

COMMEMORATION

OF THE FOUNDATION AND GROWTH OF

SHERBORNE SCHOOL

In the year 705 INE, King of Wessex, founded a Cathedral Church in Sherborne, as an outpost of civilisation on the borders of a newly conquered district. Of this foundation ST. EALDHELM was the first Bishop and by ancient tradition here he founded a school.

In the year 998 ÆTHELRED, King of England, and Bishop WULFSY III, of Sherborne introduced the Benedictine Rule in the Cathedral Church of Sherborne, the Bishop of the See assuming the office of Abbot.

In the year 1122 the Monastery of Sherborne was placed by Bishop ROGER of old Sarum under an Abbot other than the Bishop of the See.

In the year 1539 JOHN BARNSTAPLE, the then Abbot, surrendered the Monastery with all that belonged to it, including the 'Schole House' of the existing Grammar School, into the hands of King Henry VIII.

In the year 1550 King Edward VI. granted letters patent to a Corporation of Governors for the refounding of the School, to be known as the Free Grammar School of Sherborne, upon the humble petition of the inhabitants of the town and of the whole neighbouring country, and set apart lands, lately belonging to certain Chantries in the Counties of Dorset and Somerset, for its maintenance, and Master Gybson, the last Head Master of the old Foundation, was appointed first Head Master of the refounded School.

In the year 1550 the Governors of the School rented by the year of Sir John Horsey, Kt., the Old Schole House which their predecessors had rented from the Monastery, and in the year 1554 they obtained from him a lease of this Schole House, of the Plumb House and Gardens adjoining, one of which was known as the Abbey Lytten, of the Schole House Barton, and of the Lady Chapel, Bow Chapel and Ankret House of the Monastery for 99 years. In the same year the Governors began to rebuild the old 'Schole House.'

Thomas Coke, M.A.,
Head Master.

In the year 1558 Bartholomew Coombe, Esq., charged his lands at Lillington by will with the payment of 4 marks yearly for the augmentation of the stipend of the Usher of the School.

In the year 1560 the Master and Brethren of the Almhouse in Sherborne conveyed to the Governors of the School in fee-simple for ever the Lady Chapel and the Bow Chapel, together with the Southern part of the old Dorter of the Monastery. In the same year the Governors converted the above mentioned chapels into a residence for the Head Master. The total cost to the estate of all the building between 1550 and 1560 was £64 16s. 2d.

Francis Myddelton,
M.A., Head Master.

In the year 1574 the Governors of the School took over from the Master and Brethren of the Almhouse the Monastery Conduit, then already removed to its present site, together with the water pipes connecting it with the New Well.

Thomas Seward,
M.A., Head Master.

In the year 1605 the Governors of the School obtained from Sir Raufe Horsey, Kt., a lease of adjoining land for 1,000 years ; and in the same year they began to build thereon a new Schole House, which was completed in the year 1607. This building was used as a Schoolroom till 1853, when it was converted into the School House Dining Hall. It was restored at considerable expense in 1885 by the Rev. E. M. Young, M.A., Head Master of the School.

George Grove,
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In the year 1639 John Chetmill, Esq., a governor, bequeathed 40s. for "sound bookes as the Master and Usher shall thinke fitt." In 1643 George Grove, Esq., the headmaster, also left books to the school. From this time dates the first school library.

Robert Balch, M.A.,
Head Master. In the year 1642 dormitories were built to the north of the School House.

John Goodenough,
M.A., Head Master. In the year 1669 the Governors of the School began to restore the Schoolroom which had been built in the year 1607, and increased accommodation was added to it in the shape of a refectory and library on its northern side.

George Gerard,
M.A., Head Master. In the year 1697 a block of buildings, known as the Box Buildings, was erected at a cost of over £400, stretching from Bishop Roger's Chapel on the North side of the Abbey Church to the Old Priory House. This building was specially constructed for a *Sanatorium*, and was removed upon the extension of the School premises in 1855. The present Sanatorium was built in 1887.

Nathaniel Bristed,
M.A., Head Master. In the year 1786 the School revenues were largely augmented through the active exertions of the Rev. John Chafie and Bartholomew Watts, Esq., Governors of the School, by the recovery of lands in the Parish of Litchet Matravers.

