



# Bootham School Bicentenary

## 1823-2023

Our Bicentenary Year

# 1 January 1823

- Lease of Lawrence Street House



# First Head – William Simpson





# Prospectus

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OF

A SCHOOL, INTENDED TO BE OPENED AT YORK,

On the 6th of the First Month, 1823.

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*WILLIAM SIMPSON, of Scarborough, who has been for several years engaged in the Tuition of Youth, respectfully informs the Society of Friends, that he has taken commodious Premises, in the immediate Vicinity of YORK; where he intends opening a SCHOOL for the Education of BOYS, which shall provide the means of a good English Education on moderate Terms, as well as embrace the higher branches of Learning.*

*THE course of English Education will comprise Reading, Writing, English Grammar, History and Geography Ancient and Modern, Common Arithmetic, Mensuration, the useful branches of the Mathematics, the Use of the Globes, the principles of Astronomy, &c.; and, considering it desirable that Youth should be made acquainted with at least the Elements of those Sciences, which are so much connected with Arts and Manufactures, he also intends to devote a portion of time weekly, to Instruction in Chymistry, Mechanics, and in some other branches of Natural Philosophy.*

*IN entering on this undertaking, W. S. is in some measure aware of the arduous duties which must necessarily devolve upon him, and of the responsibility which attaches to those who undertake to form the minds of Youth. His attention will, therefore, not be confined to mere Literary objects; but it will be his earnest endeavour, to imbue the minds of his Pupils with correct moral and religious Principles, through the medium of the Scriptures, and by exercising over them, out of School, that watchful care, which he considers as an essential part of the duties of one placed in the situation which he proposes to fill. It will likewise be his object to promote the perusal of the writings of Friends, and an acquaintance with the History and Principles of the Society.*

### TERMS.

*A GOOD ENGLISH EDUCATION, AND BOARD, INCLUDING WASHING. . . . . 25 Guineas per Annum.  
DITTO, WITH THE ADDITION OF LATIN AND FRENCH. . . . . 30*

INSTRUCTION IN DRAWING, HEBREW, GREEK, AND ITALIAN,


If required, on the usual Terms.

ONE VACATION IN THE YEAR, OF FIVE WEEKS,

To commence immediately after the Midsummer Quarterly Meeting.

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APPLICATIONS may be addressed to WILLIAM SIMPSON, to JOHN SANDERSON, of SAMUEL TURE, YORK; or to JONATHAN BARRETT, LONDON: and those who may wish for information as to W. S.'s qualifications, he refers to ISAAC MENNELL, Scarborough.



# Bootham School Bicentenary 1823-2023

Bootham 1823-1898  
History of Language and Ethos

# Did you ever wonder why ...?

- We have Schoolrooms, Seniors and College?
- The Library is called the JB Library?
- Teachers serve columns?
- We have a Natural History Society?
- We have an Observatory?
- Bootham plays football rather than rugby?
- We have Bars at 4pm?
- Students go to The Lodge if they don't feel well?

