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## Editorial

“Great is Nannar, Lord of Ur,” “Great is Nannar, Lord of Ur.” The repeated line of hieroglyphics stretched to the bottom of the clay tablet, becoming an almost undecipherable scrawl towards the end. Not a very interesting discovery at first sight, and one throwing very little light on the city of Ur in the year 530 B.C. It might have been thrown aside as valueless if someone had not realised that he was excavating a school, and that this tablet therefore was the earliest known example of “lines,” an example curiously representative of the whole system, with its trite lines and careless writing.

A novel discovery, and a provoking one. If punishments were the same 2,400 years ago, why not all the other details of school life? One can imagine the Ur schoolboy explaining that the chariot was late because the offside leader had picked up a stone, and the driver had forgotten his tooth-pick; there were perhaps crude comments on the School Dinner, and who knows whether the parents or guardians of Ur and district were asked to express their views on Homework, if any?

Few, however, would carry such fruitless speculation any further. Some might sneer at the fact that the most famous thing this forgotten school produced was an imposition. But the same feelings might have been aroused by glancing through the magazine files, even so recently as the time when it first donned its new and handsome cover. More or less the same facts are recorded, old enough to be forgotten, too young to have acquired the fascination of antiquity. Reduced to bare facts, most school careers would display a close parallel between 530 B.C. and 1936 A.D., as “

Flowers. . .new buds put forth  
To glad new men,  
Out of the spent and unconsidered Earth  
The Cities rise again.”

The truth is that such facts have a vivid, glowing life in someone’s mind; in their “local habitation” which is the memory they are the raw material of experience, - a veritable treasure. The daring and hopeful may regard experience as something which an original mind can do without; the subdued and contemplative will mine the ore of recollection by reflection - “for how does a man become wiser as he grows older, but by looking back upon the past, and by learning from the mistakes that he has made in his early years?”

“Diximus errando.”

## Valete

- Booker, T. W., 2128. Came September, 1931.
- Carter, J. E., 2151. Came September, 1931. School Certificate, 1935. Under 15 House Soccer.
- Caunt, F. K., 2026. Came September, 1930. School Certificate, 1934. 2nd XI. Soccer. House Soccer. Cadet Corps. 'The Path of Glory.'
- Clarke, A. W., 2029. Came September, 1930. School Certificate, 1935.
- Collier, W., 1800. Came September, 1928. School Certificate, 1933. Captain of Heathcote. Junior Rugger XV. House Rugger, Soccer, Fives, Shooting. Cadet Corps. Life-saving. Railway Service.
- Dickins, P. H., 1661. Came May, 1927. School Certificate, 1934. Junior Prefect. Cadet Corps. House Shooting. Lloyd's Bank.
- Edginton, R. H., 2148. Came September, 1931. School Certificate, 1935. 2nd XV. Rugger. 2nd XI. Soccer. 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket. House Rugger, Soccer, Cricket, and Fives. Boxing. Cadet Corps. Actcd in " The Path of Glory." Stavcley Coal and Iron Co.
- Fisher, W. H., 1810. Came September, 1928. School Certificate, 1933. Chesterfield Tube Co.
- Gill, J., 2154. Came September, 1931. School Certificate and Matric, 1931. School and House Ruggcr, Soccer, Cricket. L.M.S. Railway.
- Hartley, W. P., 1936. Came September, 1929. Accountants Office; Peat, Warwick, Mitchell 8: Co., Sheffield.

