

Matilda Parsons (a widow).....	ISMAY NUTTER SCOTT
Emma Dowsett (a spinster).....	BESSIE CAMPION
Captain Cook (a retired sea captain).....	HOWARD CAMPION
Benjamin Spraggett (a grocer).....	STUART ROSE
John Dutton (a butcher).....	HENRY LAWRANCE

Whit Monday supper is always rather a reckless feast, but we managed to make a halt in our merriment while the President expressed our thanks to Miss Thorne and Miss Cooke and their staff for the splendid way in which they had looked after us.

The last re-union commenced with a recital from the most dramatic part of "Macbeth," by Dorothy Tye and Godfrey Baseley. We came back to lighter things with a duet by Phoebe Badham and Harry Goudge, after which we turned to real hard business. Mr. Herbert held up for auction the previous year's programme bearing many autographs. Bidding began at 3d. and very soon the mellow after-dinner atmosphere was electrified into the keenness of a great auction room. Lone bidders sent the price to fifteen shillings, but after that it became a sharp fight between the Randall-Wells syndicate and the Pollard-

Baseley Combine. It was a grim struggle between these two powerful groups, each recklessly bidding a whole sixpence at a time, until the more heavily financed group won, and the programme became the property of Billy Wells at 22s. The proceeds were for the new building, of course.

Time was catching us up fast, so we abandoned the auction room, and set off to the Elm. Gathered round in one big circle, we did our best to entertain him with the old songs we love, and of which we never learn the words! We closed with several "rockets" in the best style, as demonstrated by His Presidency, and with "Auld Lang Syne."

And so—somewhat sadly—to bed, comforting ourselves with the thought that there will be another Gathering in twelve months' time. And let us make it the very best possible, that it may show some of our appreciation of all Mr. and Mrs. Harrod have done for us, while at school and as Old Scholars.



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*The One Moke-power Runabout.*

# The President's Address

Delivered by

ARNOLD J. KAYE

IT has become customary, and I think properly so, to begin the Annual Address with a word of thanks to the Association for the honour which it has given in the election of President for the year. It is indeed a position to be held with pride, and one which I never thought myself to occupy, for the honour was as unexpected as it is unmerited; I like to think, however, that it was less my own fitness or worthiness, than a very kindly way of coupling my name with one amongst those who long years ago took their part in well and truly laying with sound care the foundations of our Association—one who became its first Hon. Secretary and later was elected President—my brother Edward Percy Kaye. Thus is completed this year a situation surely almost unique in Old Scholars' Associations such as ours, of two brothers filling this honourable position after the long interval of twenty years.

Almost unconsciously I think those of us who have marched any distance along Life's road, look back on our school days and on our later experiences through a lens or focus based upon or fashioned after our own calling in life, and on this principle I might have addressed you on some such topic as "The Law's contacts with the National Life"—or possibly have diverted you with examples of "Humour in the Court" or "Quaint Legal Customs," or perhaps have interested you still more on the "Aspects of Law as it variously affects the different Departments of His Majesty's Government."

I have come to the conclusion, however—and the choice of the subject for to-night has hung round my neck like a nether mill-stone for almost a twelve-month—that whatever topic I select whereon my own experience would perhaps form the basis of an address worth the reading—this year the appropriate subject does **not** fall to my own choosing.

The thought that of necessity must be uppermost in our minds, not only in these few Whitsun days when those of us who can, return with gladsome hearts to renew acquaintance with old friends and school-fellows, and pay our homage to the old School, and those who work so ably for its welfare here, but also at all other times just now, is that the future of Sibford is in the melting-pot. The fiat has gone forth that the old buildings which we have known and loved so well, and some of us for so long, are no longer good enough or suitable for the education of those following after us; and the Appeal is published for a sum to re-establish the School—a sum which we must all, I fear, have considered enormous. That the collection of £30,000 has been begun so energetically and so hopefully is a good sign; and that our own Association is also uniting its forces to help in the great work is also excellent.

*The President's Address*

Some years ago the most brilliant of our living English dramatists and authors, John Galsworthy, wrote a play entitled "Loyalties," which had a successful London run and then toured the provinces. I saw it again when it was revived in the Metropolis last year, and was greatly struck by the brilliance of its construction. Following on the foregoing remarks I purpose, therefore, to deal with the subject of loyalty—and in particular as it applies to Sibford.

Loyalty is held by some as an over-rated virtue, and in certain circumstances this may be allowed. It forms, however, the very foundation stone and basis of our Association, and without it not a single one of us who has gathered from near or far would be here to-day. It must be agreed, therefore, that it has its merits. Our loyalty for Sibford takes many forms. The neat silver badges of the Elm with the mythical motto on the reverse are always pleasant to see. The Old Scholars' tie is a thing of beauty, if not always a joy for ever (for I am told some of them don't wear very well). Incidentally and loyally it has become an unwritten law, at any rate amongst London Old Scholars, that where two or three are gathered together, there's the tie in the midst of them. And this Whitsun for the first time we see the Old Scholars' colours on a larger scale in the blazing efflorescence of raiment which for its most perfect and glorious example you will all have observed as adorning the manly athletic form of our Hon. Secretary. Wild horses shall not drag from me the name of the Old Scholar whose faithful little wife, putting aside those domestic duties which did so constantly beset her, laboured for weeks with her knitting needles in order that her lord and master should appear at Whitsun in a sweater flaunting the dark blue, amber and grey of our Association. And what member was it who spent long hours in tramping round inspecting a vast multitude of the shop windows of hosiers and men's wear in the hope of finding in time for Whitsun a pair of socks woven in the same delightful hues?

Six weeks ago I heard from an Old Scholar whom I do not see here to-night, much regretting probable inability to get to Sibford this Whitsun—things not going too well—and a promise made for a subscription to the Old Scholars' building fund, which was necessitating real effort and economy. One regrets that any Old Scholar able to come should miss a Whitsun gathering, but one must on the other hand admire the character and unselfishness which makes possible such an instance of Sibford loyalty. But good as are these examples in their way, it is a larger and deeper loyalty I desire for us as Old Scholars.

In the magnificent and noble English of our forefathers enshrined in a book of which we as Friends have perhaps an insufficient acquaintance, the Book of Common Prayer, we may find a Collect appointed to be read in churches once a year (I think about the month of November), beginning "Stir up, we beseech Thee O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people, that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded . . . ."<sup>5</sup> In some country districts the particular Sunday when this Collect comes round is (or used to be) known as "Stir up Sunday." I would like nothing better than that *this* Sunday may *this* year be for Old Scholars a genuine Stir-up Sunday, and that my address may be considered as a clarion call for our work and efforts on behalf of the Old School and its future. It is well known that Sibford School has not that financial backing amongst the Society of Friends which many other of our schools can call upon with reliance; and it therefore becomes all the more important that in this critical period of the School's history every possible effort should be made to further the great scheme to place Sibford once and for all in the position everyone of us is aiming that she shall achieve. No stone, therefore, must be left unturned, no means remain untried, to secure that end. Sibford in her deep need is calling for our aid. We must answer loyally.

It was perhaps a false analogy, as the strict grammarian would tell us, to compare our school with a ship, especially as not many miles from where we are now lies the exact centre of England; but a verse I read some while ago seems applicable to my theme:—

*The President's Address*

*When a ship that is tired returneth,  
With the signs of the sea shewing plain ;  
Men place her in dock for a season  
And her speed she reneweth again.*

Sibford may be likened for the moment in this stage of rejuvenation to a ship in dock—but the developments we all so much desire are for the purpose of re-conditioning (to continue with a nautical simile) so that she may be launched afresh sounder, better and fitter to continue the great work of her builders.

Some of you may have noticed a neat sort of badge (almost a book-plate) of a barque (or indeed, it may be a brigantine—for I am a child in these matters) with a full spread of canvas, which has been adopted by the excellent book shop at Friends' House, London; but what appeals to me when I see and admire it is the motto underneath which reads, "Our course is chosen: spread the sail." If then we have compared the Old School to a ship, we must all see the appositeness of this motto for our present position. Without spread of sail the ship remains stationary; with full exertion of effort Sibford will proceed proudly on her pilgrimage of progress.

And now a word, if I may be so bold, upon the point of controversy. Personally I have heard little of serious criticism and opposition, but a scheme of the magnitude and importance of the one in our minds to-night cannot fail to have critics and dissentients, nor can it meet the views and desires of everyone. We must, however, trust the School Committee and the other powers that be: those who have carefully weighed with anxious forethought and with trained business acumen, all the plans and proposals advanced, having one object only in view, the true and vital interests of Sibford School. Honest criticism may be genuinely constructive in its effects, but cavilling, if there be any, *must* be destructive. That "a fault mender is better than a fault finder" is one of those proverbs which needs no illustration: it is an obvious truth.

"Our course is chosen—spread the sail." Whatever Sibford has done, and has been, in the past, is not to be compared with the importance of her future. That which is essentially required—that which I think has guided those who have planned the new Sibford both structurally and educationally, is "the long view and the large horizon." Consider for a moment the comparative isolation and inaccessibility of Sibford no further back than when Mr. and Mrs. Harrod assumed their duty here, compared with the various means which have brought us together to-day. When the children fly to the new School, as assuredly they must, the cricket field will require enlargement as a landing-ground, and Old Scholars will book at Whitsun to Sibford Aerodrome.

I often have a desire that as an Association we could do more for Sibford. Again of course, it is a question of money; but I would earnestly suggest that our pre-war minimum membership subscription is quite too low for the advantages accruing; our Life Members can be counted on the fingers and toes; and the charge for the Whitsun gathering and all the school does for us at this time is cut to so ridiculously small a sum that only a treasurer of many years experience in the neighbourhood of Lombard Street could make the balance come out in the end on the credit side. How it's done passes the imagination. Each one of these items could be increased to the manifest benefit of the Association; and what Old Scholar would chafe or protest? As to the Life Membership this is really an invaluable privilege for all you younger members. Some of you, maybe, are approaching twenty-one. All the motor-cycle catalogues have been quietly and not too ostentatiously perused and compared—even the possibility of a junior car has not been overlooked. A proud parent at last says, "Well son, and what are we going to buy you for your birthday?" Which of all of you is going to be the first to reply, "Father, I cannot tell a lie. Please send Fred. E. Goudge a cheque for my S.O.S.A. Life Membership"

Long ago Cobden, the apostle of Free Trade, said that the only way to get anything done and any scheme completed was by constant repetition of the need required—that anybody with a good thing should never be afraid of advertising

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it, not once but repeatedly ; and the only possible method of success was to hammer home simple truths. Now I venture to say that we've got hold of a good thing—a splendid thing : the future of Sibford School. Sibford needs our aid. Sibford needs our help. Hammer it home ! Hammer it home ! Even to ourselves. Methods, means, or ways are not, and cannot be stereotyped. What would be an effective appeal in one case may be a total failure in another. It is for each one of us individually to consider and weigh carefully how our own personal efforts can produce the best results in aid of the new Sibford.

