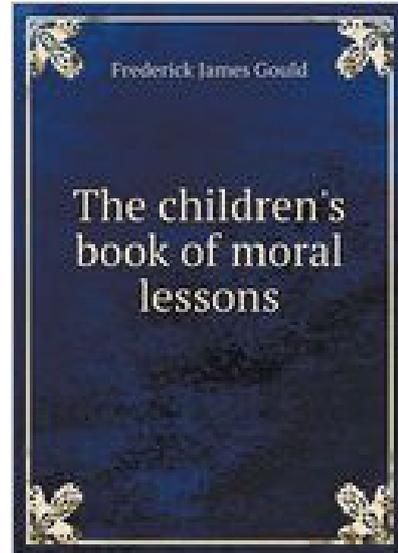


Frederick James Gould 1855 - 1938



Frederick and his wife Mahalah, their son Julian and daughter Romola lived in **ARMOREL, Woodfield Avenue from 1910**

Frederick Gould was a notable educationalist, secularist and one of the first to use the term "Humanist" in its modern sense.

He was expected to have a distinguished future in Christian education but his career became more difficult as his writings on humanism and agnosticism came to the attention of his employers. It appears that Mahalah was sympathetic to his views, often attending meetings with him. He helped set up various societies to advance secularism, including the forerunner of the British Humanist Association. In 1896 he left teaching to become Secretary of the Leicester Secular Society. He described the membership as "Co-operators, Individualists, Radicals, with a few humble Socialists mixed in."

In 1910 he moved to Ealing to become a lecturer for the Moral Instruction League which sought to encourage moral lessons without theology in schools. Secularist ideals were part of the planning of Brentham and the knowledge that Holyoake Walk was named after his friend George Holyoake (the last man imprisoned for atheism in England) must have made it an attractive community to the family. He was interested in the life of Brentham, writing to the magazine and donating books to the tenant's library. Gould lectured all over the world and wrote numerous books & pamphlets, many of which are still published. See: www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederick_James_Gould & www.leicestersecularsociety.org.uk/gould_life.htm

After Frederick's son, an artist, was killed in action in 1917 (Julian Gould Brentham Archives) he became involved with the League of Nations. Mahalah died in 1944. Romola, unmarried, lived in Armorel until shortly before her death in 1965.