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15 February 1993

Mr Brian Jackson
National Monuments Council
Somerset Street
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Good Shepherd School Huntly Street Grahamstown

Dear *Mr Jackson*

1 Introduction

Here are my drawings numbered 202-1A 202-2 and 202-3 which support an application to the National Monuments Council on behalf of my client.

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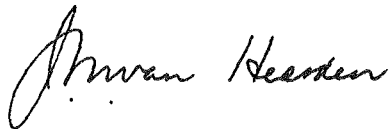
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Yours sincerely



Jan van Heerden FRIBA

Copy to: The Mother Superior
The Community of the Resurrection of our Lord

9/2/003/0008

P E R M I T

Issued under Section 12(A)(f) of the National Monuments Act, No 28 of 1969, amended.

Approval in Principal is hereby given to:

Good Shepherd School, Huntley Street, Grahamstown

of: c/o Mr van Heerden
P O Box 567, Grahamstown

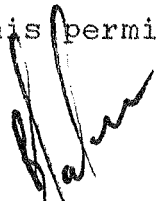
for: Restorations of the Good Shepherd School

at: Huntley Street, Grahamstown

in accordance with: Application received 15 February 1993

The following conditions apply: nil

This permit is valid until: 19 February 1994



BRIAN JACKSON: REGIONAL MANAGER
EASTERN CAPE

DATE: 19 February 1993

PLACE: Grahamstown

The issuing of this permit does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining approval from the local authority or any authority for the proposed work.

This permit is not transferable.

National Monuments Council, 41 Somerset Street, Grahamstown, 6140

copy: City Engineer, Grahamstown

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The Community
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P O Box 72
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22 July 1993

Dear Mother Superior

FUNDS TOWARDS THE OLD HUNTLEY SCHOOL

Your letter dated 8 July 1993 refers.

The above matter will be dealt with at our next meeting taking place shortly and we will inform you thereafter.

Yours faithfully


BRIAN JACKSON: REGIONAL MANAGER
EASTERN PROVINCE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE
HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 1993 AT 32 BIRD STREET, PORT ELIZABETH

It was DECIDED to recommend to Council that despite the eagerness of the Lodge to have the above building declared a National Monument, the Frontier Freemasons Lodge be placed on the Register of Conservation Worthy Immovable Property.

MERIDIAN MASONIC LODGE, 29 STOCKENSTROM STREET, CRADOCK
9/2/024/18

A submission dated 3 September 1993, by the Regional Manager, had been circulated.

It was DECIDED to recommend to Council that the Meridian Masonic Lodge be placed on the Register of Conservation Worthy Immovable Property.

ST HELLIER, 36 CLARENDON ROAD, PORT ELIZABETH
9/2/073/53

A submission dated 2 September 1993, by the Regional Manager, had been circulated.

It was DECIDED by to recommend to Council that St Hellier be placed on the Register of Conservation Worthy Immovable Property.

I. SUBSIDY APPLICATIONS

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL, HUNTLEY STREET, GRAHAMSTOWN
9/2/003/7

A submission dated 17 August 1993, by the Regional Manager, had been circulated.

It was deemed that this was a highly worthwhile project and it was DECIDED to make recommendations to Council, that the amount of R25000 be granted.

CHRIST CHURCH, BURGERSDORP
9/2/004/3

A submission dated 23 August 1993, by the Regional Manager, had been circulated.

It was DECIDED to make recommendations that a grant of R4000 be awarded for restoration of this church.

9/2/008/7

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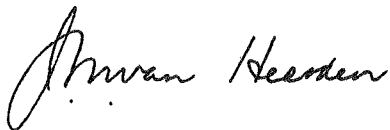
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Jan van Heerden FRIBA

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Warden: ~~The Rev. A. G. Quintan~~
~~44 Huntly Street~~ Tel. 2691

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8th July, 1993.

Mr. Brian Jackson,
National Monuments Council,
Somerset Street,
Grahamstown,
6140.