Ralph Lyon, D.D.,
Head Master. In the year 1827 boys were first boarded out in a house at the east end of the Abbey purchased by the Rev. Ralph Lyon, D.D. This house was demolished in 1920.

In the year 1835 the Head Master of the School advanced a sum of money to the Governors for the erection of what are known as the "Bell Buildings," the cost of which was defrayed partly by himself and partly out of the School Estate. In this year the Abbey House was first used for boarding boys.

In the year 1839, the Head Master enlarged his house at his own charge by the addition of a spacious bay to the east front. This was removed to the Preparatory School in 1924.

Hugo Daniel
Harper, D.D.,
Head Master. In the year 1851 Edward, Earl Digby, in the County of Lincoln, granted by deed to the Governors and their successors the Abbot's Buildings and Lands adjoining : and large sums loaned by Earl Digby were expended during the four succeeding years in adapting them for School purposes. The whole of the Digby Buildings, comprising the Chapel and Undercroft, the School Room, three Class Rooms, and Studies for the Scholars, were opened on the 17th February, 1855, on which occasion the Chapel, which was constructed without cost to the estate, through the surrender of a portion of his income by the Rev. Hugo Daniel Harper, D.D., Head Master of the School, was consecrated.

In the year 1852 the Lodge and Gateway were erected.

In the year 1853, in token of the affectionate esteem entertained towards the Rev. John Parsons, M.A., Vicar of Sherborne, a sum of £300 was devoted, in accordance with his generous wish, to the establishment of an annual prize in Sherborne School, of the value of about £10, for the study of Divinity, and especially of the Greek Testament.

In the year 1856 a sum of about £170, raised by his friends to perpetuate the memory of the Rev. Ralph Lyon, D.D., formerly Head Master of the School, was devoted to the institution of Examination Prizes for all Forms below the highest, with the provision that respect should be had to the moral character as well as to the intellectual proficiency of the students.

In the year 1860, in consideration of the conveyance by the Governors to George Digby Wingfield Digby, Esq., of Sherborne Castle, of the House occupying the site of the Lady Chapels† of the Abbey, the sum of £3,000 was paid over to them by him for the erection of a new School House, to which a further sum of over £2,000 was devoted from the School Estate.

†This House continued to be rented by the School, and to be used for Masters' lodgings, until 1921, when it was given back to the Parish of Sherborne by F. J. B. Wingfield Digby, Esq. It has since been gradually restored and enlarged, and was re-dedicated as a Lady Chapel on May 29th, 1934.

In the year 1861 two fives courts were given by George Digby Wingfield Digby, Esq.; their number was increased by subscription in 1869.

Hugo Daniel
Harper, D.D.,
Head Master.

In the year 1865 the Chapel and Undercroft were extended by Subscription of the Governors, Masters, Parents of the Scholars, and former Members of the School.

In the year 1868 Miss Anne Gordon perpetuated for ever the endowment of a Leweston Prize of £10 for the encouragement of Classical Scholarship, originally dependent upon the annual liberality of her father, Robert Gordon, Esq., of Leweston House.

In the year 1870 four new Class Rooms were built by the Governors at a cost of £1,500. In this year exhibitions were first provided by subscriptions from old boys.

In the year 1873 the Abbey Mills and Lands were purchased of the Trustees of Edward, Earl Digby, for £5,305; and the former adapted for the teaching of Science, Music, Drawing and Carpentry. In the same year a Swimming Bath was provided for the use of the School.

In the year 1874 a northern face to the Abbey Clock was installed at a cost to the estate of £40.

In the year 1876 the Rev. Henry Hall Houghton, M.A., and the Rev. John Haydon Cardew, M.A., former members of the School, gave £500 to provide prizes for the encouragement of the Study of the Holy Scriptures in the Original Languages, in memory of the late Rev. Ralph Lyon, D.D., Head Master of the School, and the late Rev. John Parsons, M.A., Vicar of Sherborne.

In the year 1877 a cricket Pavilion was built and the School Chapel was enlarged by the erection of a North Aisle and a Cloister added to the Undercroft. In the following year the Chancel was adorned, the Organ improved, and the whole building refitted. The cost of the Aisle was partly defrayed by subscriptions of the Governors, Masters and Friends of the School: and that of the Chancel decoration was undertaken by former pupils of the Rev. H. D. Harper, D.D., to commemorate the invaluable services rendered by him to the School during a period of 27 years from the year 1850 to the year 1877, during which he held the post of Head Master. The building was re-opened for Divine Service on the 23rd March, 1879.

