

STOCKWELL COLLEGE

The Past One Hundred Years



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Stockwell College, Borough Road, 1842

Foreword

This collection of pictorial material has been gathered from a variety of sources—postcards, photographs, original documents, and items contributed by past and present members of college, and by friends in the wider community. Items have been selected to illustrate people and places associated with the history of the college during the hundred years 1874—1974. It is appropriate that the collection should be published in 1975, a year which marks the two hundredth anniversary of the building of the Old Palace at Bromley, sited at the heart of the present college, and a year in which the college will make crucial decisions as to its future role in education.

Stockwell College was founded when the 75 women students of the Borough Road Normal College in Southwark were transferred to a newly built, separate building in Stockwell, S. W. London on April 3rd. 1861. *'In addition to modern education and sanitorial appliances within, your Committee have acquired an exercise ground of considerable extent, adjoining that on which the building stands'*. So reads the Report of the 56th General Meeting of the British and Foreign School Society held on 6th May 1861.

Following the earlier work of Joseph Lancaster an institution was designated in the Borough Road:- *"for Promoting the Education of the Labouring and Manufacturing Classes of Society of every Religious Persuasion;"* and the title shall be *"The British and Foreign School Society."* Further, *"the Institution shall maintain a school on an extensive scale to educate children. It shall also support and train up young persons of both sexes for supplying properly instructed Teachers to the inhabitants of such places in the British dominions, at home and abroad, as shall be desirous of establishing schools on the British system"*.

Following the move to the spacious and pleasant environment of Stockwell, a period of vigorous and successful development followed, particularly in the field of international education. It was in 1898 that Eglantyne Jebb, later to found the Save the Children Fund, came to Stockwell as a post-graduate student. Her response to children in need has been generously supported by following generations and the work of the Fund continues to give a distinguished lead throughout the world.

In 1935 the college moved to the Old Palace at Bromley in Kent, a former residence of the Bishops of Rochester. The bishops were associated with the site for nearly a thousand years.

In AD 955 King Edgar granted land at Bromley to Bishop Elfstan. We do not know whether the Saxon bishops ever lived there but Bishop Gundulph (1077—1108) did live in a palace or manor-house situated near the present house. Through the centuries houses were built and repaired by successive bishops and there are records of their doings in Bromley. In 1684 Bishop Thomas Sprat was arrested and brought to trial in connection with the 'Flower Pot Plot'. Joseph Willcocks became Bishop in 1731 and records tell that *'he kept the house and gardens at Bromley in remarkable neatness'*. The fine cistern in the present Rochester Court of the college, bears his name and arms with the date 1732.

The present house is of brick with stone dressings and on the pediment at the north side are the arms of Bishop John Thomas impaling those of the See with the date 1775. Within the grounds are features of the Georgian period in the folly, the ice-house and the ha-ha wall. The front porch and the colonnade were added during the nineteenth century. In 1845 the manor and palace at Bromley, together with fairs, market and other franchises, as well as the greater part of the demesne lands held by the bishops, was sold by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

Thus the records of man's occupancy of the site at Bromley stretch back through hundreds of years, and although Stockwell College has occupied it for only forty years the history of both has become happily intertwined and is today a source of inspiration and pleasure.

I hope that the material gathered together in this volume will be of interest and enjoyment to many.