Dear Mr. Jackson,

Further to our interview some little time ago, and following the suggestion which I received personally through Mrs. Kretzmann last week, I write to make a formal enquiry as to the possibility of some financial contribution from the National Monuments Council, towards the cost of renovating the Good Shepherd School building in Huntly Street, Grahamstown. The building is a proclaimed National Monument, dating from the middle of the 19th century, and the fabric of the building has deteriorated considerably in recent years; I should think the prolonged drought in the Eastern Cape has contributed to the deterioration both of woodwork and of masonry.

The cost of the restoration work has been estimated at R105 000, excluding the architect's fees; this amount has been estimated separately from the cost of the new toilet block being erected at the back of the school, which may be regarded as a separate project.

The School has for many years served a disadvantaged sector of the Grahamstown Coloured community, and though it lies in the middle of a White residential area, it has never been closed by the Department. Despite its distance from the area from which all its pupils come, its enrolment has risen through the years to its present level of 175 pupils, some of whom are children of parents who themselves received their schooling at the Good Shepherd School. It seems therefore to be making a valued contribution to the education of children whose parents are by no means affluent. This year, an unusually high number of Xhosa-speaking children have been enrolled.

/Apart



Apart from contributions we hope to receive from bodies such as your Council, the Community, i.e. the Community (or Sisterhood) of the Resurrection, is liable for the cost of all renovations and new buildings, as the entire property belongs to the Sisterhood. The Department of Education and Training pays the salaries of the teaching staff and contributes towards the cost of cleaning, lights and water, but all other costs are borne by the Sisterhood.

You will appreciate, therefore, that we would be grateful for any contribution which your Council may be able to make towards the cost of renovating this historic building.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

Marie CL

Mother Superior

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21 October 1993

Dear Mother Superior

APPLICATION FOR A CAPITAL GRANT, GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

Your application has been submitted to our East Cape Regional Committee, who voted in favour of financial support. The National Monuments Council Meeting will be held in Cape Town this month and we hope that the outcome will be favourable.

Yours sincerely

pp. H. Jackson

BRIAN JACKSON: REGIONAL MANAGER
EASTERN CAPE

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26 July 1994

Dear Mother Superior

APPLICATION FOR A CAPITAL GRANT, GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

We have just received written confirmation that R 25000 has been awarded to the Good Shepherd School for restoration.

Claims for payment must be sent to our local office for submission to our finance department.

Please be advised that plans for alterations must be sent to this office for approval by our Plans Committee, which meets every last Monday of the month.

Yours faithfully

pp H. Jackson

BRIAN JACKSON: REGIONAL MANAGER
EASTERN CAPE

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The Community of the Resurrection of Our Lord

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P.O. Box 72

22nd September, 1944.

The Regional Director,
National Monuments Commission,
P.O. Box 599,
6140.

Your ref: 9/2/003/7

Dear Mr. Jackson,

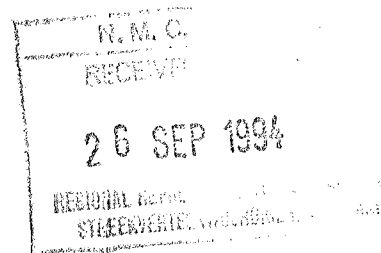
Thank you very much for your letter of 2 Sept. in which you confirm that the National Monuments Council has agreed to award R25 000 to the Good Shepherd School as a contribution to the cost of the improvements and renovations which have been carried out on this old building during the past year. We are indeed grateful for this generous assistance, and look forward to receiving it.

I note that you were going to contact Prof. Paul Walters in this connection but I have not so far received any news from him about this.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

(Mother) Annie C.R.

Mother Superior



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P.O. Box 72

4th August, 1994.

The Regional Manager: Eastern Cape,
National Monuments Council,
P.O. Box 599,
6140 Grahamstown.

Dear Mr. Jackson,

Thank you for your letter of 26 July with regard to the award by the Council of R25 000 for the restoration of the Good Shepherd School. This is good news indeed, and we are deeply grateful to the Council for their generosity.

I do not know in what form a "claim for payment" of the award needs to be made, but I will attach to this a separate letter making such an application.

