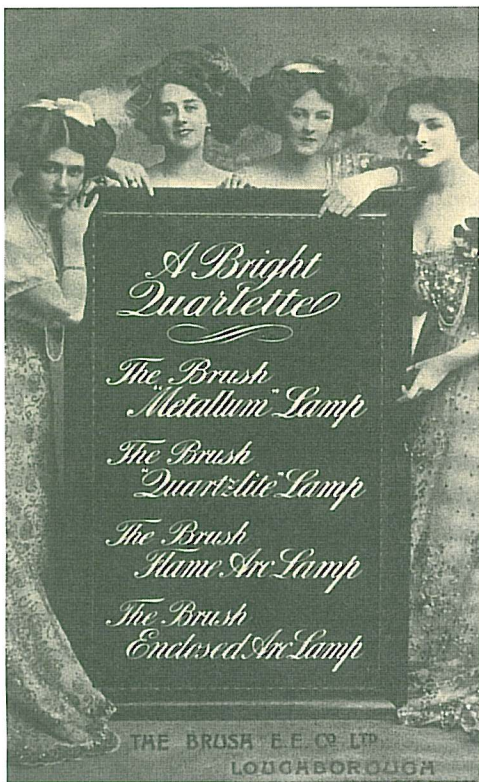


A BRIGHT QUARTET!



This advertising postcard was used about a century ago to promote the range of Brush electric arc-lamps.

WHAT IS IT?



We have received a letter from Tom Smith in connection with the query on the brass disk shown in the June issue. Tom worked for Brush between 1941 and 1947 with Mr H W Partridge of the Brush Craft Selection School (who can be seen at the right end of the centre row in the group photograph of the same issue). Tom recalled many details of Brush life and remembers those disks being used as a check-in disk for employees who, on arriving at work, would hang their personal disk on a numbered hook on a rack in a small building adjacent to the main gate house. On leaving work, employees would remove and retain the disk giving an instant visual check on attendance before the time recorder clocks were installed.

WORCESTER HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME - 1892!

Copies of Brush plans have been sent to us showing a planned hydro generating station to incorporate a water turbine driven Brush generator near Worcester. A surveyor's drawing showing the intended site by Diglis Wier on the Severn, is date stamped 20th June 1892, Brush Electrical Engineering Co. Ltd, with the Victoria Works, Lambeth address. Although Brush moved to Loughborough three years previously, there was a period of several years overlap and the Belvedere Road, S.E. address was still referred to into the 90s as the head office, often appearing on tram and loco advertisements of the time.

The drawings were found by the father of John Thompson, ICD Senior Development Engineer, and it is not known if the project, which was part of a sewage scheme, was actually realised. We would be interested to hear from anyone who knows the Diglis area of Worcester and its history as to whether this generating station was ever constructed and, if so, what happened to it.