Edward Mallett
Young, M.A.,
Head Master.

In the year 1879 a new School Room was opened on the 3rd July, and subsequently connected with the Digby Buildings by a Lavatory and Cloister. The whole was erected by the Governors out of the estate, at a cost of about £5,000.

In the year 1880 the room formerly used as a Music Room was fitted up as a Museum, to which valuable contributions were made by various friends of the School. In the same year the ancient Guesten Hall of the Monastery, used as a Schoolroom since the year 1851, was converted into a Library, which was extended and improved in 1881 and again in 1884, the Rev. E. M. Young, M.A., Head Master, contributing the greater part of the cost.

In the year 1881 the Rev. Brooks P. Lister gave £100 to found a Prize for the encouragement of the study of German. In the same year the Chapel was further enlarged by the extension of the Harper Aisle, at a cost of £430 which was defrayed by the Head Master, the Rev. E. M. Young, M.A., the Assistant Masters, Scholars and Friends of the School.

In the year 1883 a new block of Class Rooms was erected at a cost to the estate of about £1,900.

In the year 1884 an Organ was placed in the Schoolroom, by subscriptions of the Masters, Scholars and Friends of the School, and a Gallery erected in accordance with the original design, at the cost of the Rev. E. M. Young, M.A., Head Master of the School. In the same year the sum of £250 was expended by the Governors in conveying the pure water of the Newell Spring to the School Bath.

In the year 1885 a gymnasium was erected.

In the year 1888 E. E. Bowen, Esq., gave the sum of £100 to found an annual Prize for the encouragement of the study of Modern History.

Edward Mallett
Young, M.A.,
Head Master.

In the year 1889 the Very Rev. E. H. Plumpton, D.D., Dean of Wells and a Governor of the School, gave the sum of £100 to found Prizes for Mathematics for forms below the Sixth. In this year the Royal Arms were carved on the Gateway at the charge of the Head Master.

In the year 1891 Alexander Davidson Longmuir, Esq., for nearly twenty years Art Master of the School, bequeathed all his books and a collection of pictures to the School, together with the sum of £1,140 to be applied for the benefit of its Scholars. This benefaction has been applied to the foundation of annual Prizes in English Literature and Drawing.

Frederick Brooke
Westcott, M.A.,
Head Master.

In the years 1894-96 the interior of the Schoolroom was fitted with oak panelling and furniture ; an Organ-case and Orchestra of Oak were erected and a new floor laid down at a cost of about £1,000, two-thirds of which was defrayed by the Rev. H. R. King, a Master in the School, the rest being subscribed by Governors, Masters and former Pupils.

In the year 1898 the Chapel Organ was rebuilt at a cost of upwards of £500, the bellows being removed from the Library and a bookcase placed where they stood.

In the year 1900 the Rev. Edward Mallet Young, Rectory of Rothbury, Northumberland, and Canon of Newcastle, late Head Master, left by his will to the Governors of the School, a close of land (adjacent to the Cricket Field), formerly called 'Pigeon Close,' on condition that the main Field should become the property of the School within three years' time. Accordingly an effort was made to raise the necessary funds : and thanks to the generous help of J. K. D. Wingfield Digby, Esq., M.P., of Sherborne Castle (who also secured favourable terms from the Trustees of his Estate,) of Frederick Temple, late Archbishop of Canterbury, Chairman of the Governing Body, and of Governors, Masters and Friends of the School, upwards of £2,000 was raised and the conveyance of the Field duly signed at the Spring Meeting of the Governing Body in 1902. Thus the School became possessed of land of the value of more than £3,000.

In the year 1902 a covered Rifle Range, of fifty yards' length was erected and presented to the School at a cost of £400, the whole being the gift of an anonymous friend of the School.

In the same year B. Edgington Fletcher, Esq., of Marlingford Hall, Norwich, gave £100 to found an annual Prize for the study of French.

In the year 1903 John B. Carrington, Esq., of Hampstead, gave to the Governors the sum of £1,000 to found an Exhibition tenable at the University, in memory of John Melson Smith, sometime a pupil of the School.