Perhaps I should mention that the initial approach to the Council regarding the possibility of such an award was made through yourself by the Architect, Mr. Jan van Heerden; you subsequently came to visit me to discuss the matter and you very kindly undertook to pursue it with the National Council. May I express my personal gratitude to you for pursuing it with such success.

With regard to the scrutiny of plans for alterations to a National Monument, I have to advise that the Architect, Mr. Jan van Heerden, approached the Council (I would assume that it would have been through the Regional Office) for approval of his plans before the restoration work was commenced, and as he is a very experienced and meticulously businesslike architect, I am sure he must have received the Council's approval before the work was actually undertaken. The additions and renovations to the School have actually already been completed, though the funds so far subscribed still fall far short of the required total. The Community has in the meantime provided "bridging finance" in the hope that continued fund-raising efforts will eventually make it possible for the loan to be repaid to the Community (i.e. the Community of the Resurrection of our Lord).

<p style="text-align: right;">/I understand</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N. M. C. - R. N. G.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECEIVED / ONTVANG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 9 AUG 1994</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE: EASTERN CAPE STREEKVERTEENWOORDIGER: OOS-KAAP</p>

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I understand that Mr. van Heerden is at present in ill-health and away from Grahamstown; Prof. Paul Walters (ISEA, Rhodes University) may be able to give you some information on this score.

We are deeply grateful to you for your good offices on our behalf.

Yours sincerely,

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Mother Superior

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TAX INVOICE / DELIVERY NOTE

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GOODS HEPTARD SCHOOL

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Dr. to ...

EDGEWELL WOODWORKERS CC

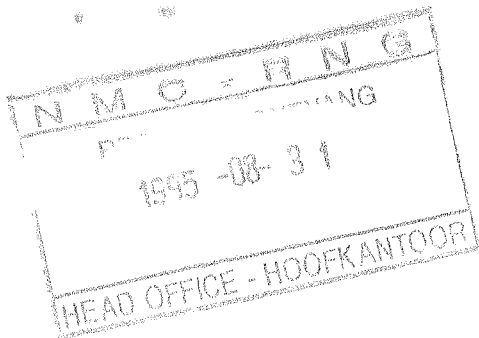
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(Reg No. 90/02018/23)

BUILT-IN CUPBOARDS, JOINERY, GENERAL WOODWORKING, SHOPFITTING

Order No.

WINDOWS & DOORS SUPPLIED		
Window w1 to w24	15320	00
Doors D1 + D4 plus Toilet Doors	6144	00
CILLS	465	82
CHEQUE No. <u>21555</u>	SUB-TOTAL	21929 82
DATE <u>22/12/94</u>	V.A.T.	3070 17
	TOTAL	24999 99



NATIONAL MONUMENTS COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Assistant Director: Operations

FROM: Regional Manager

DATE: 24 August 1995

REF.: 9/2/003/7

RE: Capital Project, Huntley Street School, Grahamstown

This project was undertaken by the architect, the late Mr John van Heerden. Mr van Heerden unfortunately left before his report was written.

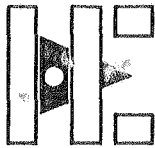
Mr John English and Mrs Kretzmann inspected the school and Mr English sent the attached report confirming that the 24 windows and the 4 doors and all the internal window cills were supplied as per the attached invoice and the hinges catches and all the door furniture have been duly and well completed.

The statement of Edgewell Woodworkers came to R 71 784.42 of which our share came to R 24,999,97. Our grant was for R 25 000.00.

*Noted - Mydun 31/8
Documentation request
for this project
on 1994/95 capital
budget as
Good Shephard School.*

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THE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
NATIONAL MONUMENTS COUNCIL
P.O. BOX 599
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ATTENTION: MR B. JACKSON

Dear Sir

re: RENOVATIONS TO GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL
HUNTLY STREET, GRAHAMSTOWN

Acting on a request by Mrs Krietzman, I inspected the above school building and I can confirm that 24 purpose made wood windows and 4 purpose made doors and all necessary internal window cills have been supplied and built in complete with hinges, catches and door furniture.

The workmanship is of a high standard and all finished off satisfactorily.

I can certify that Messrs Edgewell Woodworker's Statement of R24999,97 can be paid.