- Harrold, K. G. L., 1825. Came September, 1928. School Certificate and Matric, 1932. Higher School Certif., 1934. 1<sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger. House Rugger and Soccer. Captain of the Choir. Dramatic Society. Passed 44th in Civil Service Examination (Executive Class).
- Hickman, W. J., 1830. Came September, 1928. School Certificate and Matric., 1933. Higher School Certif., 1935. 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cricket. House Rugger, Soccer, Cricket and Fives. General Accident Assurance Co.
- Hoffman, D., 1988. Came January, 1930. Staveley Coal and Iron Co.
- McCollum, J. S., 1845. Came September, 1928. School Certificate and Matric, 1935. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer. School Fives. House Rugger, Soccer and Fives. Boxing. Acted in 'The Path of Glory.'
- Mills, J. W., 2230. Came April, 1932. Devonshire Estates Ltd.
- Morton, G. S., 2570. Came January, 1935. Transferred to Grindleford College.
- Mosley, A. E., 2179. Came September, 1931. School Certificate and Matric, 1935. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer and Cricket. School Soccer and Cricket. L.M.S. Goods Office.
- Oakton, A., 2303. Came September, 1932.
- Roussell, G. W., 2190. Came September, 1931. House Rugger.
- Randall, B., 2073. Came September, 1930. School Certificate and Matric. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket. House Cricket and Soccer. L.M.S. Rly. Service.
- Slack, D. H., 1779. Came April, 1928. School Tennis. Finalist in School Singles. House Rugger and Soccer. Cadet Corps. Life Saving. Bronze Medallion. Boxing.
- Slack, F. W., 1741. Came September, 1927.
- Todd, F. E. C., 2546. Came September, 1935. Transferred to Mundelia School, Nottingham.
- Wheeldon, H., 1979. Came September, 1929. Cadet Corps. School Certificate, 1934.
- Whitworth, G., 1981. Came September, 1929. School Certificate and Matric., 1933. Higher School Certificate, 1935. 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger. 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket and Soccer. House Rugger, Soccer, and Cricket. Chess Team. Blackwell Rural District Council Offices.

## School Notes

Mr. C. Herbert Wagstaff, this year's President of the Old Cestrefeldian Society, has celebrated his year of office by presenting the School with a handsome silver cup "to do as we like with." We have decided that it shall be the House Tennis Cup, to be competed for annually by teams representing the five school houses. This, together with the three new courts at Brampton, should give a much needed fillip to Lawn Tennis as a school game. We tender to Mr. Wagstaff our heartiest thanks for this token of his keen interest in the school, and add to them our congratulations on the honour the Old Boys have bestowed upon him by electing him their President.

Many persons connected with the School will be sorry to hear that Mr. Enoch Bell, J.P., has decided to leave Chesterfield for Ashby-de-la-Zouch. To most boys the Governors of the School are a somewhat Olympian body, distantly apprehended on the Bradbury Hall platform on Speech Day, but otherwise remote and inaccessible. Mr. Bell, however, was one of the Gods who did descend and mingle with mortals. His interest in the School's sport led him on more than one occasion to pay us a visit and distribute colours to the deserving. At such times his cheerful anecdote and twinkling eye convinced us fully that the Gods themselves might be very human, and appreciative of our small doings. Perhaps the most charming feature of Mr. Bell's character is his ability to enter immediately into a boy's point of view, a gift which no doubt his many years as a Headmaster served to intensify.

An Old Boy, Professor A. E. Heath, of University College, Swansea, has contributed a foreword to Dr. Stead's recently published book "Full Stature." Many boys will remember Professor Heath, who is the author of our School Song, since he distributed the Prizes on Speech Day, 1954. In his foreword to Dr. Stead's book, Professor Heath looks back on the Chesterfield area as it was in his own school days, and congratulates the author on his share in the great changes for the better which have taken place.

We welcome to the Staff this term Mr. W. H. Brain, who has taken up the post of Crafts Master. Mr. Brain comes to us from Sutton, Surrey, and has had experience at the Central School of Art and Crafts, London. In addition to being a valuable acquisition to the Staff Cricket and Tennis, Mr. Brain is interested in first-aid and swimming, and is assisting Mr. Slack in the latter branch of the School's activities.

This term most of the VIth form rooms have been refurnished, and the VI's no longer sit Geneva-wise round their council tables; they exist now in a "splendid isolation" which would gladden the heart of the newspaper magnate who advocates this policy.

We record elsewhere the formation of a new society, the Field Club. This should fill a gap, as most of the School Societies are devoted to indoor pursuits; and the ease with which one can walk or cycle into the country from Chesterfield should ensure "good hunting."

Earlier this term we made an examination of the Magazines of some previous years, and found that the literary items were usually the work of a small band of enthusiasts, almost inevitably VIth formers. This seemed undesirable on many grounds, so we offered IIIa a page if they could produce material good enough for inclusion. They responded well, and won their page. Now it remains for some other forms to do likewise.