*I will not cease from mental fight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land.*

So wrote the poet Blake a century and a quarter ago. We have only to visualize the revitalized Sibford with its glorious views over the Cotswold country—a School up-to-date and efficient yet plain and Quakerly unpretentious, arising there in the Windmill field to carry on the pioneer educational work so long established here—and lines like the foregoing will call forth in every loyal Old Scholar both the desire and the will to be up and doing for Sibford's sake. The School in the not too distant future will be celebrating her centenary. By then, if not before, the new completed School must be ready in its march for progress to supplant the effete and old ; and when that proud day in the history of the School arrives, the efforts of Old Scholars towards the great renaissance must be a permanent and outstanding memorial of the loyalty of her daughters and of her sons. It is incidentally interesting to note that since the founding of the school in 1842 only three men (with occupied the position of Head—Richard Routh, Robert Brearley Oddie and James Tyler Harrod. This is a remarkable record for 87 years, and confining our loyalty for the moment to a more local and personal application, I think it may not be inappropriate if I quote a verse from Kipling which I have always admired. (No one who knows me well can accuse me of sycophancy) :—

*Let us now praise famous men,  
Men of little showing ;  
For their work continueth  
And their work continueth  
Broad and deep continueth  
Greater than their knowing.*

So may it always be with the Headmasters of Sibford School.

In casual reading not long ago I struck a verse :—

*A young Apollo, golden haired  
Stands dreaming on the verge of strife ;  
Magnificently unprepared  
For the long littleness of life.*

There is a world of sad pessimism in the alliteration of the last line, and yet it is true. The majority of us must of necessity travel a somewhat routine and humdrum road through life. But though the verse might be veracious in some instances (and indeed of my own that the term "magnificently unprepared" can apply to no boy or girl leaving Sibford. The School indeed instils and inculcates those very principles of preparation for life which year by year become of more and more importance in the great outer world. Sir Josiah Stamp, the President of what is I believe the largest corporation in the world, the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, in a speech in London last year pleaded for a higher standard of individual education—not so much mere mastery of facts and so called knowledge as the ability to get a sounder idea of the great public questions of the day—and also the ability to look forward. Biologists tell us that what distinguishes man from the lower animal kingdom is his power not to think only of to-day, but to think of to-morrow—and of next week—and of next year : and what will probably distinguish the

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greater democracy of the future will be the ability to plan life as a whole, as tending to influence one's fellows and the world at large to the best advantage. Is it not somewhat on these lines initially that Sibford in its pioneer efforts on a practical basis is endeavouring to work? Clearly as time goes on, it becomes more and more difficult for children leaving school to establish positions and "to succeed in life" (as the common expression runs) but a sound educational grounding, with modern views and a sane and comprehensive outlook on the future, will doubtless be an immense advantage to boys and girls when their time for leaving Sibford arrives. For this then—the new and improved Sibford in its new and improved setting in idealistic surroundings—the loyalty of every Old Scholar is asked; or more, is demanded. Some of us may be required to maintain our loyalty not to Sibford alone. Sibford children go on to Sidcot or Ackworth or elsewhere, but I trust that, so far as may be, the feeling of friendship and good fellowship in our small but really loyal Association will never be allowed to be detrimentally affected by other claims. As I myself have been a member of three Old Scholars' Associations I speak feelingly on this point.

A matter which should not pass unnoticed to-night is the Sibford Film, which we are so shortly to see. Commencing with a modest germ of an idea the scheme has grown marvellously, and has incorporated to itself the best efforts of a large company of enthusiasts for the School. Beyond the individuals primarily responsible the interest in its success has enveloped a body of splendidly enthusiastic helpers. Here is brilliant pioneer work of the utmost utility and value. None of us I believe has any conception of the hours and hours of energy, labour, thought, and work expended by the school staff and the producers of the film to make it the success it is. And included in this tribute are many whose help has been given, and gladly given, in a number of incidental by-ways essential to the completed whole, whose labour is wholly inapparent to us as mere observers of the film. Let us hope that it will have definite results for the benefit and advancement of Sibford, far beyond the imaginings of those who have done so excellently in producing the film. Their work, indeed, is loyalty of a high order.

Our Association has pledged itself to assist in every way possible the general Appeal for Sibford, and to raise as its own contribution to the fund the sum of at least £2,000. Now is our chance to show how much we realise our debt to the school in the past, and how much we desire that the boys and girls who shall follow on in the future at the new Sibford, shall have advantages and benefits beyond whatever we asked or thought for. The sum desired is large, and not nearly yet attained. Our task is not an easy one—it will require the strong and united effort and enthusiasm of every member of the Association.

This then, is the aim and object of my address. To-day is the accepted time. To us, in our Association and individually, is presented an opportunity both urgent and unique to do our utmost for the school. It is no small thing that is asked of us—for ourselves a personal sacrifice with no possibility of benefit or reward—to many of us the doubtful possibility to see the full result of the efforts made. It is ours at this time, however, without faltering and with willing hearts, so to support in every way we can that noble spirit of loyalty towards the extended and vastly improved Sibford of the future, that the Old School so dear to the hearts of all of us may, in its new habitation and under a Divine Providence, proceed on its course down the years to come, proudly sending forth as good citizens its recruits to the young manhood and young womanhood of England from one generation to another. What we need in our efforts for the new Sibford is a fair share, in our efficiently calm and Quakerly way, of the tradition of tenacity and purpose so magnificently enshrined in the pages of the history of our nation. Let us see to it that by our individual and united efforts we fail not in the attainment of the goal desired. Will it not rather be a proud day for our Association when the treasurers can report that the sum we have in honour bound ourselves to obtain has been exceeded.

Loyalty I acclaim as one of the more admirable virtues. It is near akin, I think to love. Indeed, there is both love and courage in Loyalty—and both are beautiful things.



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J. T. HARROD prefaced his report on the School Year with some further news concerning the new Sibford. The work in connection with the new water supply at Hill Bottom had, he said, been rather difficult owing to the sloping bank there and the nature of the soil.

HENRY LAWRENCE asked whether there would be any ceremony of foundation stone laying.

J. T. HARROD replied he felt sure that there would be some ceremony in connection with the opening of the new school. Nothing had yet been decided, but he would see that Old Scholars were warned.

H. J. RANDALL suggested that if there was to be a ceremony in connection with the opening of the new water supply Charles Brady should come down and drink the first glass of water.

CHARLES BRADY: I never drink water (Laughter).

**S.O.S.A. BRANCHES.**

The Branch Secretaries reported as follows:—

H. LAWRENCE (London) stated that the Branch was keeping up its enthusiasm. Over 60 had attended a re-union at Friends' House, and last autumn they had had an enjoyable ramble in Epping Forest.

G. BASELEY (Birmingham) said that, in groups of various sizes, they had met every fortnight to read plays. Nearly 100 attended the annual dance and re-union, including 14 from London.

**THE BUILDING FUND.**

CHARLES BRADY reported on the S.O.S.A. Building Fund. He said that £271 14s. 0d. had been received from Old Scholars, including interest. This was to some extent satisfactory, and to another extent unsatisfactory.

J. T. HARROD: Are there any promises?

CHARLES BRADY: There are promises of a nebulous description, but we could not sue on them and recover them (Laughter).

H. J. RANDALL said that, personally, he felt disappointed in the sum collected. He hoped that a continued effort would be made.

CHARLES BRADY pointed out that a great number of members of the S.O.S.A. were young members, who possibly had not a great amount of money. In reply to a question, Charles Brady said that about 65 of the 500 members of the Association had subscribed.

J. T. HARROD said he thought a great many Old Scholars would be glad to help if they knew they could send in small contributions at frequent intervals.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

H. Campion and G. Baseley were appointed to arrange the Whit-Monday concert and evening re-unions for the Annual Gathering, 1930.

The following officers of the Association were unanimously re-elected: Frederick Goudge as Secretary-Treasurer; Henry J. Randall as representative on the School Committee; Henry Lawrence as London Branch Secretary; Godfrey Baseley as Birmingham Branch Secretary.

H. CAMPION proposed that the Local Secretaries (Mabel T. Harrod and Jane Sabin) should be re-elected.

ARNOLD J. KAYE: This has been considered in Committee yesterday. Jane Sabin, who has served so well for 12 years, desires to be relieved. It is clear

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that nobody can continue working at that strain indefinitely. The post is one absolutely essential to the success of the Gathering. Jane Sabin wants to coach somebody to be ready to take on the duty when she drops it after the next Gathering.

CHARLES BRADY suggested that the Local Secretaries be asked to stand for this year and be given power to co-opt an assistant, to be trained to take the position of Local Secretary next year. This course was approved, and the Local Secretaries were re-elected on this understanding.

A. Reuben Wilson was appointed auditor in place of Arthur B. Oddie, who, after serving in that capacity for 25 years, did not seek re-election.

Gordon Wells and Owen Reynolds were appointed members of the S.O.S.A. Committee to fill the vacancies therein, the retiring members being W. Pollard and A. K. Rutter.

The SECRETARY-TREASURER pointed out that under the rules of the Association provision was made for the appointment of an Editor, and having regard to the increasing amount of work he would appreciate such an appointment being made. The appointment of Leslie W. A. Baily was carried unanimously.

**THE NEW PRESIDENT.**

ARNOLD J. KAYE said that next year would be a record year—Mr. and Mrs. Harrod's last year in office—and he proposed H. J. Randall as President for 1929-1930; he felt that it was fitting that the President for the year should be one who had been a scholar during Mr. and Mrs. Harrod's time. MARJORIE WESTLAKE seconded, and the proposal was carried with acclamation.

H. J. RANDALL, in voicing his happiness to accept the honour, said that under Mr. and Mrs. Harrod's tender care he grew up at Sibford in beauty, if not in wisdom (Laughter).

J. T. HARROD: It's quite true (Loud laughter).

**ETHEL M. SHARPE.**

The SECRETARY-TREASURER was instructed to convey to Ethel M. Sharpe's mother "how greatly we appreciated Ethel M. Sharpe and her services, and how deeply we deplore her loss."

**. . . UNANIMOUSLY !**

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was carried unanimously.

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## HAVE YOU HAD THE FILM ?

Old Scholars who wish to arrange for the exhibition of the Sibford Film in their towns, either in public meetings or to groups in private houses, should write for particulars to :—

FRANCIS H. KNIGHT,

FRIENDS' HOUSE, EUSTON ROAD, LONDON, N.W.1.

## What the Press says about the Sibford Film

*The Manchester Guardian :*

"An excellent example in the making of a film of school life and school history . . . The photography of the film is admirable for amateurs, the acting as natural as if it were quite unconscious, and the titling full of brightness and humour."

*The Friend :*

" . . . the result is not only a delightful film of the school, past and present, with glimpses into the future, but it is also a little triumph of amateur cinematography."

*The Banbury Guardian :*

"The quaint scenes of early days contrast with the present school life, and there are some beautiful pictures of the surrounding country."

*The Morning Post :*

"The producers have woven the pictures round the story of the ancient elm of 'Sheepford' . . . The film evidently caught the imagination of the educational experts who were present, among whom was Sir Michael Sadler."