In the year 1904 W. Carrington Smith, Esq., of Harrow Weald, bought for £400 and presented to the Governors a plot of land, lying between the School premises and the Methodist burial ground, and declared by the School Architect to be essential to the proper development of the School buildings.

In the year 1905 John B. Carrington, Esq., of Hampstead, presented the School with a portrait bust of Frederick Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury (for many years Chairman of the Governing Body), the work of George Frampton, Esq., R.A., together with a marble niche to contain the same, designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield, A.R.A.

In the year 1906 the Fives Courts were repaired, and three of them roofed, at a cost of £500, mainly contributed by old Members of the School. In this year the Tuck Shop was erected.

In the year 1907 the Chemical Laboratory was rearranged and refurnished at a cost of about £500, defrayed by the Governing Body.

In the year 1908 the Sanctuary in the Chapel was paved with black and white marble, in accordance with the design of the School Architect, at a cost of £170, the gift of Masters and Friends of the School.

In the same year the Physical Laboratory was also rebuilt and refurnished at a cost to the Governors of about £350.

In the same year, through the generous gift of John B. Carrington, Esq., a Governor of the School a fund was established for the maintenance of the School buildings.

In the years 1909-10 New Buildings were erected on the site of the old Armoury and Museum. These comprised the Westcott Art School, the cost of which was defrayed by Old Shirburnians and friends, in commemoration of Canon Westcott's Headmastership ; and the Carrington Buildings, viz.—an enlarged Armoury, a New Museum, and four Lecture and Class Rooms, built entirely at the cost of one of the Governors ; the whole buildings designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield, A.R.A.

Nowell Charles
Smith, M.A.,
Head Master.

In the year 1910 a sum of £100 to found the Barnes Elocution Prize was given by Miss M. Barnes, E. D. Barnes, Esq., O.S., and G. F. Barnes, Esq., O.S., in memory of the late Walter M. Barnes, O.S. In this year three more Fives Courts were roofed.

In the years 1910-13 a sum approaching £6,000 (increased by 1927 to £8,500) was contributed by O.S.S., and other friends of the School in answer to an appeal from the Head Master to endow the School with funds for Scholarships and for Pensions. Of this sum £1,000 was contributed by the late Rt. Hon. T. R. Buchanan, M.P., O.S., and Mrs. Buchanan, and £1,000 by Messrs. A. E., H. E., and C. D. Baker, O.S.S., for the foundation of the Buchanan and the Baker Scholarships respectively.

In the year 1912 the Bell Buildings and the old doorway of the Dining Hall were restored at the charge of John B. Carrington, Esq., who also conveyed to the Governors as a gift a strip of land adjoining Abbey Grange.

In the year 1911 a new Boarding House was built by the Governors on a freehold site in Richmond Road at a cost of £6,653, and named Lyon House.

In the year 1913 more than 18 acres of Hyle Farm were bought by the Governors for extension of the Cricket and Football fields : a house and a shop for the professional was built on the cricket field and a clock tower added to the Pavilion ; a lodge was built in the Headmaster's orchard at the charge of the O.T.C. as a dwelling for the Sergeant Instructor : and four new Classrooms were built on the north side of the Courts.

In the year 1915 Mrs. C. L. Marson gave funds for a prize for Greek in memory of her son, John Charles Marson (O.S.)

In the year 1916 the Sun Inn and the adjoining house in Church Avenue were bought by the Governors with a view to future improvement of the School premises, which was carried out in 1921.

In the year 1917 John B. Carrington, Esq., founded, in memory of his elder son, the Arthur Carrington Scholarship of the annual value of £50 to be held at the University and awarded preferably for excellence in Natural Science.

In the years 1917-20 a sum of money, exceeding £10,000, was contributed by O.S.S., parents and friends of the school for the purpose of a War Memorial. The Chapel was enlarged and a new staircase and ante-chapel built from the designs of Sir Reginald Blomfield, R.A., on the walls of which were carved the names of the Fallen. These additions to the Chapel were consecrated by the Bishop of Madras (the Rt. Rev. Henry Whitehead, D.D., O.S.) on July 5th, 1922.

In the year 1920 Arthur Devitt, Esq., O.S., gave £5,000 for the erection of a new workshop

In the year 1921 the Governors bought Abbeylands for £4,187 and in 1924-25 added thereto the neighbouring premises, restoring the old timber front on Cheap Street.