The Tennis VI have had some reverses this term, losing to the Staff and the High School. This latter exploit was greeted by the assembled School with a murmur compounded of astonishment and derision, which should teach the culprits that the school takes such indignity in no light or jesting spirit. Let us add, in fairness, that they have now reversed this result and may hold up their heads again. They had had few opportunities of practice, and the three courts now completed at Storr's Road, which will probably be in use by the time these words are read, should give them additional opportunities, and lead to masculine honour being thoroughly vindicated in 1937.

The School Play has now been chosen. "The Midshipmaid," described as a Naval Manoeuvre, by Ian Hay and Stephen King-Hall, will be performed at the Bradbury Hall, on December 15th and 16th. It is top-notch or should one say top-mast ? entertainment, with an excellently-varied cast; watch out for the Golightly twins (female)! It is hoped to contribute an even larger sum to charity this year as a result of this production.

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## Editorial

During the last century England learned her steps in the public school; only there was she able to acquire that aimlessness and perfect the peculiar type of empty bombast, which were to see her safely through a difficult period of history. It was a period when nations were waking up to think; but thought invariably meant revolution, and by stifling thought, our great schools saved us from civil strife, and helped to make a successful transition from the ancient to the modern. The mode of procedure was simple; each school was an isolated mould, into which a boy could be pressed, cut off from the world, and become

“The flannelled fool at the wicket, the muddied oaf in the goal.”

After several years in this mould, the individual had become one of many ordinary Englishmen, each one having had the principle of thought purged from him. He could be turned out into the world, with the refreshing thought in the minds of his school masters that he would bungle through somehow, do nothing in a crisis, and be willing at any time to die for the glory of his country; at any rate he would not be likely to have opinions of his own, or to charge about in a coloured shirt knocking down policemen.

Paradoxical as it may seem, this system was intensely practical and well adapted to the needs of the time. But it is not practical now, for in the days when it is no longer possible to make our calculations fit the requirements of a small, secluded, rural island, we must think in terms of a large and troublesome world. Hence this type of public school which was once so vital a part of our national existence is now fallen into comparative disfavour. For yesterday it was essential that the individual should be less important than the nation, but to-day it is vital that everyone should think for himself, otherwise we shall automatically become a totalitarian state.

To meet the need for a new race of thinkers, a chain of schools with new ideals has been evolved, and to this group we feel we belong. Life in them is not easy, but it depends largely on the individual for its quality. There are often many distractions to be met, for no longer is the boy sheltered from the the outside world, and his school may be placed next to a similar one for girls, which is somewhat disconcerting!

In this new type of school no attempt is made to mould character into a set type, and its pupils may let life drift past them (as some of them do) and exist in utter futility

“like ancient women, gathering fuel in vacant lots.”

If they are weak (as some of them are) they decide to make no attempt to cope with life, or to fulfil their obligations to the world; they merely throw up their hands in despair, consoling themselves -

“They are not long, the weeping and the laughter,  
Love, and desire, and hate. . . .  
They are not long, the days of wine and roses:  
Out of a misty dream  
Our path emerges for a while, then closes  
Within a dream! ”

But if the school is producing people like this, it is producing at the same time a kind of boy who is mentally alive, and who, while he realises the ugliness of modernity, is not afraid of it. To him we must look for the future. He can save the world, for unlike his prototype of yesterday, the school tie round his neck does not strangle him. And it is in this boy, who is ready to fight against stagnation, and make his own path at school, and ultimately in a refractory world, that we must place our trust.