Yours faithfully

JOHN ENGLISH of
HOSKIN & ENGLISH ARCHITECTS

Graham Linsley; M. Namara and Co, 511 641


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19 OCTOBER 1994

THE COMMUNITY OF RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
P.O. BOX 72
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Dear Sister Grace

Hereby copies of Invoices for the Restoration of the Good Shepherd School, Huntly Street, Grahamstown, 1993.

INV NR	PRE-VAT	VAT	TOTAL
5564	1140.00	159.60	1299.60
5610	8519.30	1192.70	9712.00
5612	51177.00	7164.79	58341.78
5667	138.00	19.32	157.32
5717	447.00	62.58	509.58
5801	1267.20	177.41	1444.61
5811	32.00	4.48	36.48
5824	277.94	38.91	316.85
5949	64.35	9.01	73.36
6057	1046.00	146.44	1192.44
	62968.79	8815.63	71784.42

Phoned Marianne

We hope this is in order.

Yours faithfully

Weber
M. EVERTS
ACCOUNTS

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ATTN: MR VAN HEERDEN.

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Dr. to ...

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V.A.T. Reg. No. 4750122410

(Reg No. 90/02018/23)

BUILT-IN CUPBOARDS, JOINERY, GENERAL WOODWORKING, SHOPFITTING

Order No. FDL: FRANK OOSTHUIZEN

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<u>SAP FLOORING SELECT WJ MED. & LONGS</u>		
<u>22x95 SQUARE SLOUCHER</u>	<u>1900 mt.</u>	<u>700/3.0</u>
<u>Part-Paid</u>		
		<u>2651</u>
SUB-TOTAL		8519
V.A.T.		1192
TOTAL		9712

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ATTEN Mr. VAN AETEREN

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BUILT-IN CUPBOARDS, JOINERY, GENERAL WOODWORKING, SHOPFITTING

Order No. FOR FRANK BÖSTHUIZEN.

<u>JOINERY AS QUOTED 30 APRIL 93</u>		
<u>MISMAINTI WINDOWS AND DOORS (EXCLUDING DOOR FRAMES ALREADY SUPPLIED AND INVOICED)</u>		
<u>WINDOWS: W1 W2 W3 W4 W5 W6 W7 W8 W9 W10 W11 W12 W13</u>		
<u>Sash - W14 W15 W16 W17 W18 W19 W20 W21 W22 W23 W24</u>		
<u>DOOR: D1 D2 D3 D4 D5 + Toilet Door 4 OFF</u>		
<u>MISMAINTI POSTS & BEAMS TO VENTURA</u>		
<u>S.P. PINE CUPBOARD UNITS</u>		
<u>MISMAINTI CASE (SUBJECT TO NEW DRAWINGS)</u>	SUB-TOTAL	51177 00
<u>BELONGING PROVISION ON FURNITURE TO DOORS. TO BE INVOICED LATER.</u>	V.A.T.	7164 78
	TOTAL	58341 78

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COMMUNITY OF RESURRECTION

21/10 1993

Attn: J. van Heerde

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Dr. to ...

EDGEWELL WOODWORKERS CC

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V.A.T. Reg. No. 4750122410

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BUILT-IN CUPBOARDS, JOINERY, GENERAL WOODWORKING, SHOPFITTING

Order No.

TEMP MASSWITE Semi - Solid Doors			
760 x 1800	X	4 OFF @ R154.00	616.00
FRAMES TO SUIT AS ABOVE	X	4 OFF	
MEX ARCHITRAVE TO SUIT ABOVE	X	4 OFF	259.20
* IRONIA DOOR CILLS / PER DRAWING (to toilet outside)	X	4 OFF R98.00	392.00
* (4 Already Del) See 5794			
		SUB-TOTAL	1267.20
		V.A.T.	177.40
		TOTAL	1444.60

TAX INVOICE / DELIVERY NOTE

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Dr. to . . .

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BUILT-IN CUPBOARDS, JOINERY, GENERAL WOODWORKING, SHOPFITTING

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Order No.