In the years 1921-23 G. O'Hanlon, Esq., a master of the School, bought a house called Grosvenor Lodge and its large garden, near the cricket ground, and erected a Boarding House, named Westcott House, with accommodation for 50 boys, at his own expense. This he conveyed to the Governors in 1925 for £5,000.

In the year 1921 £1,500 were received under the will of the Rev. Thomas Aston-Binns to establish a Scholarship at Oxford in classical and modern languages in memory of his son Francis Aston-Binns, M.A., Balliol College, Oxford, for six years assistant master at the School.

Nowell Charles
Smith, M.A.,
Head Master.

In the year 1922 Miss M. L. Aston-Binns left £300 to provide Prizes for proficiency in Modern Languages.

In the year 1923 over £15,000 were received, under the will of Charles Herbert Hodgson, Esq., M.A., who after being an assistant master for 40 years (1881-1920) left the residue of his estate to the Governors to provide Scholarships in the School for sons of Clergymen.

In the years 1922-4 four new classrooms and a new gateway were built from the designs of Sir Reginald Blomfield, R.A., at a cost of over £11,000 to the Estate. The old gateway was removed and re-erected as the principal entrance to the Cricket Ground.

In the years 1923-4 a new and much larger Gymnasium was built on the site of the old one at a cost of over £4,000 mainly borrowed by the Headmaster, G. M. Carey, Esq., and other O.SS.

In the year 1924 John Cutler, Esq., K.C., left about £10,000 to the School, subject to his widow's life interest, to found Scholarships in the School with a preference for sons of barristers : Mrs Pickering left £2,000 to found the J. E. Pickering Scholarship or Scholarships for sons of officers actively engaged in the War : and C. A. S. Ridout, Esq., O.S., gave the sum of £200 to found an annual Prize in Chemistry, Physics and Biology in memory of his son, John Lownds Ridout.

In the same year Mrs. Arthur Devitt and her son, Sir Thomas Devitt, Bart., O.S., and daughter, Mrs. Fletcher, gave oak panelling for the nave and N. aisle of the Chapel in memory of the late Arthur Devitt, O.S.

In the year 1925 a Prize for Latin Prose in the Upper Fifth was established by subscription in memory of W. B. Wildman, for so long the master of that form ; and a Prize for English Literature open to all boys below the Upper Fifth in memory of James Rhoades, who was the master of the Lower Fifth.

In the year 1926, Howson Devitt, Esq., O.S., at a cost of over £500, built a Pavilion on the Playing Fields known as "Carey's," and presented it to the school.

In the years 1926-7, on a plot of land adjoining Abbey Grange, a Music School was built from the designs of Sir Reginald Blomfield, R.A., at a cost of about £7,000 to the Estate ; and the old Music Rooms (used by the School since 1858) were converted into a Classroom.

In the years 1926-7 a new Organ was built in the Chapel at a cost of about £4,500 which was mainly defrayed by R. W. Macfarlane Grieve, Esq., one of the Masters, generous contributions being also made by the late A. J. L. Wight, Esq., O.S., and by Mrs. Giddings in memory of her husband and son, both O.SS.

Charles Lovell
Fletcher Boughey,
M.A., Head Master.

In the year 1928 the Rev. W. J. Bensly, D.S.O., O.S., a master of the School, built and gave to the School two new Fives Courts at a cost of over £900.

In the same year the Iron gates at the main entrance to the playing fields known as "Carey's" were presented to the School by the Sherborne Pilgrims in memory of the late Godfrey Mohun Carey, O.S., for many years a Master of the School.

Also in the same year T. H. Kirby Esq., a former master of the School, gave a sum of money to create a Trust Fund to provide Prizes of the annual value of £6 for the encouragement of Mathematics in the Lower School.

In the year 1929 Sir Edward Iliffe, C.B.E., M.P., purchased the Boarding House and premises on Greenhill known as "The Green," at a cost of £6,000, and presented the property to the School.

In the same year there were added to the School Sanatorium four Single Wards, a Nurses' Room, etc., at a cost of about £2,500 contributed by Old Shirburnians, Masters, and friends in commemoration of Mr. Nowell Smith's Headmastership.