## Valete

- Arnold, J., 2469. Came September, 1934. Under 15 XV. Life-saving. Transferred to Clay Cross Secondary School.
- Atherton, J., 1899. Came September, 1929. School Certif. and Matric., 1933. Higher School Certif., 1935-6. 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket. Captain of Fives. Dramatic Society. Scott Robinson Prizeman, 1936. Cadet Corps (Lance-Corporal) and Shooting. Nottingham University. .
- Barber, F., 1903. Came September, 1929. School Certif., 1935. 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer and Cricket. Tennis VI. House Rugger, Soccer and Cricket. Chesterfield Tube Co.
- Brumby, R., 2021. Came September, 1930. School Certif. and Matric., 1934. Higher School Certif., 1936. Secretary Classical Society. Arthur Green, Ltd.
- Ball, W., 1902. Came September, 1929. School Certif. and Matric., 1933. Higher School Certif., 1935-6. House Rugger, Soccer and Fives. Student Teacher.
- Biggin, R. G., 2241. Came September, 1932. Transferred to Worksop College.
- Bishop, G., 2586. Came September, 1935. Transferred to Long Eaton County Sec. School.
- Buxton., 2134. Came September, 1931. 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer. House Rugger, Soccer, and Cricket. Robinson and Sons (Printing Dept).
- Clay, J. E., 2139. Came September, 1931. Transferred to Worksop College.
- Comb, G. H., 2256. Came September, 1932. Chesterfield Technical College.
- Davis, E. W., 2146. Came September, 1931.
- Davies, S. G., 1922. Came September, 1929. School Certif., 1934. Higher School Certif., 1936. Cadet Corps. Magazine Prize, 1936. Student Teaching.
- Dixon, H. H., 2033. Came September, 1930. School Certif., 1936. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket. House Cricket.
- Eveleigh, K. A., 2222. Came September, 1931. Cadet Corps. "The Path of Glory," 1936.
- Fenton, E. Came September, 1933. Cadet Corps. First Aid. Kennings Limited.
- Freeman, 2039. Came September, 1930. School Certif., 1934. 1<sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer and Cricket. House Rugger, Soccer, Cricket, Fives. Cadet Corps. Shooting. Student Teaching.
- Gregory, G. F. 1932. Came September, 1929. Captain of Lingard. School Certif., 1935. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer. 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket. Tennis VI. House Rugger, Soccer, and Cricket. Cadet Corps. Westminster Bank.
- Hardy, S. M., 1955. Came September, 1929. School Certif., 1936. Higher School Certif., 1935-6. 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket. House Rugger, Soccer, and Cricket. Secretary of Debating Society, 1935-6. Coxall Prize, 1934. Tuxford Prize, 1935. "Path of Glory." St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.
- Harrison, C. G., 1705. Came September, 1927. School Certif. and Matric., 1932. Higher School Certif., 1934.
- Harvatt, P., 1826. Came September, 1928. School Certif., 1936. Cadet Corps. House Rugger.
- Henton, R. C., 2165. Came September, 1931. School Certif., 1936. 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer. 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger. House Rugger, Soccer, and Cricket. Bolsover Co
- Herring, J. F., 1928. Came September, 1928. School Certif., 1934. Junior XI. Cricket. House Rugger, Soccer, and Cricket. Bursary, 1934. Student Teaching.
- Horton, A., 2512. Came September, 1934.
- Hudson, J F., 1989. Came January, 1930. School Certificate, 1936. Transferred to K.E.S., Sheffield.
- King, R. H. B., 2236. Came September, 1932. Cadet Corps. Tube Works.

Leaning, J. C. G., 2170. Came September, 1931. School Certif., 1935. Musical Society.

Leaton, R. C., 2457. Came October, 1933. School Certif., 1936. Cricket Junior XI.

Marsden, J. M., 2655. Came September, 1935. Transferred to Herbert Strutt School, Belper.

McDowell, C., 2466. Came April, 1934. School Certif., 1936.

Moakes, G., 1948. Came September, 1929. Foljambe Prefect. School Certif., 1933. Higher School Certif., 1936. 1<sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger. 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer and Cricket. House Rugger, Soccer, and Cricket, Cadet Corps and Shooting. Student Teacher.

Morgan, R., 2178. Came September, 1931. School Certificate-, 1935.

Morgan, M. L., 2065. Came September, 1930. School Certif., 1934. House Rugger and Soccer. Cadet Corps. C.Q.M.S. First Aid and Shooting. "Path of Glory."

Naylor, E. V., 1950. Came September, 1929. School Certif., 1936. Staveley Coal and Iron Co.

Newton, C., 2067. Came September, 1930. School Certif., 1934. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer. House Rugger and Soccer. Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co.

Nunn, K. G., 2181. Came September, 1931. School Certif., 1935. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. and House Cricket.

Rudge, C. H., 2078. Came September, 1931. School Certif. and Matric., 1935. House Rugger. "Path of Glory" 1935. Bolsover Coalite Works.

