



Rev. Edward Elton
with his 2nd wife
and a child



Dorothy Miller



Lock-up

This period in Wheatley's history follows the influence of the Temperance movement which sought to bring more meaning into people's lives rather than an over-reliance on alcohol.

In Wheatley, one result was the development of the Merry Bells by Dorothy Miller of Shotover; along with other encouragement to help people to lead 'better' lives. The era of cruel sports was long-since over, and Wheatley had benefited from the progressive initiatives of Rev Edward Elton. The economy was improving after a long downturn, and agricultural over-manning resulting in riots was history. Thanks to a new push in the 1950s, steps were taken to capture living memories from the late 1880s onwards. These memories, gathered in this book, describe Wheatley in considerable detail in this benign and progressive period.

The Great War was not yet a threat.



Infants' School 1902



National School 1890s