Rosemary F. Carr
Principal
The Old Palace, Bromley, Kent.
February 1975

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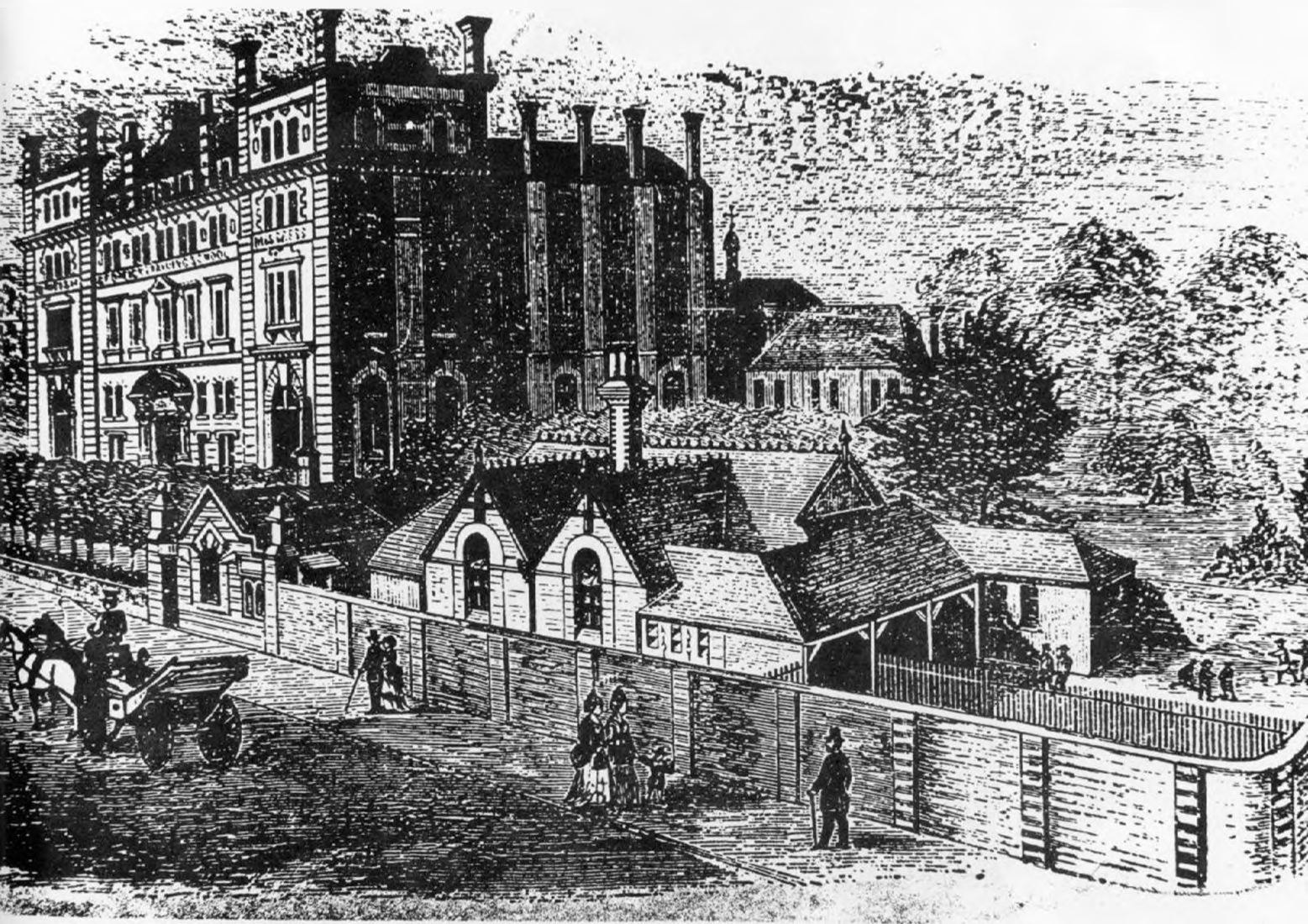
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Stockwell College, S.W.9 1874





Students and Staff 1890's,
Including Miss L. Manley,
Principal (*above*) and
Mrs. Hildersley-Stevens.
(*right*)

Elementary Certificate

That Miss Hilda M. Gamble. is entitled to

having satisfied the Examiners appointed by the Governors of the National Froebel Union as to her Practical Skill in Teaching and her knowledge of the following subjects:—