Russell, J. D., 2192. Came September, 1931. School Certif., 1935. Transferred to Barnsley Grammar School.

Redford, D. H., 1957. Came September, 1929. School Certif. and Matric., 1933. Higher School Certif., 1936. Reading for Civil Service.

Shepherd, R. W., 2660. Came September, 1935. Transferred to Alford Grammar School.

Shrimpton, S. H., 2081. Came September, 1930. School Certif. and Matric., 1934. Higher School Certif. (Matlis. Distinction) 1936. 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket. House Rugger, Soccer, and Cricket. Borough Treasury.

Spencer, D., 1969. Came September, 1929. 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket. House Rugger, Soccer and Cricket. Cadet Corps. .

Stephens, G., 1971. Came September, 1929. School Certif. and Matric., 1933. Higher School Certif., 1935. 1<sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger. 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer and Cricket. Fives. House Rugger, Soccer, Cricket, and Fives. Junior Athletic Champion, 1933. Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co.

Thompson, E. R., 1972. Came September, 1929.

Unwin, J., 2524. Came September, 1932. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket. House Rugger, Soccer and Cricket. Clerk.

Taylor, A., 2321. Came September, 1932. School Certif., 1936. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket. House Rugger, Soccer, and Cricket. Cadet Corps. Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co.

Walker, T. V., 2091. Came September, 1931. School Certificate, 1936. 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger. 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer and Cricket. House Rugger, Soccer, and Cricket. Insurance Company Office.

Wicks, P., 2209. Came September, 1931. School Certif., 1935. Secretary Junior Debating Society. Insurance Company Office.

- Winnard, W., 2099. Came September, 1930. School Certif. and Matric., 1934. Higher School Certif., 1936. "Path of Glory." Inland Revenue Office.
- Tate, N., 2086. Came September, 1930. Reading Medicine, Sheffield University.
- Holmes, H. N., 2511. Came September, 1934. Transferred to The Brunts School, Mansfield.
- Bellamy, W. A., 2356. Came September, 1933. Apprentice, Electrician.
- Carter, J. E., 2136. Came September, 1931. Railway Clerk.
- Spiers, W. F., 2520. Came September, 1932.
- Kirk, R. O., 1997. Came April, 1930. Chesterfield Technical College.
- Hay, D., 1765. Came September, 1928.
- Robinson, K. G. B., 2566. Came January, 1935. School Certif., 1936. B.T.H. Co.
- Scrimshaw, T. A., 2539. Came September, 1934. Aslville College, Harrogate.
- Tonks, G. J., 2456. Came September, 1933. Transferred Epsom College, with Foundation Scholarship.
- Taylor, E N., 2322. Came September, 1932. Aircraft Apprentice, R.A.F.
- Young, D. M., 2331. Came September, 1932. Wellingboro' School.
- Smith, R. H., 2084. Came Septeiuiber, .1930. Transferred to Oakharn School.
- Kington, N. D., 1612. Came September, 1928. Architect's Office.
- Glossop, A., 2337. Came January, 1933. Aircraft Apprentice, R.A.F.
- Chapman, J. V. Came September, 1930. School Certif., 1934. Pleasley Co-operative Society.

## **School Notes**

At Speech Day in July, the Chairman of the Governors singled out this magazine for a special word of praise, commending both its appearance and the quality of its literary matter, "It is one of the best school magazines in the country." Naturally we deeply appreciate the Chairman's kindly remarks; even more, however, do we feel that a very high standard has been set. No single individual can keep a magazine going, and no magazine which is written by a very small group of enthusiasts can claim to represent the school as a whole. We appeal, therefore, for contributions from high and low, that the praise we received in July may not be undeserved.

The use of a microphone and amplifying apparatus for part of the Speech Day ceremony was a novelty. It was generally agreed that for the routine portions of the proceedings it was an advantage: the words were clearly heard, and the speaker's voice was relieved of strain. We felt a certain relief, however, that neither John of Gaunt nor Farmer Turvey expired with the aid of this modern refinement.

This term sees two new ventures in the School's "out-of-school" activities. A troop of Scouts has been formed and has been carrying on a variety of Scouting activities under Mr. Spooner's direction, and an Arts and Crafts Society has been formed, to replace the old Hobbies Club. Mr. Brain and Mr. Wood control the activities of this society.