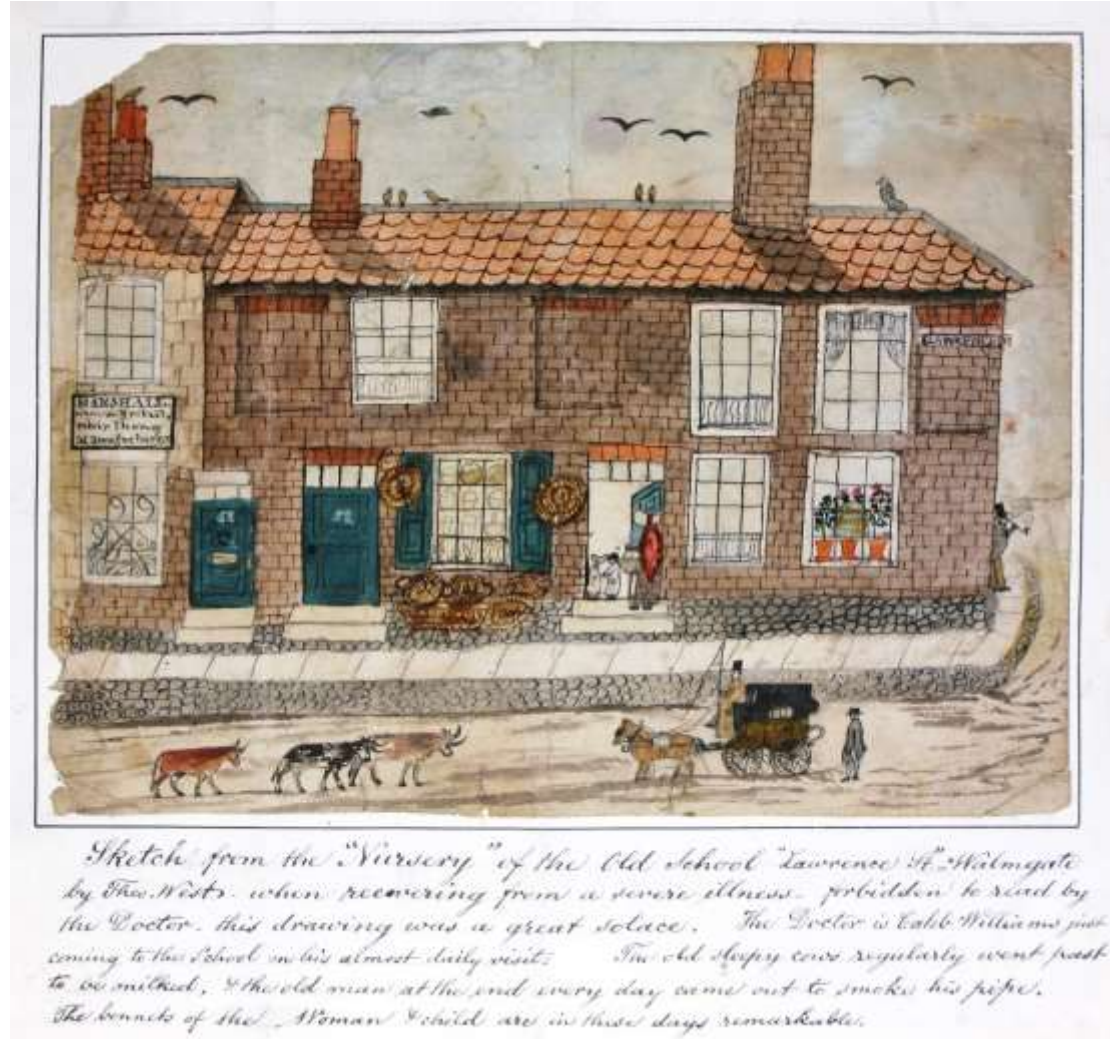
# The Lawrence Street School 1823-29





# Schoolrooms

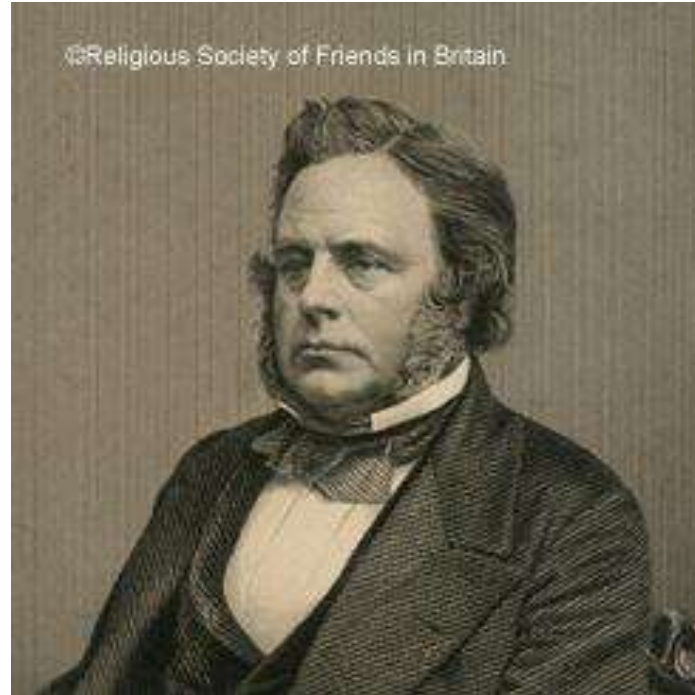
- Schoolroom
- Playroom
- Dining Room
- Bedrooms
- Only Quaker boys