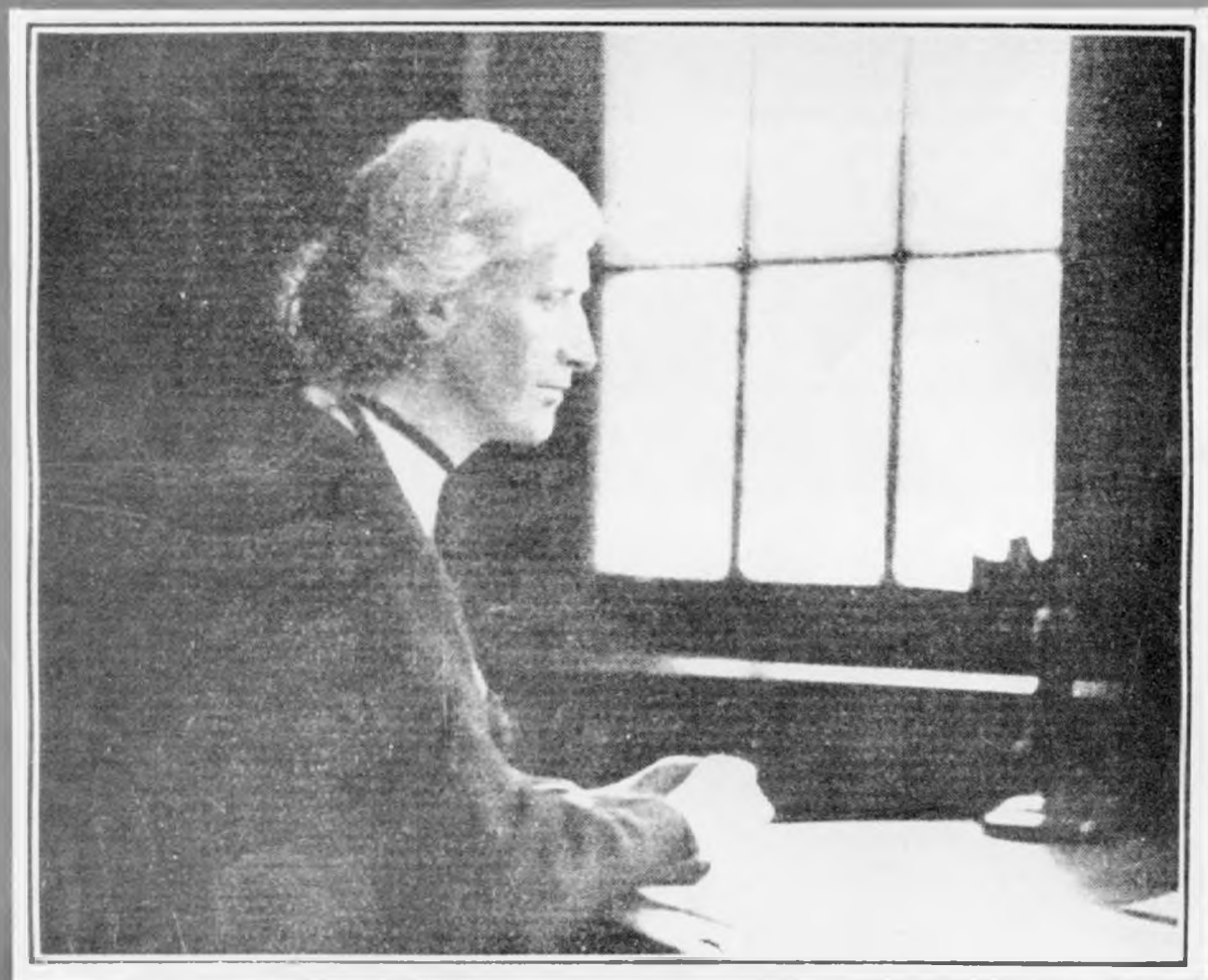
Singing.

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H. M. ...

Chairman National Froebel Union.

Eglantyne Jebb
AND
The World's Children
BY
KATHARINE BRUCE GLASIER



Founder of
THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND
and Author of
THE DECLARATION OF GENEVA.

Eglantyne Jebb
Former Stockwell Student

Stockwell College,

LONDON, S.W.

June, 1903.

DEAR MADAM,

ON June 9th, 1892, the members of the College Staff and thirty ex-students were present at a meeting in the Criticism Room of the College, when it was unanimously decided to form an Old Students' Association, by means of which it was hoped that provision would be made for regular meetings to be held, so that former students might have the opportunity of renewing old friendships amidst surroundings, calculated by their very nature, to stimulate and strengthen the ties which had been woven during College residence.