Rehearsals for "The Midshipmaid" have been carried on throughout this term, and by the time these words are read, tickets will be on sale. Last year the School did well, and two excellent audiences gave the players that encouragement which means so much to actors. This year, with the success of last year's performance to act as stimulus, the tickets should sell even more rapidly. This term, too, we have made unusually heavy demands on the Hospital, and it is fitting

that we should support it to the best of our ability. Boys should note that deferring the purchase of tickets to the last moment is an inconvenient habit: it causes unnecessary trouble to those organising the play, and may even result in the would-be-purchaser discovering that there are no tickets left of the variety he requires. So please note the dates (December 15th and 16th) in your diaries, and buy your tickets in good time.

Mention of diaries recalls the admirable School Diary which was on sale at the beginning of the term. This is handsomely stamped with the School arms, and appears to be excellent value. Its year begins in September, and in addition to the usual information given in diaries it has facts and tables likely to be useful to schoolboys. We imagine that the boy who fills in the various tables provided for facts and figures will be able to look back and see his year's activities (or, it may be, absence of activities!) at a glance. The experience might be a chastening one: it would certainly be valuable.

The Staff appear this term to be active in Chesterfield activities in a variety of ways. Mr. Thorne has been elected Chairman of the British Legion, and Mr. Varley is on the Executive Committee; Mr. Webster frequently acts as Chairman of the local branch of the Historical Association; Mr. Lodge is producing a play for the Caledonians; and Mr. Heritage has been playing in the Playgoers' production, in which (to the delight of certain members of the school) he engaged in vigorous combat with another schoolmaster of the town. "Quantum potuit suadere malorum . . . !"

Some of our VIth formers, also, are sharing in activities outside the School. A number of them have joined the Youth Group of the League of Nations Union, which has recently been formed in the town, and two were given small parts in the Chesterfield Operatic Society's production of "Princess Charming."

There have been no changes in the Staff this year, but Mr. Wood and Mr. Hill have embraced the state of matrimony. The air of Chesterfield appears to encourage marriage, and the unmarried Staff grow fewer, year by year. Some fine September we shall assemble to find that even Mr. X and Mr. Y have fallen. ("The task of filling in the gaps," as the Mikado remarked, "I'd rather leave to you.") We take this opportunity of welcoming Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Hill to the "honourable estate."

We have had some interesting correspondence with Mr. W. E. Godfrey, of Chesterfield, who informs us that we can claim at any rate part of the credit for having educated the Rev. Thomas Stanley, who played a commendable part in the Plague of Eyam. "He was ejected from the living," says Mr. Godfrey, "in 1662, but when the Plague came, deliberately remained behind to help the Rev. William Mompesson, who had succeeded him, when he could have got away without the slightest moral opprobrium." The information that Stanley was educated at Staveley and Chesterfield was given by his son to the Rev. W. Bagshaw, author of "De Spiritualibus Peccis" (1702), of which there is a copy in the Sheffield Public Library.

The ever-interesting topic of Homework has received further discussion as the result of some remarks of the Minister of Education when opening the new buildings of the Clay Cross Secondary School. "The Derbyshire Times" sought the opinion of local Headmasters and Headmistresses on the points which Mr. Oliver Stanley raised, but no fresh point of view was revealed. On the Minister's main point, the avoidance of week-end homework, we are now unassailable, since this was abolished as the result of the enquiry made among parents at the beginning of this year.

On Friday afternoon, November 30th, most of the Fifth forms visited the Victoria Cinema. We must thank the Headmaster for this privilege, and hope that the practice will be continued. While some boys showed a deplorable tendency to prefer the film of "Our Gang," we think that most of them appreciated "Rhodes of Africa," the much-discussed picture which we saw on this occasion.

It would be foolish to attempt a criticism here, but we will only say that we were disappointed by Rhodes; there was nothing striking in the portrayal of his character, and we think that Huston felt the strain of bearing the weight of the whole plot on his shoulders; on the other hand we thought Kruger admirable.

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## **Editorial.**

“I remember . . .” said the Sphinx.

What she remembered has unfortunately not been determined with any exactitude. But her remark opens a vast field of imagination in which the speculative may with interest allow their thoughts to wander unrestrained.