# John Bright

- ‘During the two years I spent at York I learned more than in any other two years of my school life’



# York Friends Boys School – The York School

- 1829 – the first Head, William Simpson, stood down
- Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting Boys School



Lawrence Street – good for skating but unhealthy!

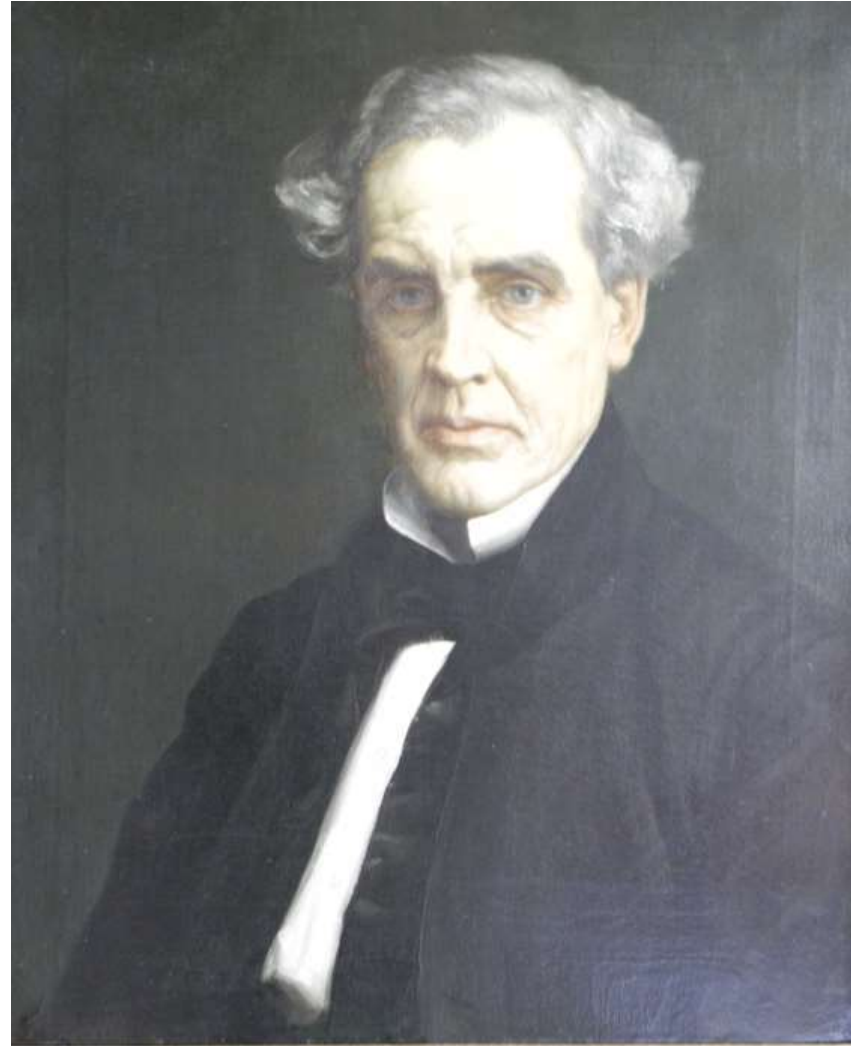


# Move to Bootham 1846





# John Ford – Head from 1829 to 1865



# 'that of God in everyman'

- No corporal punishment
- Alternatives
  - Columns
  - Interviews



# Excluded from university

- Developed interest in 'new' ideas:
  - Science
  - Mathematics



# Natural History Society - 1834





# Astronomy – telescope 1850



# Observatory



# New sports

- First football team in 1862



# Seniors

- First external exam candidates 1865
- Preparation for university candidates 1904