*The Calcutta Guardian :*

"Such methods of letting a wider public know of an interesting educational experiment which is moving with the times should be a stimulus to others to go and do likewise, both educationally and cinematographically—though the latter word is one to be avoided !"

*The Bournemouth Daily Echo :*

"The atmosphere of the true Quaker spirit permeates the whole of the scenes; quiet and unobtrusive, yet intensely active and earnest; with a high ideal always in view."

*Yorkshire Evening Post :*

"No picture producer could desire more delightful backgrounds for a photoplay than 'Sibford' offers."

*The Leeds Citizen :*

"In the earlier period music and dancing were strictly taboo, and there is an amusing incident—to a modern onlooker—of a boy being caught playing a tin whistle and having that whistle broken. There had to be no truck with the Devil! How times change. . ."

*The Cine-Kodak News :*

"If you get a chance of seeing 'Sibford,' do so."

*Birmingham Evening Despatch :*

"A film of unusual interest. . . ."

*The Referee :*

"There is something peculiarly heartening about the change which this delightful picture typifies in only three generations—and of Quakers! The film itself, made entirely by the boys and girls and staff of the school, is amazingly good, for an amateur effort. There are little touches of schoolboy life—and schoolgirl life—that nothing but the real thing could have provided. One little scene at the finish is hauntingly beautiful. . . ."

*The Banbury Advertiser :*

"A fine example of the art."

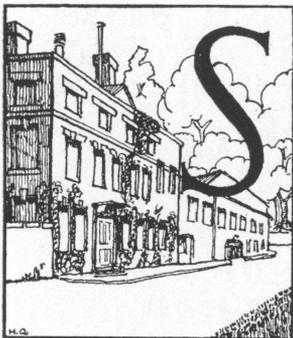
*The New Leader :*

"Against such foolishness as this (this refers to a previous criticism by the *New Leader's* film critic of certain commercial films—Editor), one must set 'Sibford' . . ."

*The Film Weekly :*

"An extremely interesting film."

# The School Year, 1928-29



SIBFORD Ferris calling the S.O.S.A. ! Hullo everybody ; we send greetings to all Old Scholars far and near, and for your delectation we propose to tell the story of our life at Zib during the past 12 months.

In these modern days of motor cars and wireless installations, we do not feel at Sibford quite so far away from the outskirts of civilization as of yore. The top form all toddle up to London for a day at Yearly Meeting ; we can follow Ramsay across the briny ocean, and be in at the finish with his " Hullo America " ; and we are able to learn something of the way of the world, in this wonderful Year of Grace, 1929. At the same time we can watch the little trotty wagtails as they run across the lawn ; can enjoy the black-

bird's song, and the first cou-cou of Spring ; and can listen at night to the great barn owl hooting in the old elm tree, all by himself in the moonlight.

Old boys and girls who return to Sibford joyfully greet the same masters time after time ; but miss the familiar faces of mistresses they knew. In September, Miss Barbara Pope came as French Mistress in place of Miss Mortimer, who went to Woodbrooke for further study ; and Miss Dorothy Brigham came as Student Mistress. In January, Mr. Thorpe had a term off to see something of the Science teaching in other schools ; and incidentally he went up and down the country showing the Sibford film, Mr. Sale taking his place here till Easter. In June, M. André Vacheron, from Geneva, came for two months to perfect himself in English, and to help with the arduous duty of instilling a knowledge of French into the brains of boys and girls with little linguistic aptitude.

The film, through which Sibford woke up one day to find herself famous, was shown in the Lecture Hall to scholars and villagers on December 12th and 13th, and the boys and girls, recognizing themselves on the screen, felt natural and justifiable pride.

Architects arrived on October 4th, 1928, to plot out the ground for the new school. On June 21st, 1929, the first sod was cut, on the occasion of the General Meeting. As usual we had a perfect day, and an almost record attendance. The programme of events did not greatly differ from other years. The exhibition of work was quite up to the usual standard, and the girls delighted the visitors in the afternoon with the performance of a cantata, " The Hours," in which the singing (unaccompanied) was pure and good, and the costumes very effective. Tea on the lawn was followed by some pretty country dancing.

School talks and exhibitions of lantern slides mean more to us than to those who live near towns and can attend public lectures, concerts, plays and cinema

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shows; and as usual we had a full winter programme. Mr. Heaton gave a course of illustrated Gardening lectures to the village in our Lecture Hall, which was attended voluntarily and much enjoyed by a good many of the boys and girls. Mr. Walter Bentley told us a great deal of interesting information about precious stones, showing us a number of specimens. Miss Kitching gave a telling address on "The Next War." A temperance film, "Safeguarding the Nation," was shown to school and village, and was surprisingly successful, considering our lack of electric light. A Mr. Lawrence (whom some of the scholars mistook for Henry Lawrance) in red tunic and bared arms, amused us with conjuring tricks and skill in legerdemain. The village Choral Society gave us a very good concert; one morning in June, Mrs. Beamish delighted us with an hour's singing; and on another occasion Miss Albright gave us an exhibition of her beautiful sketches from nature.

Many visitors came to tell us of life in far away lands. We visited America with Mr. Edward Angel, and again with Mr. and Mrs. Headley; and travelled to Syria with Miss Emmott. Mr. Savage told thrilling stories of the East; and Mr. Krestanoff gave us vivid pictures of Bulgarian life, told in the International language. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones interested us in their life and international work in France, Belgium and Switzerland. One Sunday evening we had an address on "Job," by Mr. A. F. Pim, and on another, Mr. W. Kitching and Mr. Blow gave earnest 'Salvation Army' addresses. Mrs. Blaize occupied an evening with an account of the spread in the use of Esperanto.

On the wireless we followed the University Boatrace and listened to the Story of Robert E. Lee, by Drinkwater. Socials and entertainments during the winter were arranged and given by Guilds and groups of boys and girls.

During March an unwelcome visitor arrived in the form of an epidemic of influenza, to which most of us fell victims. During the Easter holidays the death occurred of Betty Thomas, who had developed complications following influenza; she was, apparently, on the road to recovery and had gone home, but died under the anæsthetic given preparatory to a comparatively simple operation. We have also a very sad accident to record which occurred at the end of the summer holidays, when Mary Pettipher, a day-scholar, was knocked down by a motor-car in Tadmarton, sustaining injuries to her head which caused instantaneous death.

On June 15th, a large party of Birmingham Friends came over to see our school, and spent the afternoon in wandering over the buildings and premises, and making acquaintance with the village and surroundings. The same day, six Esperantist boys and girls met another Esperanto group at Mrs. Gillett's, the Elms, Banbury, who entertained them with tea and games in her beautiful garden. Also three of the older girls joined a party to Woodstock, to see some very wonderful country dancing by hundreds of men and women in the grounds of Blenheim Palace.

Our League of Nations branch is thriving. We meet every three weeks on Sunday mornings before Meeting. Some of the subjects we discussed last session were naval disarmament, the optional clause, the value of the League, and the need of an international language. Fifteen of us, mostly scholars, went to Oxford in February to hear Mr. Huntingdon Gilchrist speak on "Mandates," at All Souls College. We had an enjoyable ride, a good tea, an interesting tour round Christchurch College dining-room, chapel, and kitchen; and a fairly stiff lecture to end up, the matter of which nine of the delegates reported to the branch on the following Sunday.

One Sunday morning all the school listened to M. Butler read her "Merttens Prize" Essay on Dr. Zamenhof; and R. Dale and B. Blunsom read extracts from their essays on the International Labour Organization and Mandates. M. Butler and B. Blunsom joined the Inter-school Party to Geneva in August.

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Excursions to beauty spots were just as enjoyable as ever. In the Autumn at Whichford we found an unusual number of edible chestnuts which were a welcome addition to the impromptu luncheon of bread and cheese and apples; but a hot dinner on our return marked the day. In Spring, Whichford was just as attractive, carpeted with white and blue; and in July at Mrs. Warrener's invitation we spent a glorious day in the shrubberies at Weston Park, a castle and extensive estate close to Whichford which belonged to the late Lord Camperdown, and has been vacant since his death. Edgehill was in no way changed; waggons and motors conveyed us there, and we visited the stone quarry, where we saw the foundation stone for the new Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford, to be laid three or four days later. We found the same woods and fields and railway cutting; tennis and bowls in the Tea Gardens; the same (?) ginger beer, and delectable sweets; the same scramble for possession of the two little summer-houses; and the lovely ride and walk home in the evening.

The visit of the top form to the Yearly Meeting for one long glorious day, and the kindness of Mr. J. B. Braithwaite, who invited them all to a delightful tea, will long be remembered by the boys and girls fortunate enough to attend. Other outdoor treats were a long morning walk to Brailes in March; and the usual blackberry competition in October, when Pilots—we will not say picked most—managed to bring home the largest quantity of berries.

The football teams round here have apparently improved so remarkably, and possess so many stars that our boys, captained by Phil. Hendley, in spite of assiduous practice, had a somewhat disappointing record, only winning one match throughout the season, against St. Mary's Choir Boys, and drawing with Chipping Norton County School. They were defeated by Chipping Norton once, and also by Charlbury and Shipston. During January and February all matches had to be abandoned, owing to the severe and long-continued frost.

In cricket we played boys from Shipston, Banbury and Chipping Norton, and journeyed to these places for return games, but always the game ended in a victory for our opponents. A team from Bournville arrived in such a time of drought and dangerous pitches that the game had to be played on the boys' playground, and we won 21 and 27 to 16 and 9.

A draughts tournament was played by the boys between the Guilds in the winter evenings. The Pilots, coming out top, won a new set.

The girls (Capt. M. Hooper) were just as enthusiastic over their games, played more matches, and met with better success than the boys. In hockey they won nine matches, beating ladies' teams from Stourton, Banbury, Ratley, Charlbury, Farnborough and the Chipping Norton Girls' County School; and only lost one match (against Swarthmore team) during the season. In cricket (Capt. A. Nott) they played three matches during July, beating the Banbury Harriers twice and losing against the Tadmarton team.

The visit of Old Scholars at Whitsuntide will claim attention on other pages, but we should like to say here that it is each year long-looked-forward-to, eagerly-prepared-for, and tremendously enjoyed by all inmates of the School. It is without question one of the most important, most valuable, most enjoyable and most essential elements of our School organization; and especially gratifying it is to those of the staff who are of long standing, to see the bright faces, enthusiasm and loyalty of old boys and girls, as they return regularly year after year to their Alma Mater. May such reunions long continue to give joy and inspiration to all.

*Good night, all, in village and town,  
Sibford Ferris is closing down.*

MABEL T. HARROD.

## SIBFORD SCHOOL STAFF

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*Headmaster :*

JAMES TYLER HARROD, B.A.

*Headmistress :*

MABEL T. HARROD, B.A.

