## Specimens of Writing &c. Lancasterian School Kingston, Jamaica 1826

## Images of a volume of samplers of children's work in handwriting and needlework

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## The British and Foreign School Society

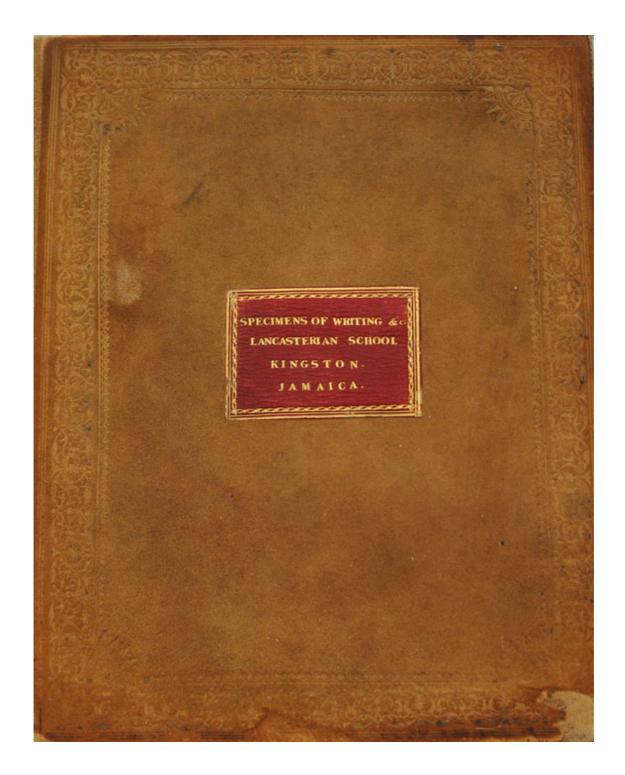
One of the landmarks in the development of universal schooling was the opening of Joseph Lancaster's school at Borough Road, Southwark, London, in 1798. A teacher training institution was added soon afterwards.

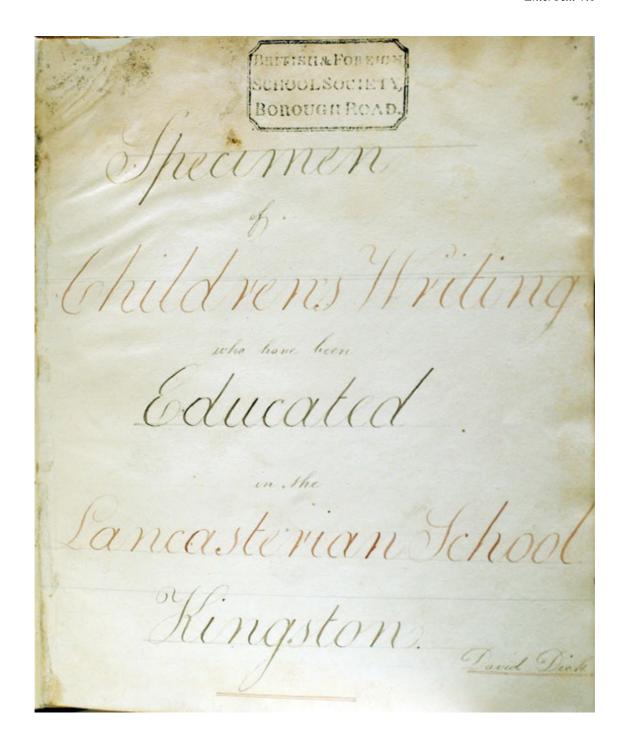
"The Society for Promoting the Lancasterian System for the Education of the Poor" was formed in 1808 to carry forward Lancaster's work, which was supported by a number of prominent evangelical and non-conformist Christians including William Wilberforce, the abolitionist. In 1814 the Society was renamed the "British and Foreign School Society" (BFSS) and throughout the nineteenth century set up "British Schools" and teacher training institutions on non-sectarian principles. In addition to its work in Britain it established schools overseas and provided staff and support.

The "Lancasterian System" was designed to provide a basic education for as many children as possible with the funds available, and despite a great shortage of teachers. Monitors (older children who had already been taught the "three Rs") taught groups of younger children in turn.