Eleven years have passed—and the large and successful Réunion held last week was the most recent of a series of over thirty meetings, which have been held at regular intervals since the inauguration of the Association—and the roll of membership may be, perhaps, regarded as the strongest evidence of the value set upon the organisation by those, for whose pleasure it exists. At present, in addition to the large membership of the Parent Association, the Manchester Branch has twenty-nine members, and the Liverpool Branch twenty-three.

During the past year, three meetings of the Association were held at the College. In February, 1902, an illustrated lecture on "Mafeking—the Story of the Siege," was given by Miss Friend, the lecture being based on her interesting experiences during the siege, in the town and in the hospital, where she served as nurse for some considerable period.

S.T.O.S.A. Account, 1901-1902.

Receipts.				Expenditure.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Balance from 1900-1901	...	...	4 17 9½	Printing, Postage and Stationery	...	...	8 3 9
Subscriptions	...	...	12 12 0	Advertisements	...	...	1 12 0
				Lecturer's Fee	...	...	2 2 0
				Preparation of Day Room	...	...	0 3 0
				Floral Wreath	...	...	0 12 0
				*Balance	...	...	4 17 0½
			<u>£17 9 9½</u>				<u>£17 9 9½</u>

*One pound of this balance was transferred to the Benevolent Fund of the Association, and one pound was sent to the Benevolent and Orphan Fund of the National Union of Teachers, in accordance with the vote at the Annual Meeting, November, 1902.

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Receipts.				Expenditure.			
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From Manchester Branch (1900-1901)	...	...	0 9 0				
Interest on Cash in Bank	...	...	0 10 6				
			<u>£29 8 2½</u>				<u>£29 8 2½</u>