<i>Science Master</i> .. .. .	JAMES W. THORPE.
<i>Geography Master</i> .. .. .	FRANK PARKIN.
<i>Crafts Master</i> .. .. .	ROLAND HERBERT.
<i>Art Master</i> .. .. .	CECIL FORD-DUNN.
<i>Language Mistress</i> .. .. .	BARBARA J. POPE, B.A.
<i>Housecrafts Mistress</i> .. .. .	LUCY B. PIM.
<i>Student Mistress</i> .. .. .	DOROTHY BRIGHAM, B.A.
<i>Music Mistress</i> .. .. .	DOROTHY G. PRIOR, A.R.C.M.
<i>Secretary</i> .. .. .	LUCY A. HARROD.
<i>Housekeeper</i> .. .. .	EDITH M. THORNE.
<i>Matron</i> .. .. .	ETHEL M. COOKE.
<i>Nurse</i> .. .. .	MOLLY LEAVER.
<i>Gardener</i> .. .. .	HENRY TANNER.
<i>Mechanic</i> .. .. .	GEORGE WEBB.

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### DEGREES, Etc., TAKEN BY OLD SCHOLARS

*University of Bristol.*—Higher School Certificate: Clifford H. Mortimer.

*University of Cambridge.*—Teachers' Certificate in Education: Beryl M. Aylward, B.A.

*London City and Guilds.*—Teachers' Certificate in Handicraft: Bernard J. Aylward.

*Northern Universities.*—Higher School Certificate: Leslie Cross.

*University of Bristol.*—B.Sc.: H. Trevor Lloyd.

*University of London.*—Intermediate B.Sc.: Elsie D. Harrod.

*University of Manchester.*—Honours School of English Language and Literature, Part I.: Eileen M. Woodhead.

*London University.*—B.Sc.: Olive Edwards.

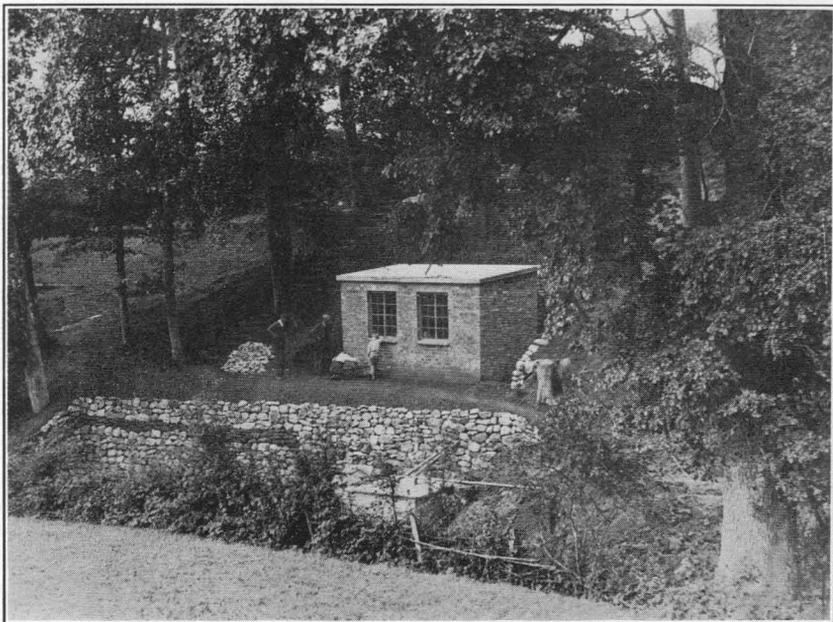
*University of Manchester.*—Associateship of College of Technology in Industrial Administration: W. Reginald Barber.

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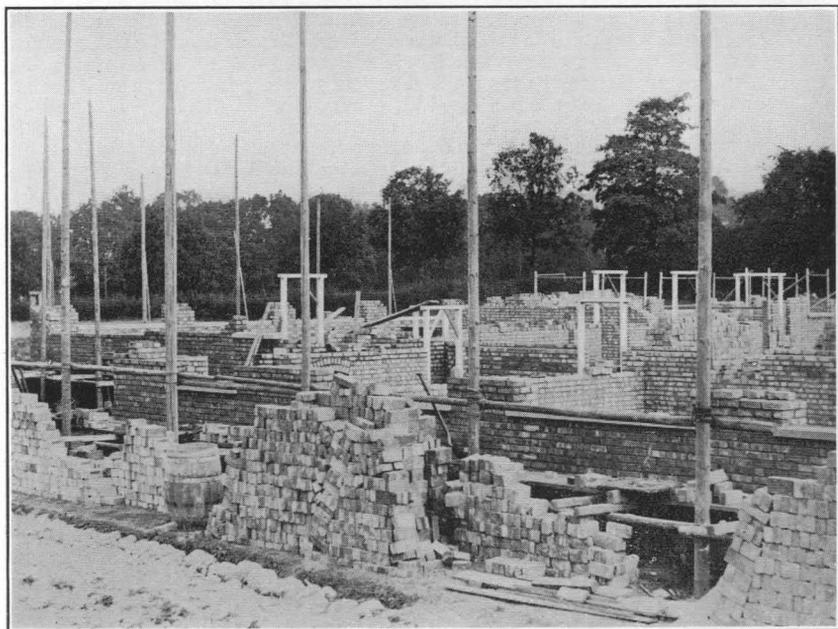
## MOTOR GYMKHANA, 1930

A Motor Gymkhana, similar in principle to that of 1929, will be included in the programme for the 1930 Gathering. There will, however, be considerable alteration in detail, and the organisers would be greatly assisted on this occasion if they could have the names of entrants in advance. Will Old Scholars who intend to compete please send their names, stating the type of car or motor-cycle they intend to enter, to James C. Baily, St. Malo, Heathgates, Shrewsbury, not later than May 1st, 1930.

If any Old Scholar has not complied with this request and wishes to compete, however, entries will still be received at Sibford at Whitsuntide. It is hoped that all motorist Old Scholars will enter. There need be no fear of damage.



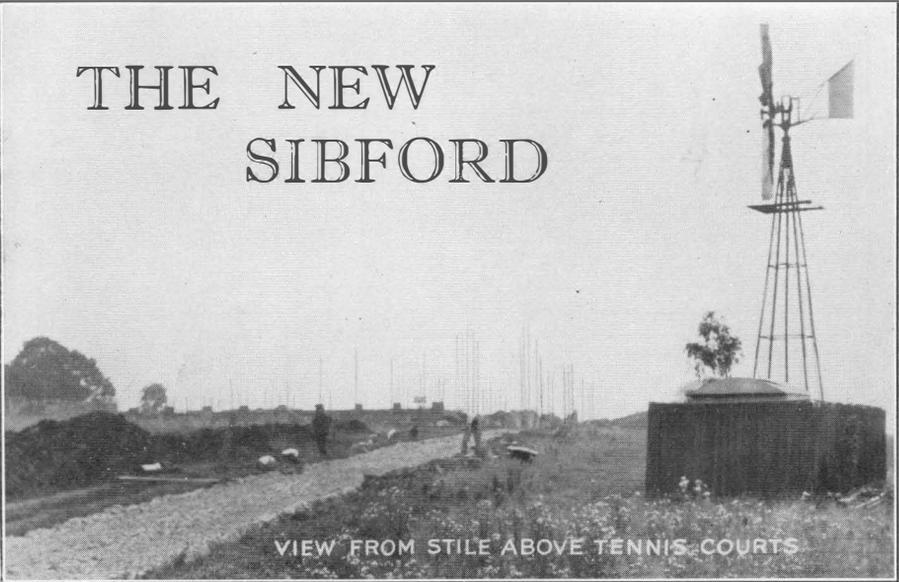
*The Water Supply, Hill Bottom.*



*"...a new Sibford, worthier  
To mould in men the soul in her*

*A Sibford fashioned to pursue  
The work that she is called to do."*

# THE NEW SIBFORD



VIEW FROM STILE ABOVE TENNIS COURTS

**I**T will be hard for Old Scholars who have come so many times down the village road through the tunnel of the overhanging trees to the plain stone building which we call The School, where we have lived and played and grown (as the President says) in beauty, if not in learning, and where we have returned to snatch a few memories of the past and to join together in reunion with each other and with this dear absurd, illogical, conglomeration of rooms and playgrounds—it will be hard when we come and hear something else called The School, something new and handsome and strange. It will be harder still if ever we come down from the Elm and under the trees and find the Old School a school no longer—if ever we find *all* its activities removed to that new scene of activity on the Windmill Field, and the building whose bricks and mortar hold such rich and intimate associations for us, converted into a private mansion, or a motor garage, or a workhouse, or perhaps a heap of stones in the Valley of the Sheepford. May that day never come.

At any rate there appear to be no such wholesale designs as yet. Nobody appears to know what will ultimately happen to the Old School. Sufficient unto the day are the developments thereof, and the developments for the next few years will be taken step by step, so the accommodation of the old buildings will be required for many a long day yet. It will be hard, perhaps, to adjust ourselves to this new era, but what Old Scholar who cares anything for the spirit of Sibford, as well as for its material substance, beloved as that may be, will not find it possible to conquer his conservatism and welcome the fine new block of buildings and be proud of them?

Visiting Sibford during the Autumn, we found the first instalment of the building scheme well into the course of realisation. A deep trench ripped its way through the orchard and across the girls' playground, past the "San" and alongside the tennis courts, and so to the Windmill Field, where a forest of scaffold poles marked the site of the New Sibford on the hill-top. This trench, we were delicately informed, was for the drains. Coming earlier, in the Summer, we had found another trench being excavated away across to Hill Bottom, where the