# A language of their own

- To york
- John Ford's leg
- Crowbar



# 1865-1893

- Renamed 'Bootham School' in 1889
- First non-Quakers arrived in 1893
- Women appointed to School Committee in 1893





# Bootham School Bicentenary 1823-2023

Bootham 1899-1914

History of Building and Community

# The school in 1898





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SWIMMING BATHS, MARYGATE. (J. F. Abraham.)

# The school in 1898





12 May 1899

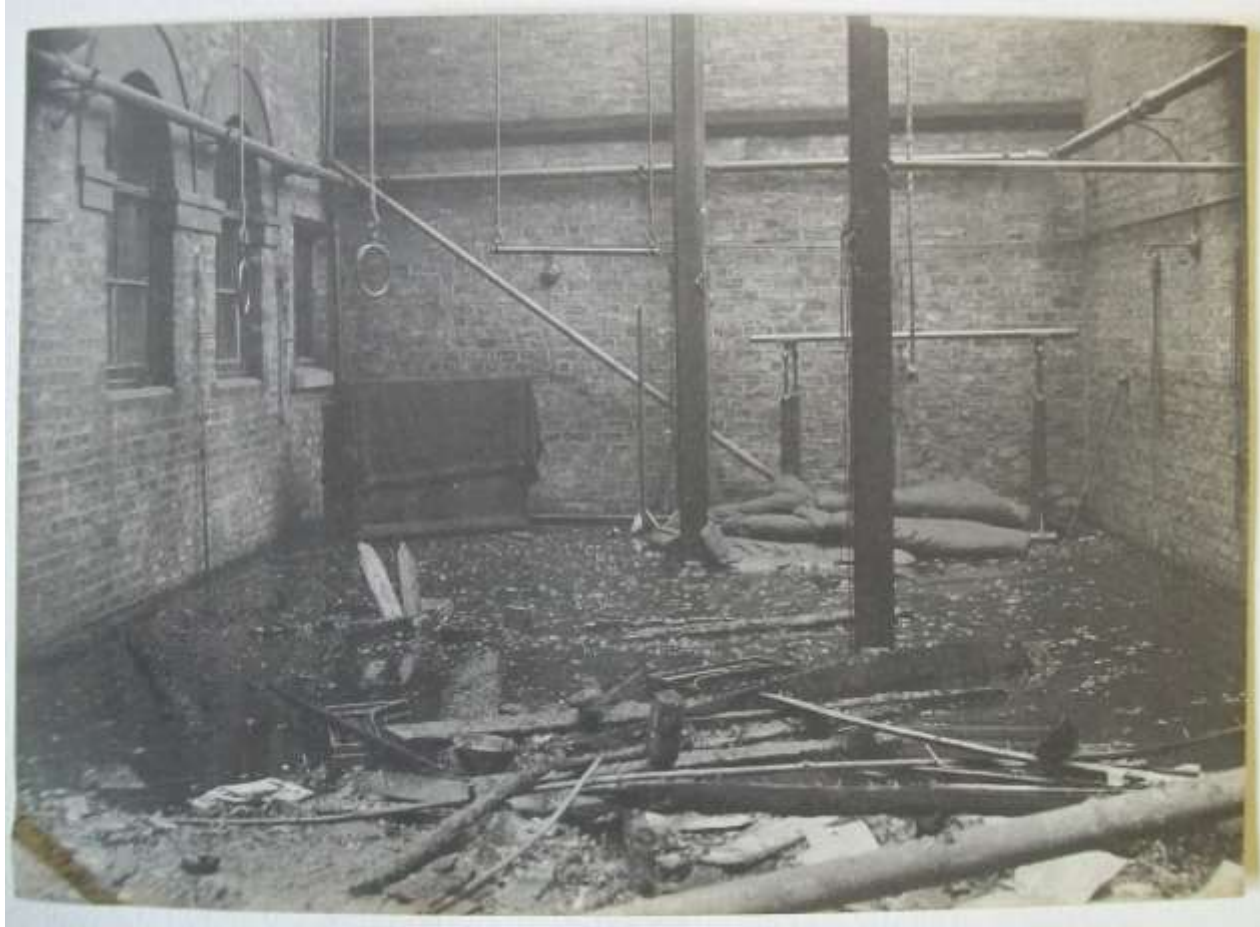


The Alchemists.