The Society's aims are:

"the advancement of education, that is, the physical, mental, moral, religious and spiritual development of the whole person regardless of national, racial or cultural background in accordance with the principles of the Christian faith but on a non-sectarian and interdenominational basis and without credal tests." See www.bfss.org.uk





The Lancasterian School in Rongston, Jamaica Wie first established by the Rev Thomas Anibb April 21. 1823. He was taugh the System in England, and imparted its benefits with much Text and success amongst the poor and long neglected children in Kings until removed by death April 25 " 1824 In Florwary 1825 The Row William Knill brother to the decende arrived in Hingston and undertock the duties of the School, which had been in a declining state from the period of his brothers death untill them. In January 1826 of new large and airy School room, (which is built and fitted up on the blan of the Borough Road School in London was opened in East Queen Street capable of holding 250 Children

prohibited the benefit of the System. The Lepons are all obtained from The British and Foreign School Society, in London. The Girls are taught useful needle work 2 afternoons in the week by Mr. Anible The accompanying Specimens will show what Progress they have made. Sept : 25, 1826 the production of the Children

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Or stand and see, with bitter cries,
Their mothers burnt before their eyes
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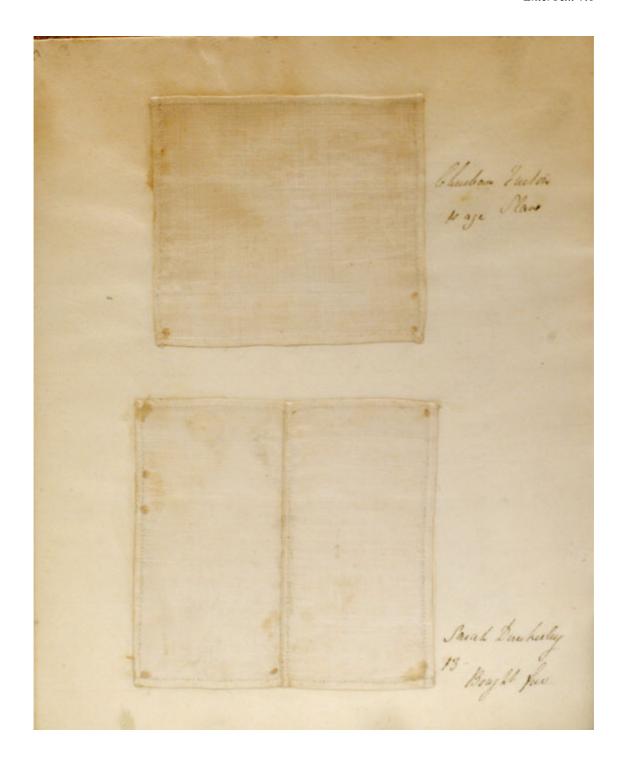
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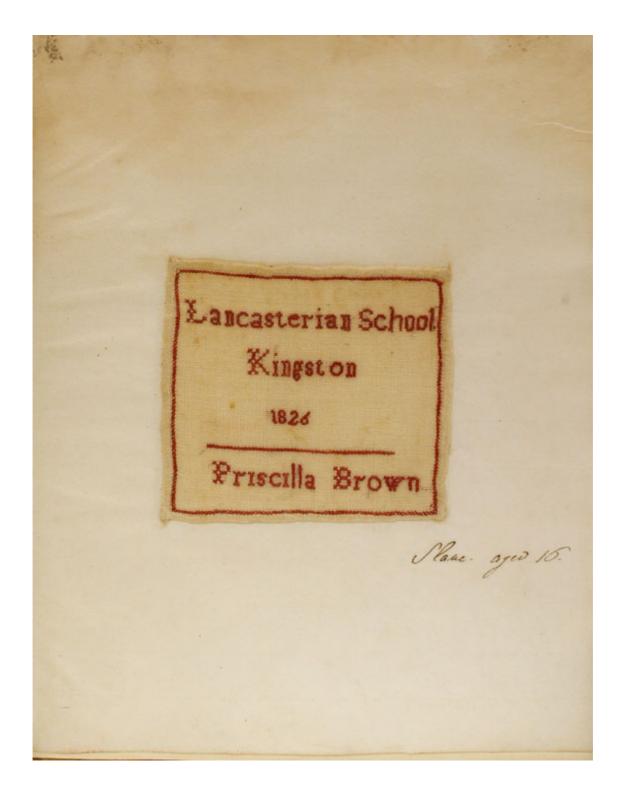
Dasse God from whom all blessings flow Fraise him all creatures here below; Transchim above, ye hear my host Praise father, Longand Holy Chose. Sarah Dunkerley 13 Bought free Blessings for ever on the Lamb, Who bore the curse for writched mans Let angels sound his sucred name And every enature say - Amen Caroline Gonter

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From the commencement of the School in 1823 to January nearly ... 150 Children had been dismissed the School most of whom could read their Bibles When the new School was opened no Children were in attendance and in two months the number was completed. From Jan to dept 1826\_24 Boys and 36 Girls left the School many of the Boys to useful Frades, capable of writing and byphering and nearly all both Brys and Guls of reading the word of God The School at this time contains to Boys and soo fires Seventy are Slaves to were Slaves, but have been redeemed by Parents or Friends The remaining bhildren are, generally speaking, the ofspring of the poor fice. Total 200. Of these, 100 can read the new testament who entered in the Aphabet Class No batechism is taught in the School nor any one