ELLEN E. KEMBLE, *Hon. Treasurer.*
 MARY LIBERTY, } *Auditors.*
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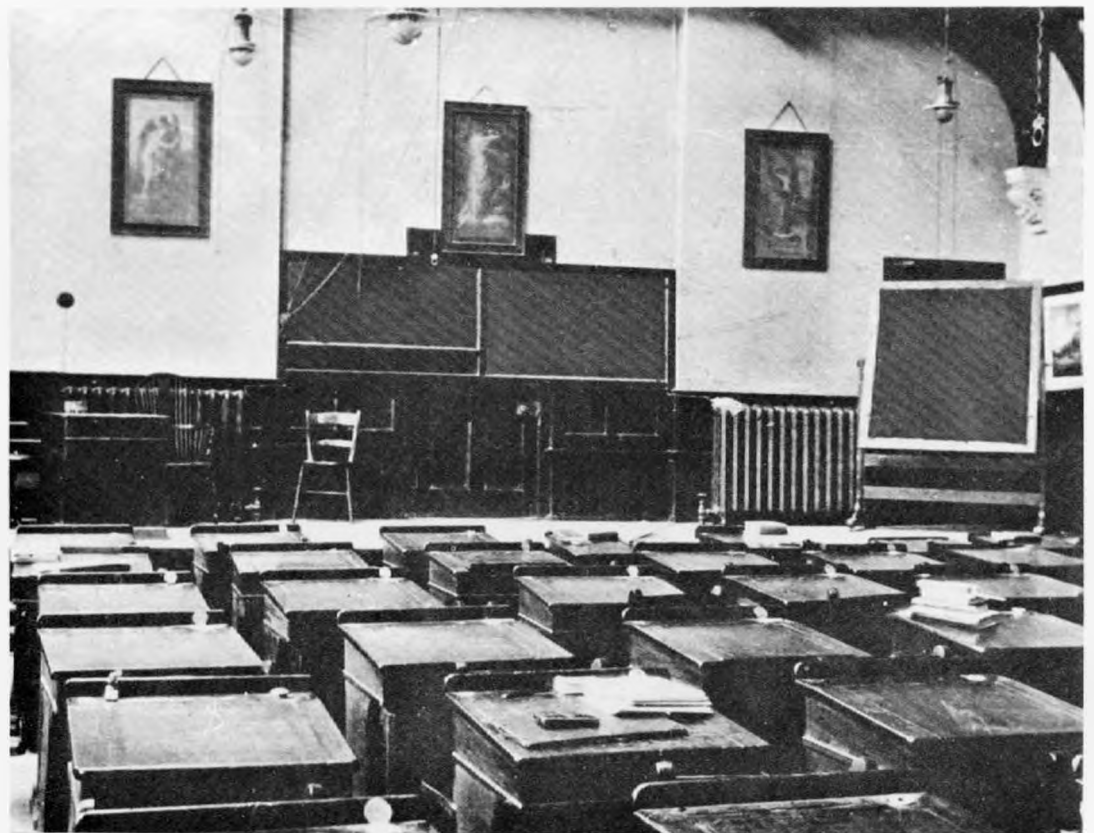
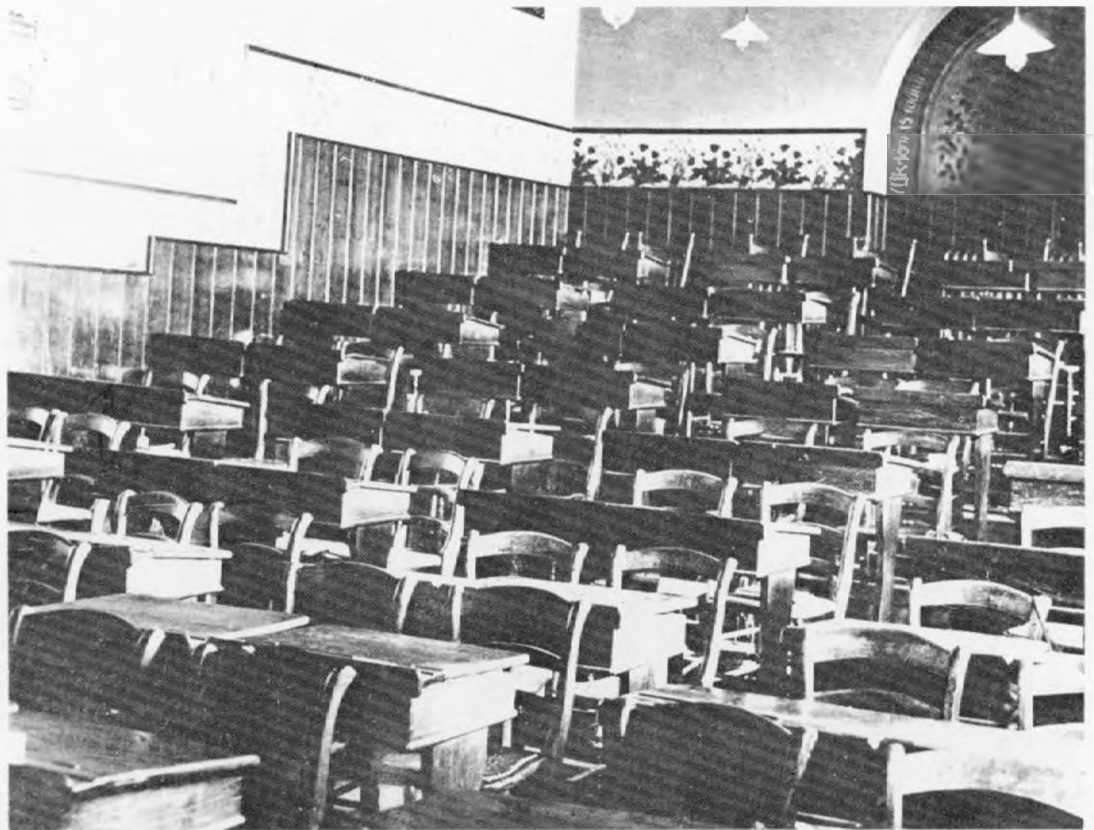
Feb. 16th

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE
 WRITTEN HERE



I thought you
 might like a
 Post-card of the
 College as you are
 thinking of entering
 It is a good one.
 Wishing you every
 success
 E. Bresson