Mer Twice Rebated Cornice
22x44

2/60

8/30

2/42

4/12

SUB-TOTAL

277 96

V.A.T.

38 91

TOTAL

316 85

NATIONAL MONUMENTS COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mrs Yvonne Luker
FROM: Regional Manager, Eastern Cape
DATE: 24 November 1994

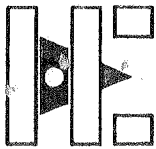
REF.: 9/2/003/7
RE: Good Shepherd School (Community of the Resurrection of
our Lord)

Hi Yvonne, attached is an invoice from Edgewell Woodworkers c.c. for material like windows, doors, lintels etc for the renovation of the above school. This is just a small portion of the repair work done to the school and our donation is R25 000. This invoice is signed by Brian, he inspected the building and found the work done excellent.

The Community of the Resurrection of our Lord have the following Bank account:

The Community of the Resurrection of Our Lord
Grahamstown
Standard Bank No: 081993196 (Current)

Regards
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ATTENTION: MR B. JACKSON

Dear Sir

re: RENOVATIONS TO GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL
HUNTLY STREET, GRAHAMSTOWN

Acting on a request by Mrs Krietzman, I inspected the above school building and I can confirm that 24 purpose made wood windows and 4 purpose made doors and all necessary internal window cills have been supplied and built in complete with hinges, catches and door furniture.

The workmanship is of a high standard and all finished off satisfactorily.

I can certify that Messrs Edgewell Woodworker's Statement of R24999,97 can be paid.

Yours faithfully

JOHN ENGLISH of
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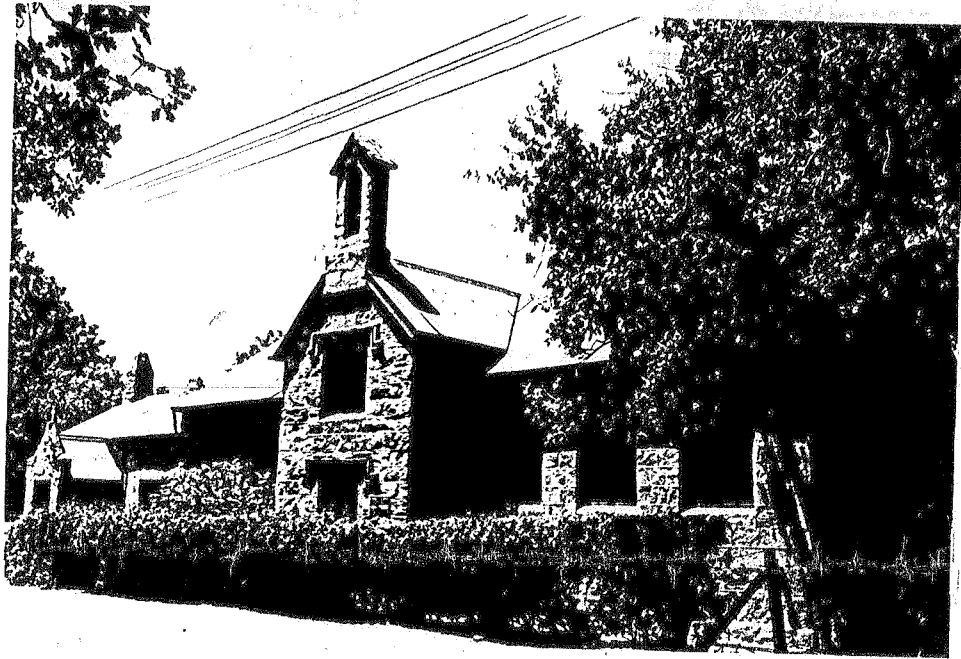
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SUBMISSION TO EAST CAPE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

APPLICATION FOR CAPITAL GRANT, GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL, HUNTLEY STREET, GRAHAMSTOWN



BACKGROUND

This school is the oldest in the Eastern Cape having been erected in 1848. It was the first school building of St Andrews College and has retained its use as a school building throughout the years. At the moment the school is run by the Community of the Resurrection of Our Lord, an Anglican Nunnery, as a Primary School for disadvantaged children from the townships, thus providing those children with a first class primary education, they would not have otherwise. However, this fine building is in desperate need of restoration and the Community does not have the funds.

