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6th Oct. 1985

Dear Mr Parr,

I am researching into the life & career of W.H. Kneller, who was master of the Dowse School, Broughton from 1874-89 and have been in contact with Mrs Elaine Faulk (née Hatcher) who has ^{loaned} lent me a copy of her B.Ed. dissertation on the school. This contains a very interesting group photograph of the school, taken in 1878, with Mr Kneller & his pupils. I understand Mrs Faulk obtained the photograph for yourself & that you have an extensive collection of photographs of Broughton.

If possible I would like to purchase a copy of this photograph, and any others you may have in which Mr Kneller or the school, at the time he was master are included.

Mr Kneller, who incidentally was my great grandfather, was
prior to coming to Brighton, a pupil teacher & then master at the
school in Wellon endowed by the Nightingale family and I
have unearthed quite interesting unpublished information about F.N
including some family photographs which she gave to WHK. I
am hoping to have a biography of WHK published.

I will, of course, reimburse you any expenses you
may incur in sending any photographs to me.

Yours sincerely,

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13.th Oct 1985

Dear Dr Parr,

23/10.

Many thanks for your prompt and helpful reply to my previous letter. I would very much like to buy a 10"x8" approx. copy of the 1878 photograph NO 44D, and enclose a cheque for £3 to cover the cost. Mr Keller is the bearded gentleman on the right. This is the only photograph I have located of him, but the family likeness to his son, my grandfather, is very strong. He was at Brighton Jan 1874-89.

I am also very interested to see that you say in passing that the photograph was taken by Mr Gaulton of Wellno. I have some photographs taken by Gaulton

of the Nightingales family & which were the subject of
an article I wrote recently. In case it is of any
interest to you I enclose a copy. I believe Gaulton could be
an interesting subject for research, and would be interested to
know whether your index has the photographs by him.

Many thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely,

John R. Kyrie

P.S. I return your progs-enclosed.