*The New Sibford*

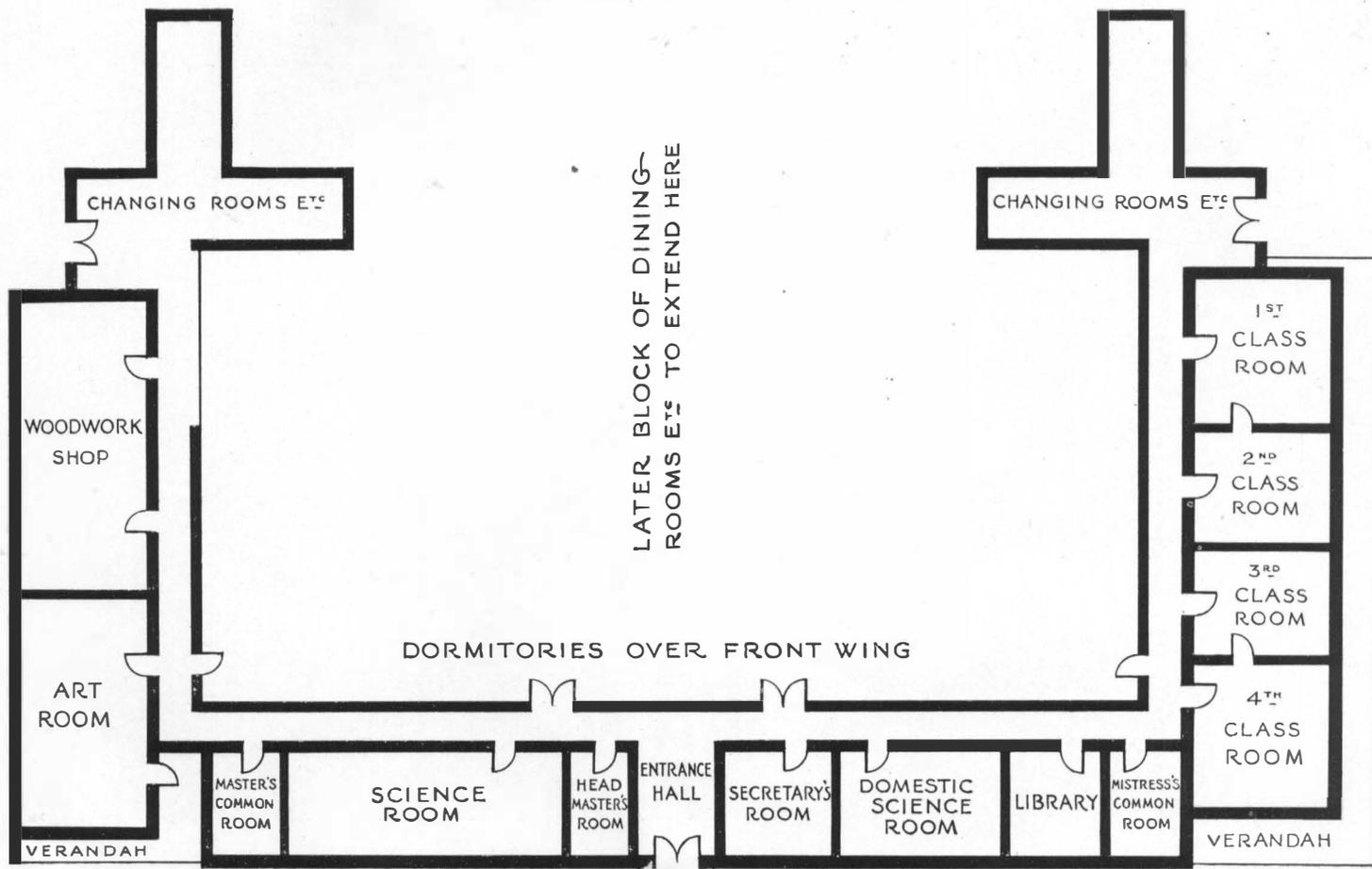
side of that ravine so vividly associated with picnics and pig-drives had been torn up to provide place for a huge tank, from which water will be pumped through the pipe in the trench to the New School and to the old one as well. Returning now to Sibford, we found this new water supply in working order; were shown by Mr. Harrod how to start up the oil engine which pumps the water and which sings a murmurous "chug-chug" down there at Hill Bottom in company with the nightingales; and were proudly informed that during the drought of 1929 the spring at Hill Bottom continued to deliver its umpteen thousand gallons per hour without hesitation.

At this date the walls had risen to the height of the ground floor windows, so there should be a good deal of the New School for Old Scholars to see and explore next Whitsuntide. For this reason alone an exceptionally good turn-up of Old Scholars is anticipated for the next Gathering, and when there is added the fact that it will be the last Gathering at which we shall be welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Harrod in their capacity of Head Master and Head Mistress, it is obvious that Whitsuntide, 1930, will go down as a record in the annals of the S.O.S.A. Sibford without Mr. and Mrs. Harrod will seem rather strange, too.

Sibford, indeed, is now at the parting of her ways. She is about to step boldly into a new path. She is being provided with facilities to work out her ideals and duties, and to those who have been appointed to follow Mr. and Mrs. Harrod and to guide Sibford along her new path every Old Scholar will say "Good Luck," I am sure. By Whitsuntide, 1931, the new path will have been taken, for the block now in erection is expected to be completed in September, 1930, so that it may be occupied in the autumn term. This block, with its approach roads, drainage, water supply, furniture, etc., is expected to cost £22,000, of which several thousands of pounds are still required. It consists of the rooms shown on the ground floor plan here reproduced, together with a second floor of dormitories on the front wing only. The north and south wings are single storey high. These dormitories will not provide accommodation for the entire school and so until the second instalment of the New School is embarked upon, some of the boys will probably have to sleep at the Old School. It will also be necessary for meals to be taken at the Old School, as there is no dining room in the first instalment of the premises.

The second instalment, which will cost perhaps £8,660, will consist of a wing between the north and south wings, so that the final building will be in the plan form of an E. This wing will comprise dining room, kitchen, maids' bedrooms, and girls' dormitories. At the time of writing the method of lighting the new buildings had not been decided. In daytime the rooms will be very bright, the window space being extensive, while the classrooms on the south side will have opening walls, so that they may be converted into open-air classrooms. It is probable that a new playing field will be laid out near the new building, which stands adjacent to the present playing field, facing the west.

For such purposes as the film it may sound poetic to speak of the New Sibford as on a hill-top, but it is a literal fact. The scholar in this New School will look from his desk out across the Hook Norton road and over the rolling country to the distant line of the Cotswolds.



# The Letter Box

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**M** O'BRIEN HARRIS, who took the Sibford film to the international educational conference at Elsinore, Sweden, writes: ". . . films were as plentiful as blackberries! Ours suffered by being unsuitable for any of the projectors but that of the Kodak Co., which had a representative there. He showed it on the usual terms, *i.e.*, he showed three of the Eastman Co.'s educational films first. So some people had not the patience to wait for the Quaker film; but many did."

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Concerning the 1929 Gathering, one Old Scholar writes: "It was a real he-man Whitsuntide"; and another: "A few really good snaps in the Report of the gymkhana should be sufficient to attract at least 200 Old Scholars next year!"

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Lewis Poulton (Hurstpierpoint) draws our attention to the following extract from the *Banbury Advertiser's* review of the Sibford film: ". . . The girls were taught to do needle work and become good wives; now things are different . . ."

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Whitsuntide, 1929, was notable for several novelties. A suggestion for Whitsuntide, 1930, comes from F. L. Geering, of Hurstpierpoint—a push-ball match! "We can send a team of 15," he writes, "if you can get one to match us. We can find the ball. We had a good hockey match in early October at Sibford and lost 5-4." The suggestion is being considered.

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After seeing the Sibford film an Old Scholar writes: "Sibford is depicted as such a delightful place already that the audience may not feel the necessity to subscribe for a new one. I hope that the yawning crevices in the wall and the possibility of the school sliding down hill into the stream will also have an impression on those to whom we are appealing."

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Emily Edridge, notifying the death of her sister, writes: "I began at Sibford in 1862, so I am one of the very Old Scholars. I look back on my Sibford days with much pleasure (in the time of Mr. and Mrs. Routh), also to some gatherings of the S.O.S.A."

**The Secretary-Treasurer's address is now:—**

**18, WHITELOW ROAD, CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY,**

**MANCHESTER.**

## The Old Elm Drops a Few Leaves

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TUT, tut ! It is whispered that one of my Chicks, who has risen to greatness in the S.O.S.A., has fallen to the lure of the speedway, and spends his Saturday sixpence in a trackside seat, where his handsome profile is mutilated by flying particles of what is graphically known in his part of the world as "muck"—pronounced "mook," I'm told. This report gives substance to the rumour that the name of Cyclone Ferdy G——ge will be seen on the list of competitors for the 1930 Motor Gymkhana.

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The Editor, seated despondently beneath my spreading boughs, has been moaning bitter things about a Report contributor who writes on both sides of the paper. But methinks he would cheerfully accept the extra toil which this involves for him if more of my Chicks were to venture on the literary wing ; because then he himself wouldn't have to write so much drivel to fill the pages.

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How are the mighty fallen ! Is it true that a Very Great O.S. arrived at Sibford in a brand new automobile, and immediately borrowed a copy of "How it works" from the School Library ?

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It was a dark night on the "Prom." The hour was late. Two figures, darker than the darkness, were outlined vaguely against the silent sky. A vigilant and greatly respected S.O.S.A. official, passing that way, went up to them, his face betokening at once sweet reasonableness and firm resolution, as also his voice when he said : "Don't you think it's about time you went in ?"

They were villagers.

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That Gymkhana was a merry sight. One of my Chicks resolved to dress his "baby" up as a brown-paper parcel. Large sheets of brown-paper he neatly tied round the little saloon, entirely enfolding it, sides, top, and bottom. Then he went off to watch the other competitors until the time to start. When this hour arrived he dashed back to the 7 h.p. Parcel and was surprised to find that it was quite impossible to get into it, without unpacking. His relatives tell me that he is going on as well as can be expected, but still has occasional delusions during which he plays harmlessly with a ball of string, a pair of scissors, and a tin opener.

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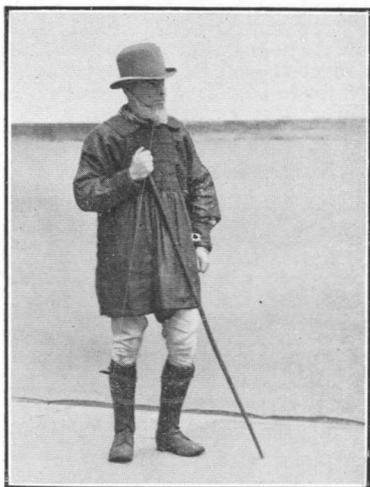
"Rastus," suddenly solving the ancient problem of perpetual motion, was unable to stop his motor-cycle, and had a little gymkhana all on his own in a corner of the field, where he described circles with an accuracy which was a tribute to his assimilation of theoretical geometry at Sibford.

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Well, Chicks, I am now closing down for another year's sleep. But remember, I always sleep with one eye open.

## The Sibford Film Revised

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*Roland Herbert in the Sibford Film.*

WITH a thunder of publicity the film "Sibford" was launched on an astonished world in the autumn of 1928. A film made in a Quaker school! What is the world coming to? During that Autumn and the Winter which followed "Sibford" was exhibited in dozens of towns all over England, with fairly satisfactory direct financial results—the indirect value of the film as publicity for Sibford School and its Building Fund cannot be gauged but must be very considerable. The original idea of a film as a mere appeal for money was abandoned during the production of the film at Sibford in the summer of 1928; the ambitions of the producers soared and the film developed into something of much wider interest and more lasting value as a record of the history and life of Sibford. The urgent financial needs of Sibford were subtly introduced; and the psychological effect on the audience

under these circumstances was probably actually more conducive to the audience "tipping up" handsomely than it would have been had the film been a blatant appeal.

About £7,000 is still required, however, to complete the first instalment of the new school building. When, therefore, the film was found to be out of date at a year old, owing to the sudden activity of the builders on the Windmill Field, and it was decided to revise "Sibford" in order to introduce these activities, it was also decided to alter the appeal element in the film and to make it a definite appeal for the sum of money outstanding. It should be understood, however, that this has been done intelligently and does not detract from the value of the film, as a film on its merits. On the contrary, the revised edition of the Sibford Film has been acclaimed as better than the 1928-29 edition.

It is hoped that Sibford Old Scholars everywhere will back up the producers of the film and make a "big push" for that £7,000; the producers, by improving and modernising the film, have provided the artillery, and it is now up to Old Scholars to fire it, taking careful aim and not raising the barrage until the Appeal Fund is £7,000 richer.