RECOMMENDATION

If any capital allowance is to be granted anywhere in the country it should go to this project. Architecturally the building is outstanding and thus warrants a grant, and the use of the building is of great importance as it is the only school where pupils of poverty stricken backgrounds can receive as fine a primary education as anywhere, free of political interruptions. The NMC Plans Committee has already granted permission for the restoration project.

BRIAN JACKSON

OLD SCHOOL BUILDING, HUNTLY STREET GRAHAMSTOWN.

1. The foundation stone was laid by Mrs. Hare, wife of the Lt. Gov. of the Eastern Province, Col J. Hare, on 18 June 1844. At that time the building was intended for the Sunday School of St. George's Church, now the Cathedral. Progress was slow owing to the Kaffir War and lack of funds, and it was still being built early in 1849.
2. In 1849 the Vestry resolved to use the building on weekdays as a grammar school. It was formerly opened on 4 October, 1849.
3. At first the school was merely "the parish school" but was recognised as St. George's Cathedral Grammar School from 1857; it persisted as such until it was closed at the end of 1901.
4. Bishop Armstrong, consecrated first bishop of Grahamstown in 1853, founded St. Andrew's College in 1855. The first classes of the College were held in the Huntly St. building until about 1858. The principal of the grammar school became the first principal of St. Andrew's, but the earlier school did not lose its identity.
5. The first Diocesan Synod was held in the building in 1860.
6. An eastern extension, for some time known as "The Guild Hall and Assembly Room", was added in 1869.
7. The building was rented by the Cape Government as a laboratory, 1902 - 1915, through the influence of Dr. S. Schonland.
8. It was then rented by the Community of the Resurrection (St. Peter's Home, Anglican) in 1916, with purchase in 1917, and transfer in 1918. The Community has used the building for educational purposes up to the present. For many years it has housed the Good Shepherd School for Coloured and Indian children, serving also as a practising school for the Grahamstown Training College. As the building is near the centre of the town this use is expected to come to an end under the Group Areas Act. The future use of the building is uncertain.
9. The building, including the 1869 extension, is externally of local Witteberg quartzite, weathered to a rich brown. A softer stone has been used for ^tlinels and for the interesting ornamental stonework of the east end (1869). It is now under corrugated iron roof. A lean-to in brick and plaster was added in recent years. The building is in a pleasant tree-lined street and is adjacent to the playing fields of the Victoria High School for Girls.
10. The building is described by Mr. H. M. Matthew, former Diocesan Secretary, "as a most interesting example of Cotswold stone work" and by Dr. R. B. Lewcock as "a Gothic school".
11. Used as a school from 1849 to now apart from a short break, it is believed to be the oldest Anglican school building in the Republic built for the purpose of a school. In the Grahamstown Diocese, the foundation stone of a Diocesan Grammar

School in Port Elizabeth was laid in 1856; the building was used as such for a brief period only, 1857 - 9. In the Cape Town Diocese the earliest school building of the Diocesan College was begun in 1852 and used in 1853. (The College as an institution was opened on 15 March 1849 at Protea - Bishopscourt - housed in a pre-existing cottage). St. George's Grammar School, Cape Town, was founded in 1844 (as St. George's Church Free School) but the original building used, near the present site, has disappeared.

References and Notes.

A. H.M. Matthew. Grahamstown Diocese, Historical Notes, vol. 2. Compiled by former Diocesan Secretary. Typed, bound, copy in Diocesan office, Grahamstown, and another in Cory Library.

p.175 et seq. : The Huntly Street School, Grahamstown.

18/6/44. Foundation stone of building laid by Mrs. Hare, wife of Lt. Gov. of Eastern Prov., to be used as St. George's Sunday School. There was slow progress due to the Kaffir War and insufficient money; the latter was remedied by October 1848.

In 1849 the vestry resolved to use the building on weekdays as a grammar school.

Quotes from Merriman Diary, 4/10/49 "...on this dayformally opened".

