



ST ELPHINS  
SCHOOL

DARLEY  
DALE



Founded in Warrington 1844



Warrington, 1844

**S**T. ELPHIN'S SCHOOL is an independent school for girls, founded originally for the education of the orphan daughters of the Clergy, but admitting now on favourable terms any daughter of a clergyman, and in general girls whose parents desire a first-class boarding school education for their children.

The School is full, and there are more applications for admission than there are vacancies. There is an excellent staff, and examination results are as good as those in any school. H.M. Inspectors, after a thorough inspection last year, paid a high tribute to the work of the School.

*Why then an appeal for £17,000?*

We have an overdraft at the bank amounting to £17,000, and the bank is pressing us to reduce it.

*Why have we an overdraft so large as this?*

Until 1944 school fees were more than sufficient to meet all our needs.

Since 1944 we have twice increased our fees in an attempt to meet the ever increasing cost of food and equipment and the steady rise in wages and salaries, but primarily the School is for the daughters of the clergy, and the Governors knew full well that a realistic increase in "clergy" fees would mean their expulsion from the School.

*The admission of daughters of the clergy at such reduced fees as their parents could afford, has been costing the Governors more than £4,000 a year. This is the explanation of our overdraft.*

*If you help us now, what about the future?*

Very reluctantly, but of necessity, we have raised our fees for the third time, so sharply for clergy and laity alike that we hope that we shall no longer incur a debt.

(In raising the fees for daughters of the clergy, we have been compelled to take into account the very recent improvement in the condition of the clergy. We know that we have placed a very heavy burden on the shoulders of some, but the Dioceses will help where help is most needed).

*Does the continued existence of this one school really matter?*

For more than a century St. Elphin's School has sent into the world young women who have been given a first-class education soundly based on the faith and culture of the Church of England. They have been taught to live together unselfishly, regarding the well being of the community a greater thing than their personal gain.

During those years when character is moulded, the simplicity of a good life has been happily accepted, and the pampered luxury of self indulgence unthought of.

It could never have been otherwise, for in 1844 when the School was founded, it was already the heir to a long tradition.

*The inherited tradition.*

On June 3rd, 1697, Edmund Entwistle, Archdeacon of Chester, preached a sermon in Warrington Parish Church. Few sermons could have had such far reaching and permanent effects.

"Ye Reverend ye Clergy of ye Archdeaconry of Chester are determined to have a yearly meeting at Warrington . . . then and there to take a collection for ye widdows and children of such of ye poore clergy as within ye said Archdeaconry at their deaths left their families in very narrow circumstances."

(The Archdeaconry of Chester as it was in 1697 is now the Dioceses of Chester, Manchester, Liverpool and the Archdeaconry of Blackburn).

Our forefathers were as good as their word, for not only did they give generously for the needs of their own day, but they also built up such endowments as enable us to-day, year by year, to distribute no less than £1,724 for the assistance of widows and orphans of the clergy. This is over and above what is done in the School, a child of the "Warrington Institutions."

It was in 1844 that the School came into being. What greater charity could be imagined during the "hungry 40's" than this idea of feeding and educating children. That the assistance should be for the daughters of the clergy makes it none the less noble.

Horace Powys was Rector of Warrington and treasurer of the "Institutions" when the School was founded. In ten short years he spent £17,650 on building and furnishing the School on a site adjacent to the Parish Church. £4,120 of this money came from his own pocket, and a remaining debt of £2,233, he met, in 1854, by a private appeal to his own friends.

A natural development of the School was the Warrington Training College for Teachers, now the S. Katharine's College, in Liverpool, Scarisbrick and Keswick.

St. Elphin's School, overtaken by the smoke and grime of industry, moved from Warrington to Darley Dale in 1904, where to-day there are 240 girls, 74 of them being daughters of the clergy.

### *An Appeal to the Clergy.*

We cannot follow the example of Rector Powys, though one clergyman hearing of our difficulties immediately sent us £100 "in grateful appreciation of what the School did for my daughter and the grants that I then received when one's funds were very tight."

At least, will you hear the voice of Archdeacon Entwistle, 257 years ago, and "then and there take a collection."

### *An Appeal to the Laity.*

We dare not ask in these days all for which we might hope. The days are gone when Mr. Humphrey Nichols could leave at the Rectory in Warrington, all in bank notes, £10,000 for the Widows and Orphans Fund, and £2,500 for the School.

Gone indeed are the days when anonymously we received £5,000 for the Widows and Orphans Fund and £2,500 for the School, but at least, with no less generosity, so far as these days will permit will you help us now?

Please send your subscription to

THE HONORARY TREASURER,

(St. Elphin's School), 3 Winwick Street, Warrington.

or if you will, in honour of Rector Powys and in memory of an ancient sermon to

THE HONORARY SECRETARY,

Warrington Institutions, The Rectory, Warrington.

Yours faithfully,

A. SELWYN BEAN,

Chairman of the Governing Body.

*This is an appeal  
for money —*

*a large sum of money  
(£17,000) and it is sent  
to you in the hope that  
you will respond generously*

*Darley Dale, Matlock, 1954*





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To The Honorary Treasurer  
(St. Elphin's School)  
3 Winwick Street  
Warrington

or The Honorary Secretary  
Warrington Institutions  
The Rectory  
Warrington

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I have pleasure in enclosing postal order to the value  
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St. Elphin's School Appeal.

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