*The Sibford Film Revised*

Frankly, it cannot be said that Old Scholars gave their support very actively to the 1928-29 film, and it is sincerely hoped that they will make greater efforts to have the 1929-30 edition shown without rest throughout the length and breadth of the land. In certain cases, of course, Old Scholars gave invaluable help, but the general body of Old Scholars did not form themselves into booking agents for "Sibford" in the energetic way which will ensure success to the efforts of all those who have put long hours into the work of making the film. In this connection it should be mentioned that Sibford owes a great debt to one who, though not a Sibford Old Scholar, threw himself whole-heartedly into the production and revision of the film. This is C. Morland Braithwaite, of Banbury, who is a Leighton Park Old Scholar.

During last Winter J. W. Thorpe, who with C. M. Braithwaite had done the lion's share of the actual work of production in the Summer, exhibited the film in a large number of towns, as far afield as Bristol and Carlisle, Darlington and Bournemouth. Several other people also acted as operators from time to time and everywhere "Sibford" was enthusiastically received, although in a few cases the audience did not see the film to best advantage owing to the unsuitability or non-availability of electric light for the projector. For this reason the exhibition of the film at Sibford, where batteries have to be utilised, does not do real justice to the film, and Old Scholars who have seen it only at Sibford will probably find that even better results are obtained in their own home towns.

Sibford, having embarked upon film production, is keeping abreast of the times, and the revised edition of its film, therefore, includes views of the new buildings in course of erection, views of the pumping station at Hill Bottom, a "Pathe Gazette" of the actual ceremony of cutting the first sod on the new site, and—which will greatly interest Old Scholars present at Sibford last Whitsuntide—scenes taken during the Motor Gymkhana. Quite a number of Old Scholars became (perhaps unwittingly) screen actors and actresses on that occasion.

Although electric light from the mains is desirable, it is possible to obtain a good view of "Sibford" when batteries are used provided that the audience is not a large one. In any case it is not practicable to show the film to more than 180 to 200 people at one time. The film occupies about an hour and a quarter in screening. A Cine-Kodak projector is provided with the film, which is non-inflammable.

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## MR. AND MRS. HARROD'S SUCCESSORS

From "*The Friend*"

"At the meeting of the Sibford School Committee, on October 25th, Arthur Johnstone, B.Sc. of London University, was appointed Headmaster of Sibford School, to succeed James T. Harrod, who is retiring next summer. Arthur Johnstone, who holds the Diploma in Education with Distinction in the Principles of Teaching, is at present Head of the Science Department at Alleynes Grammar School, Uttoxeter, Staffs, and as such is responsible for the organisation of the Handicrafts Section. He first came into association with Friends in 1915 at Chester, where he lost his post owing to his Peace principles. He deferred joining the Society until the close of the War, during which time he had had experience of prison and Home Office camps. Then followed teaching in Friends' Schools at Lancaster and Lisburn, before his marriage and the taking up of his post at Uttoxeter in 1920. His wife, Jessie Johnstone, is fully in sympathy with Friends, though she has not joined the Society owing to there being no meeting within reach. She holds a B.A. Honours degree in French and English, and has had wide teaching experience, having been Head Mistress of a large co-educational school at Halesowen. Arthur Johnstone was closely associated with the Student Christian Movement in London, and is a frequent speaker at Peace meetings, Brotherhoods and Adult Schools, whilst his wife has been an international hostess for the Holiday Fellowship in the Alps and Pyrenees for the past seven years. In making the appointment the Committee feels sure that, under the guidance of Arthur and Jessie Johnstone, the work of Sibford School, so long associated with James T. and Mabel Harrod, will be ably continued, and that the School's valuable contribution to Quakerism and to an international outlook will grow and develop."

## S.O.S.A. Appeal Fund

THE work in connection with the new School premises is progressing rapidly. The object of these few paragraphs is to bring before Old Scholars the financial aspect of the rebuilding scheme, and to report on the present state of the S.O.S.A. Appeal Fund.

The completion of the work at present in hand will cost £22,000 including the new water supply, sewerage, equipment, etc. Towards this amount the sum of £15,000 has been collected, almost entirely from members of the Society of Friends. A fresh effort is now being made to raise the balance of £7,000, and members of the main Appeal Committee are concentrating on this difficult task. Their burden can be considerably lightened by Old Scholars, particularly in two ways: First by assisting in the various money-raising efforts which are being made all over the country; the revised edition of the Sibford Film will be shown extensively during the coming winter months, and Old Scholars can arouse interest in this film, and incidentally in the School itself, in their different localities; they can also help to raise money in many ways, working either singly or in groups. Secondly, by themselves subscribing to the S.O.S.A. Appeal Fund. Some subscribers will measure their own assistance to the School by the help which Old Scholars are giving. If that help is liberal it will show that those intimately connected with the School have faith in its work and in its future; and it will be an incentive to others.

The money actually collected from Old Scholars to date is roughly £320. Promises amount to about another £140; so that we may reckon on £460 as the total at present in view. But this sum only represents the efforts of 100 members of the Association. In other words, out of every five members only one has subscribed! A better effort than this is needed, and is confidently expected. Some Old Scholars, it is known, are not yet in a position to subscribe to a fund of this kind. Others may have been influenced by the campaign conducted from a certain quarter which, amusingly enough, describes the rebuilding scheme as detrimental to the future of the School. But the majority of our members, who look back on their schooldays with pleasure and gratitude, must surely wish to help the School to re-equip itself for the work which lies ahead. No finer thank offering for the past can be made than by making provision for the future.

Those members who have already promised donations are asked to make them forthwith. Members residing abroad are reminded that foreign and colonial remittances can easily be cleared through a London bank, and that help from abroad will be specially welcomed. All Old Scholars, and also parents of Old Scholars if they feel so disposed, are asked to unite in making this effort to raise money a huge success.

Donations, whether small or large, should be sent as early as possible to CHARLES E. BRADY, 56, LUDGATE HILL, LONDON, E.C.4. All donations will be separately acknowledged, and complete details of the Fund will be published in the Report for 1930.

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## LONDON BRANCH REPORT

The Annual January gathering at Friends' House was, as usual, well attended. In addition to the ordinary programme of games, dancing and song, the Sibford film was shown, though perhaps not very successfully. With the Londoners, however, there is always plenty of enthusiasm, and the quality of the programme matters little to the sixty or so members who turn up annually for the sole purpose of "re-unioning." The Autumn meeting is always poorly attended, and this year proved no exception. Ten in number we took tea and rambled about the countryside near South Mimms until rain falling heavily made us decide to return to town by bus rather earlier than most of us desired. F.E.G.

At the time of going to press the Birmingham Branch Report had not come to hand.—EDITOR.



# Marriages



**ROBOTHAM-MAYO.**—On 2nd April, 1929, at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Shipston-on-Stour, John Walton Robotham to Amy Elizabeth Mayo.

**SALTER-NICHOLL.**—On 23rd November, 1928, at Auckland, N.Z., Leonard Gower Salter to Gladys Ethel Nicholl.

**GASKIN-PICKERING.**—On 14th August, 1929, at the Friends' Meeting House, Allendale, John William Gaskin to Elizabeth Shield Pickering.

**BIRD-CORY.**—On 31st September, 1929, at the Friends' Meeting House, Leeds, Charles Lawrence Bird to Ruth Melicent Cory.

## Births

**SLY.**—On August 4th, 1929, at 36, Darville Road, London, N.15, to Ethel (nee Lewis), wife of Eric R. Sly, a daughter who was named Beryl Joan.

**BALL.**—On July 17th, 1929, at Conavoe, Raveligh, to Elenor (nee Williams), wife of Philip W. Ball, a son who was named Michael John.

**SALTER.**—On 18th August, 1929, at Auckland, N.Z., to Gladys (nee Nicholl), wife of Leonard G. Salter, twin daughters, who were named Elaine and Brenda.

**PARSONS.**—On August 5th, 1929, to Marjorie D. (nee Rose), wife of Frederick James Parsons, a daughter who was named Janet Mary Rose.

**BAILY.**—On June 3rd, 1929, to Margaret O. (nee Jesper), wife of Leslie W. A. Baily, a daughter who was named June Margaret.

## Deaths

**ABSALOM.**—On March 27th, 1929, at Coventry, Charles Edward Absalom, aged 49 years.

**BERRINGTON.**—On June 26th, 1929, at Wolverhampton, Julia Berrington, aged 78 years.

**SHARP.**—On January 9th, 1929, at Ilford, Ethel Mary Sharp, aged 48 years.

## In Memory

### DANIEL SABIN.

By the death of Daniel Sabin, the father of our Local Secretary, Sibford loses one of its best known figures. For very many years he farmed in the locality and won several important awards for his produce. He will be well remembered by Old Scholars for his love of horses and as one who seemed invariably to travel the countryside on horseback. Advancing years curtailed his activities but failed to lessen his love of the open air. His cheery words of greeting made him popular with many a Sibford Scholar. H.J.R.

### HENRY TARVER.

I deeply regret to have to report the death of T. Henry Tarver at Sibford, on October 31st, 1929. When in 1890 he took over the charge of the Sibford School garden, it was very unlike the beautiful weedless paradise so well known to scholars, especially girls, of a more recent date. His keenness, conscientiousness, hard work and kindness, as well as the evident success of his handiwork, endeared him to everyone who knew him in the school and cut. In 1922 he was made an honorary life member of the Old Scholars' Association. His health compelled him to withdraw from his work in September, 1928,

but for some time after he continued to pay occasional visits to the scene of his former labours and to act in an advisory capacity. He leaves a widow and eight sons, whose careers do honour to their fine upbringing. J.T.H.

### JULIA BERRINGTON.

Julia Berrington was the third daughter of the late Richard and Julia Edridge, of Wolverhampton. Her happy schooldays at Sibford began in 1861. She was a thoughtful and well-read student; her practical Christianity showed itself by long service in the Queen Street Congregational Sunday School before her marriage, and very useful work among the Blind, the National Council of Women, on the Police Court Rota, and in the great cause of Temperance. Her happy seven years of married life with Alderman Berrington closed in 1915; after that she was a useful member of Lea Road Congregational Church, till the summer of 1928. After many months of pain, the end came June 26th, 1929, at the age of 78. She always enjoyed the meetings of the S.O.S.A. Some of her lines appear in "Staffordshire Poets," edited by C. H. Poole, L.L.D., and Russell Markland, Phil.B.

EMILY EDRIDGE

Old Scholars will greatly lighten the Editorial burden if they will send notices of births, marriages, deaths and deaths, etc., to the Editor of the Report, Leslie W. A. Baily, "Riffawood," 88, Copgrove Road, Harehills, Leeds.

## In Memory

### ETHEL M. SHARP

PRESIDENT OF THE S.O.S.A., 1923-24.