# Fire Damage



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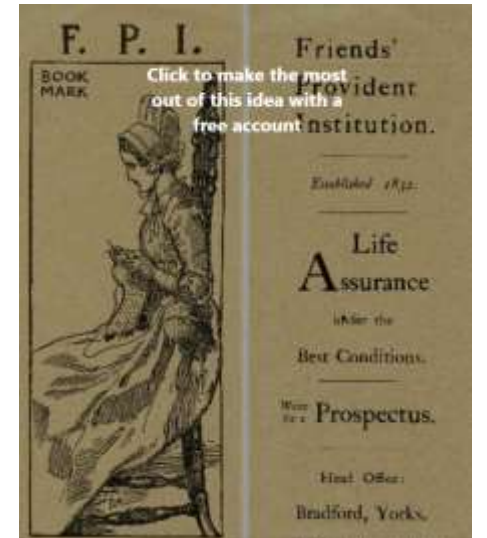
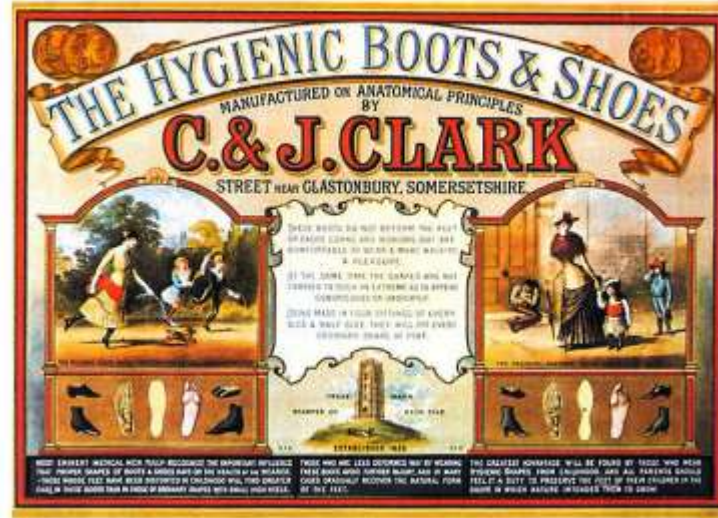
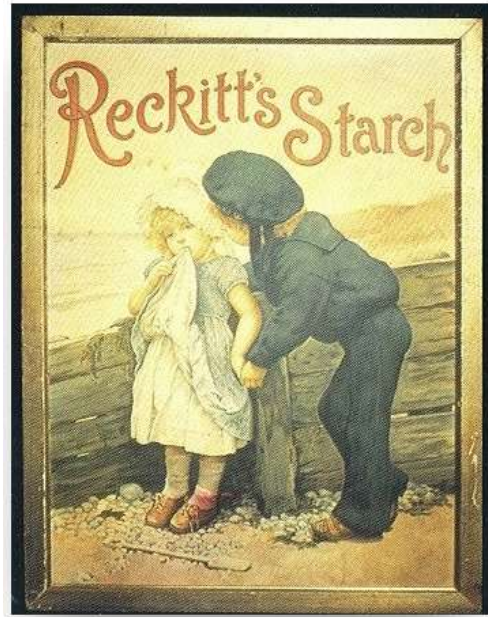
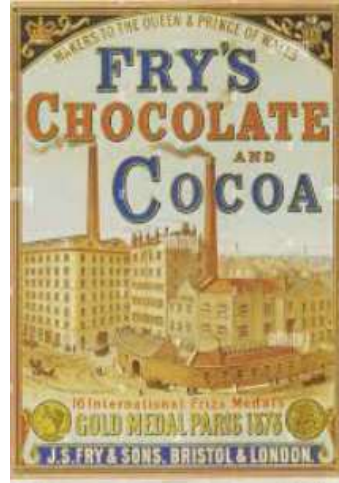


