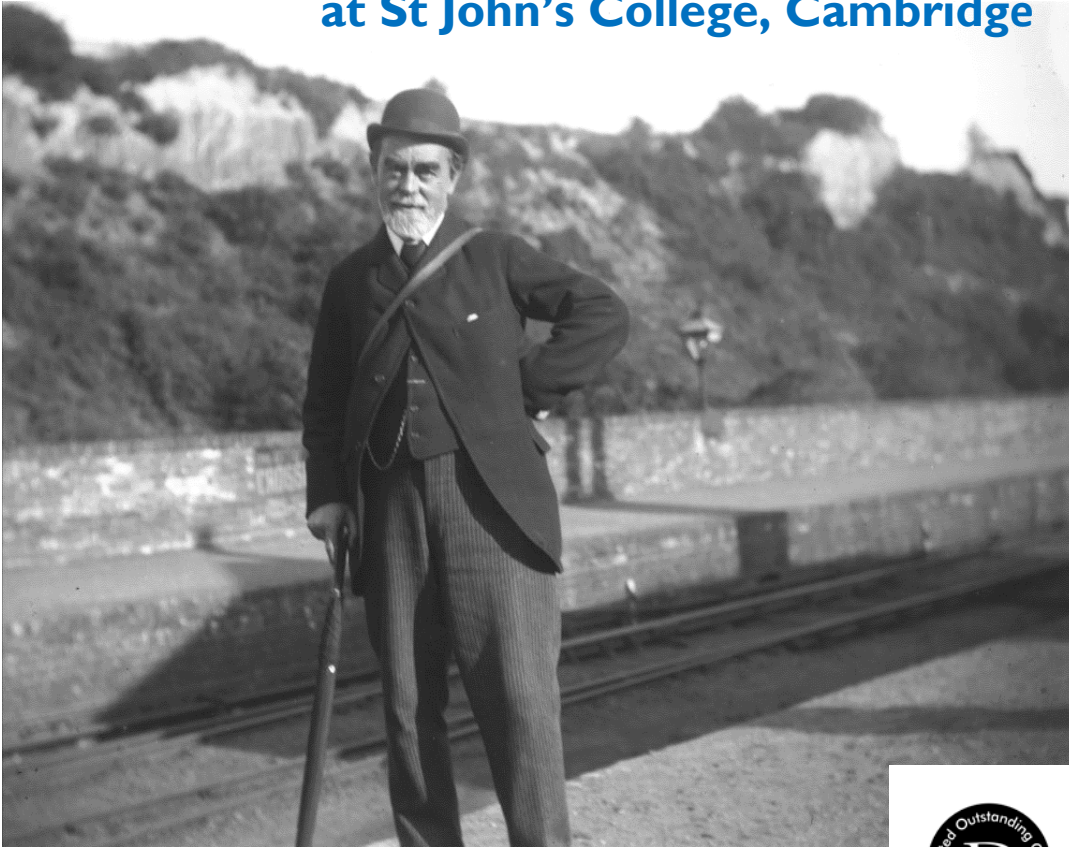


The Samuel Butler Collection

at St John's College, Cambridge



Be inspired by Samuel Butler

Samuel Butler (1835-1902) was a Victorian writer, artist and photographer. Interested in everything, and engaged in many of the topical debates of his time, he published books on subjects as diverse as evolution, religion, art, classical poetry, travel and sheep-farming. His photographic 'snapshots' provide stunning glimpses of the people and places he encountered throughout his travels in nineteenth-century Europe. His best known novels are *Erewhon*, a satirical utopian narrative inspired by his time in New Zealand, and *The Way of All Flesh*, an autobiographical account of Victorian family life, social attitudes and conventions.

For links to online exhibitions and educational resources visit
www.joh.cam.ac.uk/samuel-butler-project



The Library runs an active education and outreach programme and welcomes local school and education group visits. The launch of the **Samuel Butler Project** in 2011 has enabled us to tap into an even wider range of resources, and we can tailor activities to suit the requirements of your group.

Using the collection

The collection includes Butler's photographs, books, manuscripts, letters, paintings and drawings, as well as some of his personal possessions – all of which provide a fascinating insight into Victorian society and intellectual life. Scope for activities, for students of any age, is almost limitless, but themes and topics could include:

- Imaginary lands
- Victorian life and society
- Stories behind photographs
- Evolution, religion and debate
- Classical literature and translation
- Travel in Europe in the C19th
- How to curate an exhibition



For more information, or to plan a visit, please contact the Butler Project Associate, Rebecca Watts, on **01223 339362** or email rew35@cam.ac.uk.

"I could have done more to provoke them than I have done. It has been my endeavour to challenge them as directly as possible, and if any of you are kind enough to take an interest in the question, let me beg you either to join issue with me yourselves or to persuade some body else to do so in such manner as I can propose."