Miss H. Gamble.
 58. Hoult St
 Derby



Interiors, Stockwell College, S.W.9
First year lecture room
Day room

Novth 28th 1870
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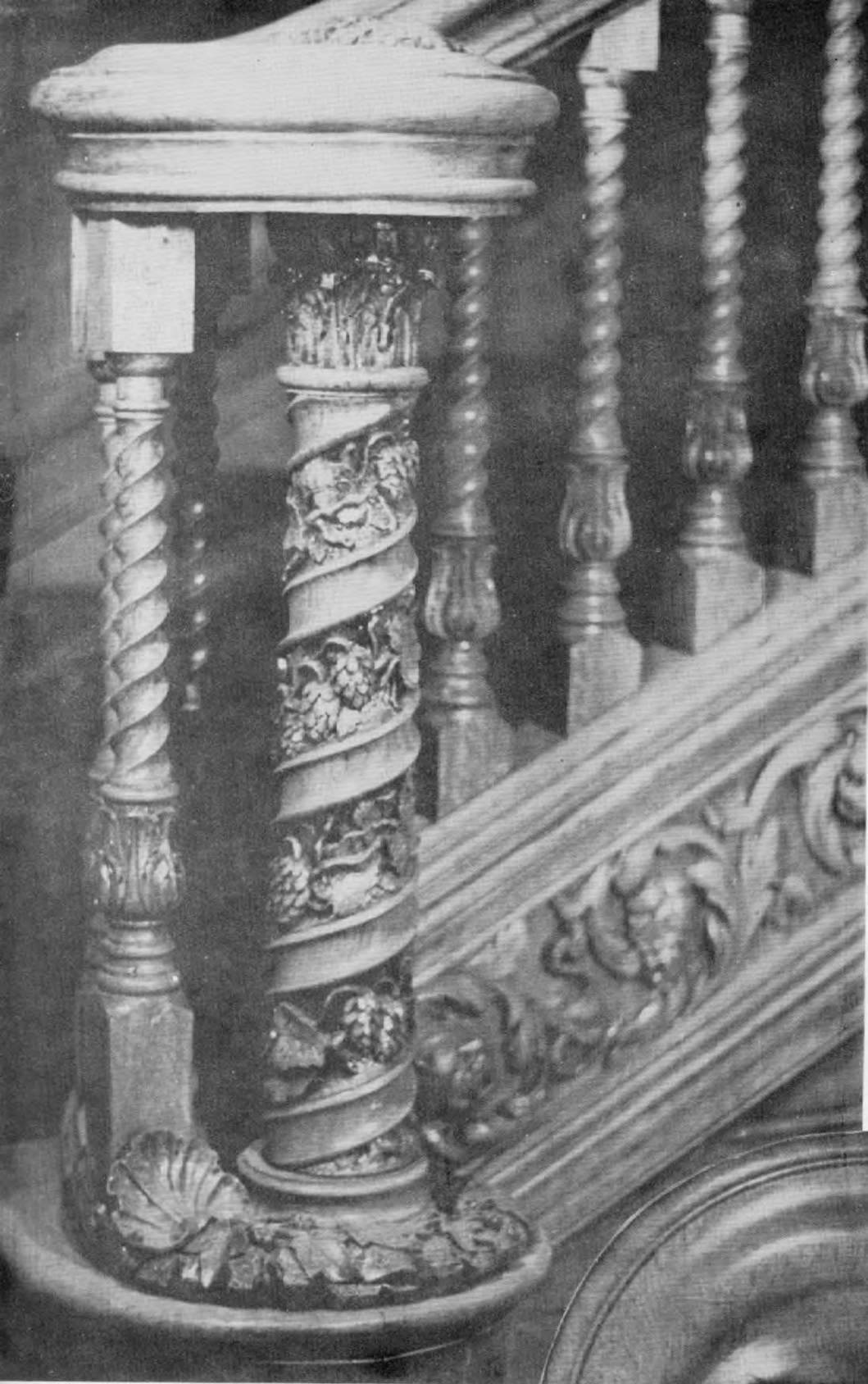
Mr. Mason Cook
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Found on the back of the
carvings during renovations 1963