# Fire Damage





# Old Scholars



# Decision to rebuild





# Rebuilding



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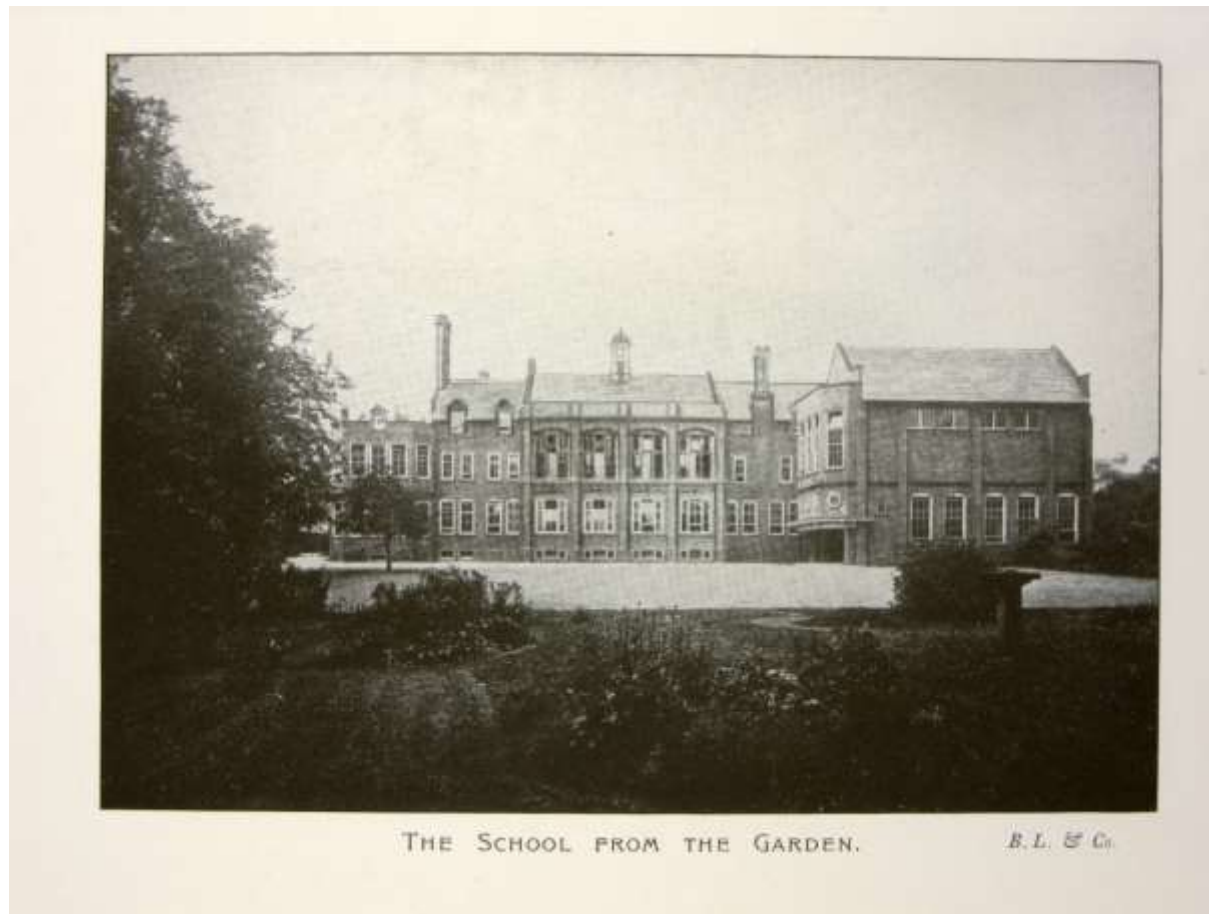
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# Love Builds