With experience gained at Bedford College and Saffron Walden, Ethel Sharp first came to Sibford in 1907 as Senior Mistress. She had inherited a desire and an ability to teach from her father, Isaac Sharp, who, before becoming Recording Clerk of London Yearly Meeting, had conducted a Boarding School at Hitchin. E.M.S. was born in this town in 1880, and she owed much to the wide interests, scholarly, artistic and religious, which characterised her home life. Finding Sibford still in the process of reorganization, she gave to Mr. Harrod a helpful support and she made her influence felt in all branches of the School's activities. Her energy was amazing both in and out of school hours—whether on a black-berry excursion, in rehearsing a play or in marking essays well into the night. It is possible, perhaps, that she took her work too seriously, expecting from others the same high standard she set for herself, and feeling almost hurt when she failed to impart her enthusiasm, particularly for English literature, to those she taught. Some of us may remember her occasional moments of despair at our seeming dullness and her moments of indignation when we were flippant over subjects which to her were serious. Such a moment must have come in December, 1911, when she wrote in a letter: "The frivolity of the Upper IV, during my attempt this evening to make Matthew Arnold appeal to them has put me in a mental attitude of hostility to the whole genus boy. But," and here she entirely removes the sting from her remarks, "there come times when I am proudly fond of them." Although she herself sometimes felt that she failed to promote in her pupils a love of beauty in prose and poetry, many of those pupils realise their indebtedness to her. Some of their most vivid recollections of Sibford are of Ethel Sharp taking a class in literature, standing with her hands resting on the teacher's desk, her body slightly swaying, her eyes fixed on the trees outside as she discoursed in that tuneful voice of hers on Shelley or Browning. In her classes she relied not so much on text books written by other people as on her own enthusiasm and sheer love of her work. With her keenness she had a wide knowledge of her subject and a good memory, and, as many an erring youth discovered, a clear idea as to who was in charge of her classes. She certainly made an ideal teacher.

After spending six years at Sibford she proceeded to Sidcot for two years and then she gave up teaching to devote herself to the care of her parents. In many ways this was a great sacrifice on her part as she considered teaching as her life's work; but she soon found openings for her energy and interests near her home at Wanstead. She became

Clerk and one of the hardest workers, particularly amongst young people, in her local Friends' Meeting: she worked in connection with a large Children's Hospital; she lectured on literature to Adult Schools and educational settlements: and in other ways she carried out much quiet and efficient work to the value of which many people have since testified. Although in this Report we are chiefly concerned with her association with Sibford School we must not forget her excellent work in other directions.

Of the S.O.S.A. Ethel Sharp was one of the keenest members. Except during her year as President she could rarely be persuaded into the limelight; but behind the scenes her help was invaluable. By preparing for picnics; by speaking occasional words of encouragement to younger members; by being companionable to those who seemed rather "out of it"; and in many other ways she helped the Association and its members. During the years in which the writer acted as Editor of the Report he always sent the final "copy" to E.M.S. with a request that she should act as critic and adviser. As a critic she was far too lenient to be successful, but her advice was always useful and her occasional words of commendation had a stimulating effect. Her Presidential Address in 1921 will always rank as one of the most original and delightful of its kind. She revealed in that Address her pride and interest in the work of her former pupils and her love for the School and the Sibford country, and she enlivened it with touches of poetry with which her mind was so richly stored. "To many of us Sibford is 'the spot beloved over all,' the homeland to which we return in thought far more often than is allowed us to return in body. . . . Our roots go deep in Sibford soil. . . . We know that the School gave us, over and above many educational advantages, a great deal of happiness, rare chances of those intimate and complete friendships that climb from the sharing of everyday needs to 'the heights and depths our souls can reach.'" To many Old Scholars the friendship of Ethel Sharp was one of Sibford's finest gifts.

During her last illness when she knew that death was inevitable she displayed a courage and thought for others which proved an inspiration to her friends. To the very end she continued to write numerous cheerful letters—and what a delightful letter-writer she was! She could discuss books, places, people or domesticities with equal skill; and without being a slave to quotations she would constantly introduce them most aptly and amusingly.

Our recollections of Ethel Sharp are of the happiest. She was a woman of rare charm and character, and we take this opportunity of expressing our affectionate regard for her and our gratitude for all her work at Sibford.

H. J. R.

# Sibford Old Scholars' Association

## LIST OF MEMBERS

Membership of the S.O.S.A. is open to all Old Scholars, Past and Present Officers of the School, and Members of the School Committee.

SUBSCRIPTIONS (Minimum)	
Under 21 years .. .. .	1/6 annually
Over 21 years .. .. .	2/6 annually
Life Membership .. .. .	3 Guineas

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 535**

Members are asked to assist in the routine work of the Association by notifying the Secretary when they change their addresses.

*Ye Menne of Sheep-ford  
Wendath  
Whithersoever They Wilen.*

s—signifies Scholar. t—Teacher. c—on the School Committee. \*—Life Member.

Abсалm, Mrs. . . . .	55, Styvechale Avenue, Earlsdon, Coventry.
Adams, Frank . . . .	50, Hill Park Crescent, North Hill, Plymouth.
Andrews, Madeline . . . .	43, George Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.
Angel, Edward R. . . . .	9, Bridewell Place, London, E.C.4.
Angerson, Hilda . . . .	25, Staple Hill Road, Fishponds, Bristol.
Angerson, Wilfred . . . .	193, Anglesey Street, Lozells, Birmingham.
Appleton, A. Winifred . . . .	30, Acacia Road, Bourneville.
Arnold, Robert . . . .	Aldhurst Farm, Leiston, Suffolk.
Arthur, Phyllis (née Henley)	28, Scarsdale Road, S. Harrow.
Austin, G. Wesley . . . .	Royal Naval Torpedo Factory, Greenock.
Aylward, Bernard J. . . . .	13, Canley Gardens, Coventry.
Aylward, Beryl M. . . . .	do. do.
Aylward, Doris . . . .	15, Newcombe Road, Coventry.
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Sargent, Mabel E. (née Pierson) .. .. .	do. do.
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Sass, Hilda .. .. .	Godshill, near Fordingbridge, Hants.
Savage, Bevis .. .. .	2, Eastlands Road, Rugby.
Secret, Frank E. .. .. .	37, High Street, Wimbleton, S.W.19.
Sheldon, W. Frederick .. .. .	96, Brougham Street, Birmingham.
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Shepperd, Mabel K. (née Wilson) ..	Old Farm House, Perry Street, Billericay.
Shepperd, Robert F. .. .. .	do. do.
Shilson, Arthur .. .. .	78, Anson Road, Wolverton, Bucks.
Shortell, Ethel F. (née Farrington) ..	Higheroft, Cross Oak Road, Berkhamstead, Herts.
Simms, Percy .. .. .	14, High Street, Chipping Norton.
Simpson, Mrs (née Godson) .. .. .	4, Golf Links Road, Burnham-on-Sea.
Sly, Ethel (née Lewis) .. .. .	36, Darville Road, N.16.
Smith, A. E. .. .. .	Onsden, Windmill Lane, Cheshunt.
Smith, Janet E. .. .. .	37, Cambridge Avenue, Lincoln.
Smith, John C. .. .. .	Sundial Cot., Athenaeum Road, N.20.
Snow, Frank .. .. .	The Poplars, Mellis Eye, Suffolk.
Stoneham, Frederick C. .. .. .	78, Umfreville Road, Hornsey, N.4.
Squire, G. May .. .. .	Hill View, Long Sutton, Langport, Somerset.
Squire, Louisa .. .. .	20, Somerton Road, Street, Somerset.
Standing, Elsie G. .. .. .	97, Stourbridge Road, Croydon.
Standish, Catherine .. .. .	121, Nottingham Road, Pitsmoor, Sheffield.
Stansbury, Constance .. .. .	24, St. Andrews Road, Henley-on-Thames.
Stapleton, John F. .. .. .	6, Chertsey Road, Redland, Bristol.
Stebbing, Donald .. .. .	Newholm, Abercorn Road, Coventry.
Stebbing, William .. .. .	do. do.
Stevens, Ernest .. .. .	44, Mill Street, Hereford.
Stevens, Ethel .. .. .	91, Blenheim Road, Reading.
Stevens, Harry .. .. .	Gower Cottage, Elm Road, Reading.
Stevens, Muriel M. (née Bentley) ..	do. do.
Stimpson, James .. .. .	7, Broad Walk, Stratford-on-Avon.
Stimpson, Sibley .. .. .	do. do.
Stimpson, Louisa .. .. .	do. do.
Stuart-Turner, Roy S. .. .. .	Mai Maison, Lodge Hill, Exeter.
Sturge, Owen .. .. .	50, Whitworth Crescent, Southampton.
Sutton, Kathleen F. .. .. .	71, St. Mary's Grove, Chiswick.
Sutton, Marion E. .. .. .	do. do.
Swann, Betty .. .. .	Loughrigg, Thames Ditton, Surrey.
Taylor, Ruth .. .. .	Swalcliffe Grange, Swalcliffe, Banbury.
Taylor, William .. .. .	Kirby, Whatcote, Shipston-on-Stour.
Thacker, Austen E. .. .. .	46, Hamstead Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.
Thomas, H. Austen .. .. .	1a, Shelley Terrace, Lewes.
Thomas, Hedley .. .. .	do. do.
Thomas, Leslie .. .. .	do. do.
Thomas, Wilfred L. .. .. .	Sarnia, Ware Road, Hertford.
Thompson, Bryan .. .. .	141, Oak Tree Lane, Selly Oak.
Thompson, Ernest B. .. .. .	Bosbury House, Mill Hill Grove, Acton, W.3.
Thompson, Ruth .. .. .	133, Selly Oak Road, Kings Norton.
Timms, J. Wilfred .. .. .	7, Sidmouth Street, Reading.
Timms, Kathleen M. .. .. .	do. do.
Tinsey, Sheila .. .. .	Dragon Lodge, Frensham, near Farnham, Surrey.
Tomkins, Mary .. .. .	Sunnymede, Abbotswood, Greenhill, Evesham.
Tovey, Norman G. .. .. .	Quaker's Friars, Merchant Street, Bristol.
Tucker, Francis J. .. .. .	43, Kyle Road, Clapham Common, S.W.9.
Tye, Dorothy .. .. .	122, Northfield Road, Kings Norton.
Tyler, Joseph H. .. .. .	Arden, Linden Gardens, Belfast.
Wagstaff, Olive .. .. .	126, Northfield Road, Kings Norton.
Walker, Eliza A. (née Clark) .. .. .	81, Strathmore Road, Horfield, Bristol.
Walker, Phyllis .. .. .	do. do.
Warner, D. Paul .. .. .	c/o Hall School House, Weybridge.
Warner, Margaret .. .. .	154, Maryvale Road, Bournville.
Warner, Rosalie A. (née Henley) ..	62, Cantley Drive, Ilford, Essex.
Warren, Olive M. (née Mann) .. .. .	Eagle Corner, Bathaston, near Bath.
Watkins, Linda .. .. .	23, Rookery Road, Bournbrooke, Birmingham.
Watts, Josephine M. (née Lee) .. .. .	30, Stephens Road, Withington, Manchester.
Wells, Arthur .. .. .	466, Moseley Road, Birmingham.
Wells, Arthur W. .. .. .	do. do.
Wells, Gordon A. .. .. .	do. do.
Wells, Marjorie F. .. .. .	do. do.
Wells, Wilfred .. .. .	1, Barn Close Street, Somerset.
West, Annie .. .. .	12, Parsons Street, Banbury.
Westlake, Aubrey T. .. .. .	92, Southwark Park Road, S.E.
Westlake, Marjorie G. (née Harrod) ..	do. do.
Wheeler, F. Kingston .. .. .	22, Broadmead, Bristol.
White, Clifford C. .. .. .	Bay Cottage, Wrington, Somerset.
White, Reginald T. .. .. .	12, The Crescent, Nantwich Road, Middlewich, Cheshire.
Whiting, J. C. .. .. .	8a, The Green, Ealing, S.W.5.
Williams, Gwendoline A. .. .. .	8, Chapel Street, Stratford-on-Avon.
Williams, Lloyd .. .. .	4, Oxford Street, Stirchley, Birmingham.
Williams, Mary (née Cheney) .. .. .	9, Pembroke Villas, Richmond, Surrey.
Williams, Marjorie E. .. .. .	7, Soho Road, Handsworth.
Williams, Roy E. .. .. .	5, Holwell Road, Welwyn Garden City.
Wilson, Annie .. .. .	87, Bath Road, Banbury.