1857 is the recognised date for the St. George's Cathedral Grammar School; before that it was merely "the parish school".

Matthew gives much information about headmasters before and after 1857. For the Grammar School, from Brooks 1857 to the last one, the Rev. A. W. Brereton to the end of 1901 when the Cathedral Grammar School was closed.

The building was rented by the Government as a laboratory - through Dr. S. Schonland - 1902 - 1915.

It was then rented by St. Peter's in 1916, which bought it in 1917 with transfer in 1918, and once more used as a school.

The first Diocesan Synod was held in it in 1860. It is recorded that a later synod used the Guild Hall (the 1869 extension).

R. F. Currey. St. Andrew's College, Grahamstown. Oxford, 1955, 188pp.

pp. 4 - 14. Consecration of Armstrong as first Bishop of Grahamstown 1853, and foundation of St. Andrew's College by him in 1855.

In 1848 Bishop Gray (of Cape Town) paid his first visit to Grahamstown and founded St. George's Grammar School.

The first classes of St. Andrew's College were held in the Grammar School building in Huntly Street, under an arrangement whereby the first principal of St. Andrew's continued to be Headmaster of the Grammar School, the pupils going over to St. Andrew's (but the Grammar School did not lose its identity).

p. 24. Reference to St. Andrew's using the building until about 1858 and to the Diocesan Grammar School, Port Elizabeth, being in existence 1857 -9 only. (22)

p.78. Diary entry for Thursday, October 4, 1849.

"On this day the new Grammar and Sunday School was formally opened. It has been five years in building, being interrupted by the depression caused by the Kaffir war and other circumstances. After struggling through so many difficulties it was of course a great joy to Mr. Heavyside and all concerned to see the work brought to a completion."

(A few details of the ceremony follow).

p.21. On 17/1/49 he refers to the new school being built.

D. Letter from D. H. Burkinshaw, Diocesan Secretary, to J. V. L. Rennie, 26/11/63.

Inter alia he says "The east extension, called 'The Guild Hall and Assembly Room' was added in 1869. This was used as a morning school and academy for higher class female education, and also, in the evenings, as a Common Hall for safe amusements. There was some effort made at the time to get the girls' school under the guidance of a Religious Sisterhood. The first Diocesan Synod was held in the school in 1860, and Synod returned to the school in 1888".

The Diocesan Grammar School, Port Elizabeth, foundation stone was 1856.

E. H. M. Matthew believed that the building could possibly be the oldest Anglican Church school building in South Africa (interview headed "Oldest Anglican School in Eastern Province" in the E.P. Herald, circa 1961).

Inter alia Matthew is quoted as saying this "is a most interesting example of Cotswold stone work", and that St. Peter's used ~~was~~ it for a short time as a boarding hostel for the Training College.

F. D. McIntyre. The Diocesan College, Rondebosch, South Africa: a Century of 'Bishops'. Juta, Cape Town, 1950.

pp.2-3. Refers to proposed Anglican college in Cape Town; reproduces prospectus published in 1820s, but says nothing came of this proposal.

pp. 7-8 et seq. Bishop Gray arrived in 1848. He rented Protea in 1848 and the Church bought the property in 1851 naming it Bishops court. Gray advertised a Collegiate School in 1849 in the S.A. Commercial Advertiser and set aside an existing building (Maynier's Cottage) for his school. The Diocesan College School was opened there on 15/3/1849, but was moved to Woodlands (the present site) in 1850. Buildings were begun there in 1852 and completed for use in 1853.

G. R. B. Lewcock. Early Nineteenth Century Architecture in South Africa. Cape Town, 1963. Although later than the period covered by his book, he says "A Gothic School was also begun in Grahamstown in 1844".

H. H. H. E. Peacock, Headmaster of St. George's Grammar School, Cape Town.

Article "Why the Grammar School" in the school magazine "The Georgian", 1962, pp. 19 -24. He refers to various private and officially sponsored schools up to 1844; he states that St. George's Church Free School was opened in Sept. 1844 under the auspices of the Colonial Chaplains in the vicinity of the existing school site. The present name dates from 1858.

(and the original building used has disappeared)