In the year 1930 the Chancel of the School Chapel was refurnished and redecorated by Old Shirburnians, Masters and friends at a cost of about £1,400 in memory of the above mentioned Godfrey Mohun Carey, O.S. The memorial comprises an extension of the oak Screen behind the Choir on the North side, oak Choir Stalls, a Purbeck Marble floor in the Chancel, and a carved oak Pulpit. At the same time there was added to the memorial a carved oak Lectern, the gift of Mrs. G. M. Carey and her children.

Charles Lovell
Fletcher Boughey,
M.A., Head Master.

In the same year the main Cricket Pavilion was enlarged at a cost of about £550.

Also in the same year Colonel R. K. Morcom, in memory of his son Christopher Morcom, O.S., Scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, gave a fund to provide an annual Prize for Natural Science to the value of £5, to be called the "Christopher Morcom Prize."

In the year 1931 the Governors purchased Abbey House and Harper House.

In this year Elmdene was first brought into use as a waiting house.

In the year 1934, in memory of the late Edwin Davis, for many years a Master of the School, a fund was established by the Subscriptions of Old Shirburnians, Masters and other friends, to provide an annual Leaving Exhibition, to be given in preference to a boy leaving to join one of the Services.

Alexander
Ross Wallace, M.A.,
Head Master.

In the year 1935 a filter plant was installed in the bath.

In the year 1936 a Scholarship was founded by Old Shirburnians in memory of the late Rev. H. R. King for the encouragement of the study of English Literature, open to boys entering Sherborne who show promise in this subject, or to Shirburnians leaving the School, who have given proof of ability in English, as a Leaving Exhibition.

In the same year an addition was made by the generosity of an anonymous Old Shirburnian for providing a new clock face to the Pavilion, and at the same time the whole of the interior of the Cricket Pavilion was redecorated.

In the same year a new Fund, entitled "Sherborne School Buildings and Equipment Endowment Fund," was started, and subscriptions invited from Old Shirburnians and others connected with the School. This met with a generous response : and in particular one anonymous Old Shirburnian contributed the sum of £2,600, and another Old Shirburnian agreed to defray the cost of the Biological Laboratory, which was built over the Physics Laboratory. A sum of £1,100 was subscribed by other Old Shirburnians, together with annual subscriptions amounting to £100 per annum. From these sums, in addition to the Biological Laboratory above mentioned, a new wing was added to the Sanatorium, with four isolation wards on the first floor and a large convalescent room on the ground floor.

In the same year two new Squash Rackets' Courts were built in the Headmaster's garden, one was the gift of the Old Shirburnian Pilgrims' Society ; the cost of the other was borne by the Buildings and Equipment Endowment Fund.

In the year 1937 a new Geography Room and an Engineering Room were built on the West side of the Devitt Workshop and the Fives Courts completely enclosed. The cost of this was borne by the Buildings and Equipment Endowment Fund.

In the same year the War Memorial was completed by the addition of a carved Lectern in the ante-Chapel, holding two illuminated manuscript Volumes with photographs and Regimental histories of Old Shirburnians whose names are on the Roll of Honour. This was given by Old Shirburnians and Friends of the School.

In the year 1940 Dr. C. J. Marsh left £250 to provide a Presentation Cricket Bat.

In the year 1941 J. G. Kitson, Esq., O.S. left £160 to provide prizes for the encouragement of singing.

Alexander
Ross Wallace, M.A.,
Head Master.

In the year 1942 J. Homfray, Esq., O.S. left £100 and F. C. Legge, Esq., O.S. £3,000 for the benefit of the Buildings and Equipment Fund.

In the same year T. E. Strachey, Esq., O.S. bequeathed £1,500 to provide a leaving exhibition for modern languages.

In the year 1943 A. H. Balme, Esq., O.S. bequeathed £5,000 to provide Entrance Scholarships of not less than £50 per annum each.

In the year 1944 the Rev. W. J. Bensly, D.S.O., O.S. left a legacy of £1,000 for general purposes together with the property "Nowell Cottage" in Acreman Street, with the cottages adjoining, the former to serve as a residence for assistant masters.

In the year 1945 Sir Wm. Watts, K.C.B., O.S. left £1,000 to provide a scholarship for the sons of parents residing in Dorset.

In the year 1946 P. W. Harley, Esq., O.S. left a legacy of £100 for general purposes.

In this year the property "Stonegarth" in the Avenue was purchased by the governors as a hall of residence for assistant masters.