Interior Carvings
Old Palace

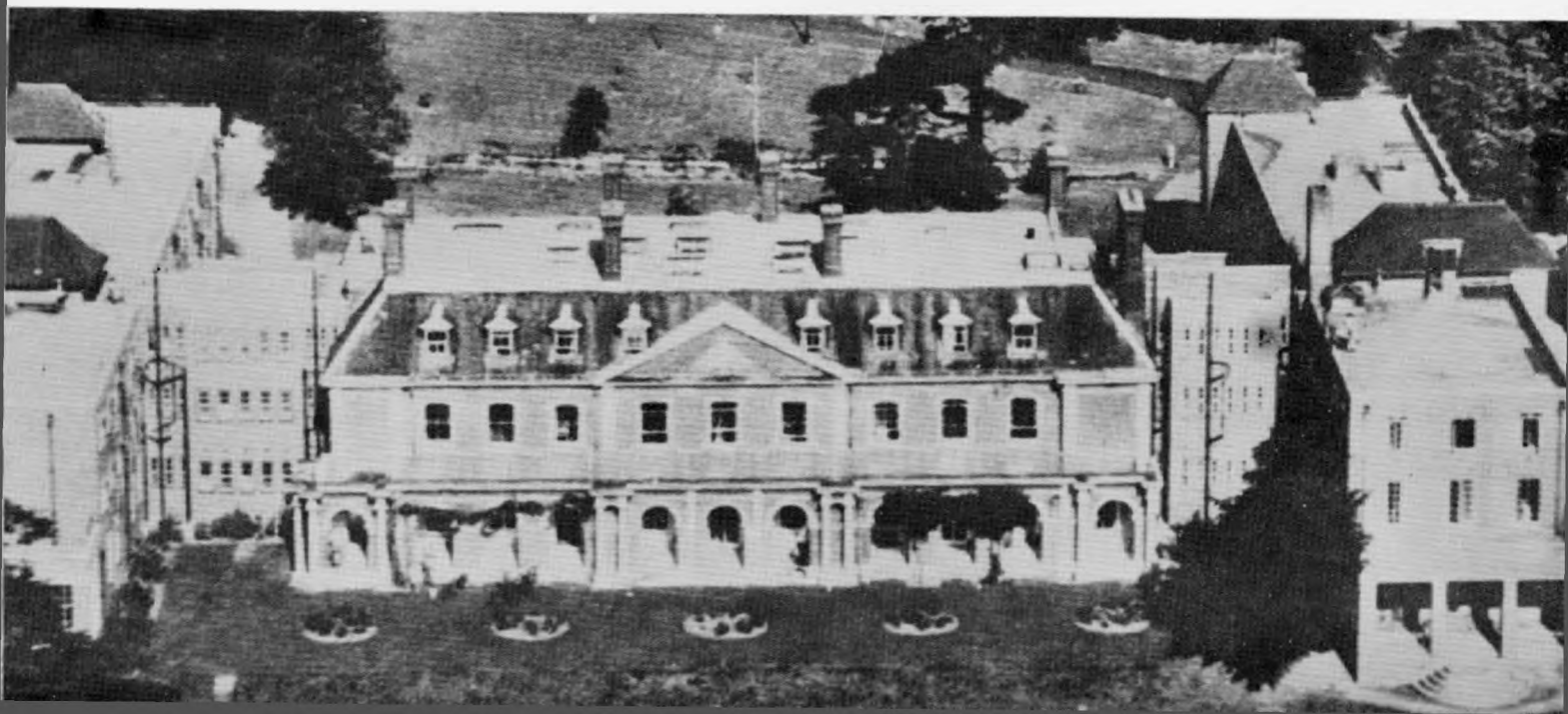




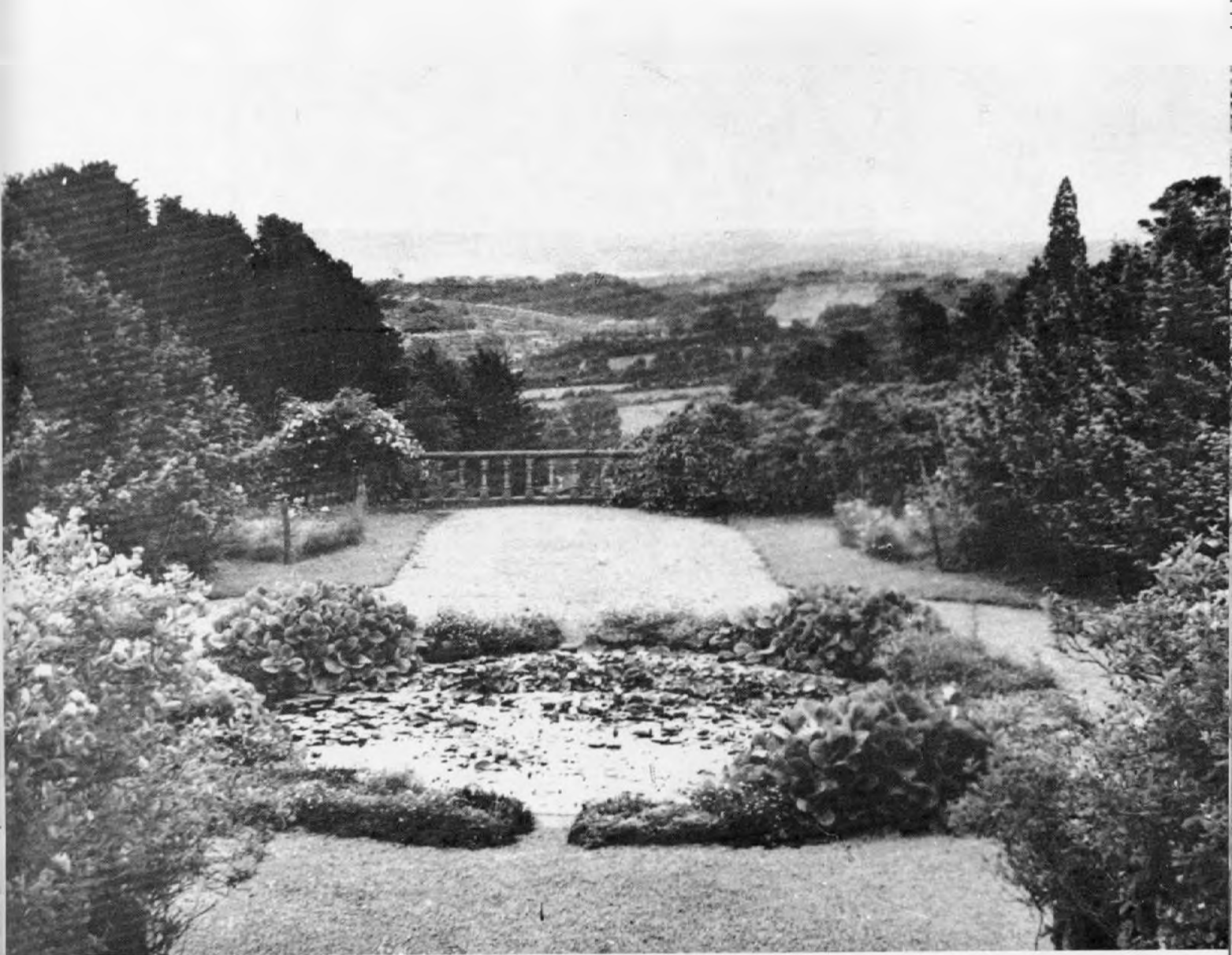
The Old Palace, Bromley, July, 1928



1950's



College evacuated to
Watcombe Park, Devon
1940-45



Staff and Students
Watcombe Park





The Ice House
and St. Blaise Well





College extensions
North Block 1966



Knot Garden 1970







Lead Water Tank 1732
Bishop Joseph Wilcocks (1731—1756)

The Arms of Bishop John Thomas
impaling those of the See 1775



Family Coat of Arms, South Wall
Stockwell College. (Sir Coles Child)





Stockwell College
Present day

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