# New Buildings



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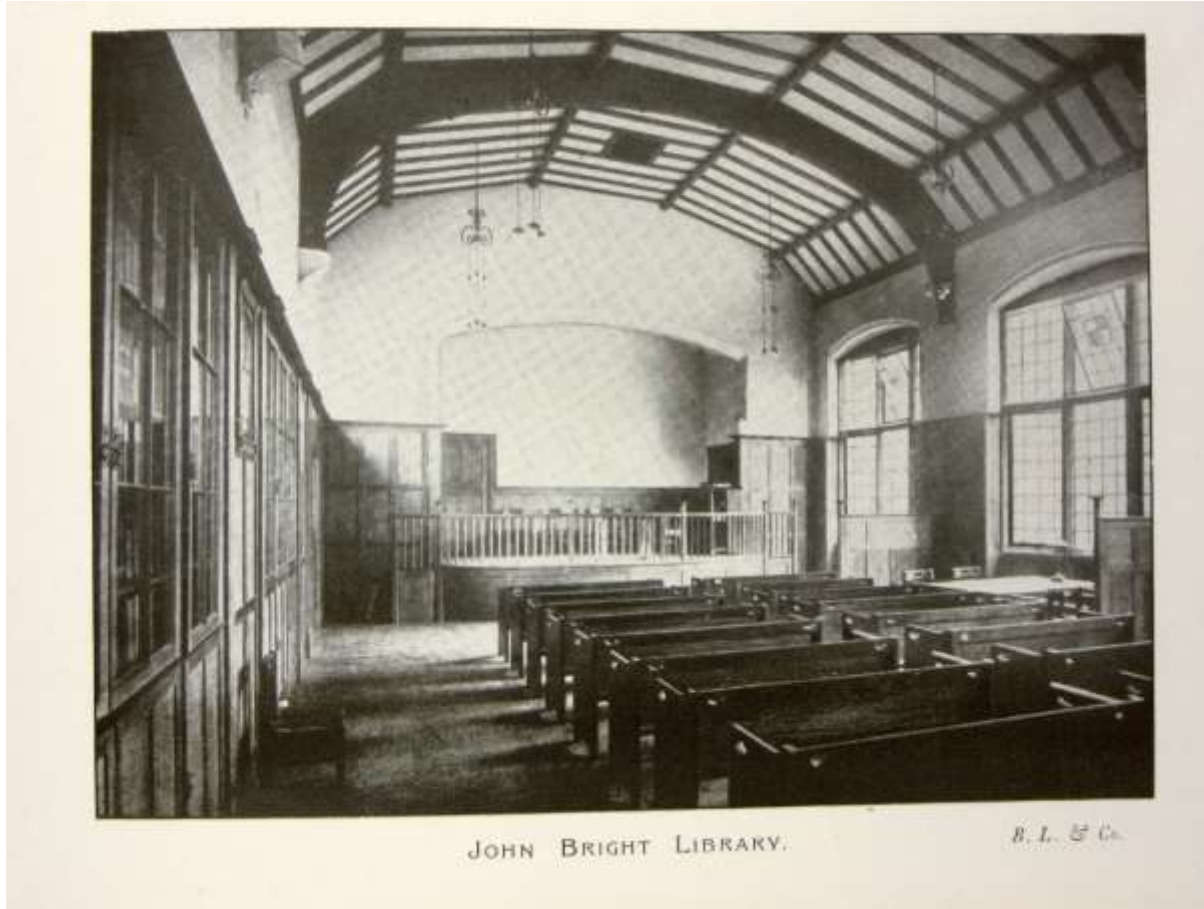
# Buildings



THE LABORATORY.

*B. Dwyer.*

# New Buildings



JOHN BRIGHT LIBRARY.

B. L. & C.

# New Buildings



# The Lodge





# Swimming Pool 1914



# Fire Brigade