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Wilson, Edith .. .. .	18, Market Place, Banbury.
Wilson, Norman .. .. .	do. do.
Wilson, Reuben .. .. .	Englemere, 97, Old Farm Road, Guildford.
Wilson, Margaret .. .. .	Ackworth House, George Street, Summertown, Oxford.
Winter, Leonard .. .. .	11, Lawn Road, Tonbridge.
Woodall, Winnie .. .. .	Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.
Woodhead, Eileen M. . . . .	Heatherleigh, Trimley St. Mary, near Ipswich.
Woodroffe, Dorothy .. .. .	35, Beech Road, Bournville.
Woolley, William H. . . . .	Rowberrow, Grove Road, near Bristol.
Wright, Brian .. .. .	Henham Stansted, Essex.
Wright, Louis E. . . . .	do. do.
Yarwood, Irene .. .. .	2, Evershot Road, N.4.

## SIBFORD MEMBERS

Buckley, Margaret (née Ogilvie) .. .. .	Sibford Grounds Farm, Sibford Ferris.
Dyer, Dennis .. .. .	The Colony, Sibford.
*Ecroyd, Miriam .. .. .	I,ane End, Sibford Gower.
Harris, Kenneth W. . . . .	Sibford Gower.
Harris, Septimus .. .. .	Woolman's Cottage, Sibford Ferris.
Harrod, James T., B.A. (t) .. .. .	Sibford School.
Harrod, Mabel T. (née Kitching), B.A. (t) .. .. .	do.
Harrod, Elsie D. .. .. .	do.
Harrod, M. Gulielma .. .. .	do.
Harrod, E. May .. .. .	do.
Harrod, Lucy A. .. .. .	do.
Herbert, Roland (t) .. .. .	do.
Lamb, Edith E. (née Millard) .. .. .	Sibford Ferris.
Lamb, Bernard .. .. .	do.
Lamb, Raymond .. .. .	Elm Ridge, Sibford Gower.
Oddie, Robert B. .. .. .	Sibford Ferris.
Oddie, Elizabeth M. (née Shout) .. .. .	do.
Oddie, Edgar M. .. .. .	do.
Oddie, Helen M. .. .. .	do.
Parkin, Frank (t) .. .. .	Paradise House, Sibford Ferris.
Pim, Lucy B. (t) .. .. .	Sibford School.
Poulton, Henry .. .. .	Burdrop Farm, near Banbury.
Sabin, Jane .. .. .	Sibford Ferris.
Sabin, L., Annie .. .. .	do.
Tarver, Nellie (née Wilke) .. .. .	Sibford Gower.
Thorpe, James W. (t) .. .. .	Sibford School.
Wealshy, Edna (née Lamb) .. .. .	Home Farm, Sibford Gower.

## NEW MEMBERS

who have left School since Whitsuntide, 1927, and to whom membership of the S.O.S.A. is free until Whitsuntide, 1928.

Barber, Joan M. .. .. .	47, Witherford Way, Selly Oak, Birmingham.
Bird, Gerald F. .. .. .	The Hotel, Winscombe, Somerset.
Butler, Myfanwy M. .. .. .	The Nook, Penrhyn Road, Kingston-on-Thames.
Carn, Hugh .. .. .	1, Amington Road, Eastbourne.
Craig, Ailsa .. .. .	66, Streathbourne Road, S.W.17.
Dale, Robert W. .. .. .	Aldhurst Farm, Capel, Surrey.
Dell, Evelyn .. .. .	West Garth, St. Mary's Terrace, York.
Edwards, Philip .. .. .	37, South Parade, Summertown, Oxford.
Farr, Ruth E. .. .. .	Tretire Court, Harewood End, near Ross, Herefordshire.
Frayling, Gerald R. .. .. .	Green View, Jordans, Beaconsfield, Bucks.
Gee, Raymond .. .. .	29, Dudley Street, Luton, Beds.
Goose, Alfred .. .. .	13, Canonbury Grove, London, N.1.
Green, Richard A. .. .. .	119, Handside Lane, Welwyn Garden City, Herts.
Hendley, Philip B. .. .. .	118, Hampton Road, Twickenham.
Hooper, Molly S. .. .. .	Castle Works, Mere, Wilts.
Long, Henry .. .. .	Sibford Ferris, near Banbury, Oxon.
Nott, Alice .. .. .	133, Whitehall Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.
Rose, Rachel F. .. .. .	Avalon, Swinbrook, Burford, Oxon.
Sabin, Marie L. A. .. .. .	Sibford Gower, Banbury, Oxon.

## MEMBERS RESIDING ABROAD

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 the Report, and to confirm their addresses.

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Brett, Rev. A. Ernest .. .. .	36, Essenwood Road, Berea, Durban, Natal.
Brown, Elizabeth F. .. .. .	Rennweg 6, Vienna 111.
Cabeen, Helen A. (née Lansdowne)	Minstrel Island, B.C.
*Calcraft, Herbert W. .. .. .	Borden, Saskatchewan, Canada.
*Calcraft, Leslie A. .. .. .	c/o Butterfield and Swire, Hongkong.
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Dearden, Henry .. .. .	101, West Sharpnack Street, Germanstown, Pa.
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Dixon, Harold .. .. .	do. do.
Dixon, Wilton H. .. .. .	do. do.
Edmunds, Albert J., M.A. (t) ..	1300, Locust Street, Philadelphia.
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Gill, Egerton .. .. .	Thames Avenue, Auckland, New Zealand.
Gower, Hugh T. .. .. .	2351, Green Street, San Francisco, U.S.A.
Graaf, Lucy J. (née Robbins)	Forest Hill, P.O. Gaberones, Bechuanaland Protectorate.
Grimes, Wilfred E. .. .. .	Bank of Montreal, Elora, Ontario.
Horne, John .. .. .	1966, Beechwood Drive, Hollywood, California.
Hunter, John M. .. .. .	Yellowdine, via Southern Cross, W. Australia.
Isaac, W. Roger .. .. .	
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Judge, Arthur W. .. .. .	78, Inverleith Terrace, East London, C.P., South Africa.
Knight, Hubert G. .. .. .	Government Building Department, P.W.D. Entebbe, Uganda
Kelson-Ford, Muriel E. (née Thompson) .. .. .	c/o Macmillan & Co., Ltd., North Beach Road, Madras, India.
Lakeman, E. Prideau .. .. .	Haleville, Ala., U.S.A.
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Lansdowne, M. Rose .. .. .	Lily Vale, c/o Wood & English, Ltd., Englewood, B.C.
Lambeth, Thomas W. .. .. .	Central Fire Station, Durban, Natal.
Lawson, Frank .. .. .	Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada.
Lower, A. P. .. .. .	Perth, Tasmania.
Maconochie, Eveline .. .. .	Chateau de la Tour, Longuenesse, St. Omer, France.
Marriage, Kathleen (nee O'Neill)	Oneonta, Mullinville, Kansas, U.S.A.
Mold, John .. .. .	Canada.
Moscrip, Mary A. .. .. .	Manutuke, nr. Gisborne, N.Z.
Moscrip, M. Grace .. .. .	do. do.
Muggeridge, Albert .. .. .	Hawera, New Zealand.
Muggeridge, Alfred .. .. .	Manutahi, Taranaki, New Zealand.
Muggeridge, Amos .. .. .	Box 636, G.P.O., Wellington, New Zealand.
Muggeridge, Charles .. .. .	Oeo, Taranaki, New Zealand.
Muggeridge, Frank .. .. .	Manaia, Taranaki, New Zealand.
Murphy, William A. .. .. .	c/o "Unirea," Casuta Postala 56, Bucarest.
Nicholl, Horace J. .. .. .	c/o J. Howlett, Kondinin, W. Australia.
Perry, John .. .. .	
Quertier, Alfred .. .. .	Guernsey Park, Mataura, Southland, N.Z.
Rose, Ronald .. .. .	Wattle Park, Kennington, Southland, N.Z.
Roseboro, Mabel A. (née Young) ..	5030, Quitman Street, Denver, Col.
Salter, Leonard G. .. .. .	c/o Mr. R. Hoe, Reweti, P.O. Kaipara Line, Auckland, N.Z.
Thorpe, Emily (née Ashby) .. ..	321, West Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey, U.S.A.
Viccars Emiline (née Dawes) ..	Ferris Gardens, Berwick, Victoria, Australia.
Waites, T. P. .. .. .	Box 5705, Johannesburg.
Warner, A. Louise .. .. .	The White House, Wellington, C.P., South Africa.
Watkins, George Edward .. .. .	7, Graham Street, Kimberley, C.P., South Africa.
Wells, G. Ronald .. .. .	3700, First Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minn.
Whitlock, Ernest E. .. .. .	531, Osborne Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Whitlock, Percy O., M.A. (s & t) ..	Ravenshaw College, Cuttack, India.
*Wood, Emilie (née Waddington) ..	P.O. Box 10, Nairobi, B.E. Africa.

## THE SIBFORD LAND

*A land of hills, and distances,  
 And grey stone walls ; a land at ease ;  
 One that has known the storms, and knows  
 No storm can break its sure repose ;  
 A land where mists creep up the banks,  
 And wind-swept trees in muffled ranks  
 Stretch like green spectres through the fields . . . .  
 . . . Sibford must stand as Sibford stands,  
 Sentinel on her darling lands,  
 Companies still of children climb  
 Through Wychford Wood, in bluebell-time,  
 And girls and boys go wandering  
 Over her hills, at spread of spring,  
 But a new Sibford, worthier  
 To mould in men the soul in her,  
 A Sibford fashioned to pursue  
 The work that she is called to do,  
 A Sibford fitted to fulfil  
 Her yet unconsummated will,  
 The hopes that fire, dreams that entrance her.  
 This is her need. What is your answer ?*