If our ancient monuments and buildings could express in words that which must be stored away in the vast sealed reservoirs of their memories, it is reasonable to suppose that we should hear many strange and startling views upon the lives of the characters of history and legend, with which the stones have been contemporary. History would live again before us, though its life would make the task of the historian no easier; for in how many cases has the contemporary verdict been reversed by history, and living genius been unrecognised?

It is easy for the wanderer in these realms of fancy to imagine Cleopatra’s Needle, in her exile in smoky London, mixing her authoritative utterances on the Sun-worship of Heliopolis with indignant, albeit time-softened, remarks upon the irreverent manner in which “those Egyptian children” used to clamber about her august sides in Alexandria; or, stating with more interest than usefulness that though Augustus Caesar liked his eggs soft-boiled, Euclid always ate his as an omelette and without salt.

Or the errant fancy might light upon that abode of secrets, the Tower of London; what would it tell if tactfully questioned about the murder of the Princes? We can imagine a grim description of the struggle in the room at the top of the fourth flight of stairs, and of the hollow ring of pick-axe upon flag stones as the silent party buried under the middle stair the bodies of the Princes murdered by Royal command; we might even learn by whose Royal command; some member of that grim party may have let slip the guarded secret: if so, we may be sure the Tower will have stored it up.

Perhaps the Immortal Bard would be the subject of more than one of these excursions into imagination. The walls of Stratford and of London could tell the enquirer of Shakespeare’s youth, whether he paid his debts cheerfully, and whether he really did steal Sir Thomas Lucy’s deer; they could clear away the fog which surrounds his personality.

We can easily imagine the Chesterfield Parish Church denying with dignity the truth of the legend that the Devil, flying home from an exhausting day’s work at Derby, once perched on its steeple. We feel that, however true the legend may be concerning Derby, it must be incorrect in its reference to Chesterfield. Even His Satanic Majesty, we feel, would never presume to take such a liberty as the legend describes.

Our own School is one of the oldest organisations in Chesterfield, and, comparatively modern though its buildings are, it is possible by careful experiment to trace, on the walls of one of the rooms, four or five superimposed layers of paint. It is of interest to consider the number of generations of boys these layers represent. We can imagine the bottom layer storing among its memories the sight of the future Dr. Bradley searching in vain the shelves of the Library for a Dictionary of merit, and vowing to devote his life to the compilation of one worthy of a place thereon.

Even new buildings are daily laying aside their hidden reminiscences. It is an enthralling thought that when the proposed new habitation for the spirit of the School is realised, its walls will begin at once to hoard up its treasures in the form of unspoken memories of the boys who will pass between them; memories perhaps, of the early years of greater men than the old buildings ever saw.

## **School Notes**

We join with Chesterfield in mourning the loss of Sir Ernest Shentall, vice-chairman of the Governors, who passed away on Christmas Day. He had been a Governor of the School since 1910, and vice-chairman since 1926. We are proud to think that during so many years and despite the claims of his extensive business and public activities, he maintained an active interest in our welfare. It is with the deepest gratitude that we pay this tribute to his memory.



We extend our heartiest congratulations to Ald. W. Hawksley Edmunds, the Chairman of the Governors, on his election to the Vice-Chairmanship of the Derbyshire County Council.

We share in this very fitting recognition of his 36 years' work on the Council and wish him a happy and successful tenure of his new office.

L. E. Clarke has earned the congratulations of the School by obtaining an Open Scholarship in Natural Science at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Three members of Classical and Modern VI. Upper obtained book prizes in an Essay competition organised by the "Société Nationale des Professeurs de Français en Angleterre." The competition was open to all schools, and the three boys, R. Brumby, J. B. Blockley and F. C. Inns, were placed 54th, 42nd, and 49th respectively.

The Upper Vths, who have been reading Kinglake's vivid account of an Eastern plague, must have done so with unusual interest this term, as the School and the Town have been in the grip of that Western plague - the 'flu. In spite of good advice, and such precautionary measures as a School can take, the casualties among the boys rose to about 200 at one time. The Staff, however, displayed a curious immunity, and the School was not closed, so we may claim to have escaped more lightly than some other parts of the country.

"February fill-dyke," has lived up to its name this year, and the Soccer XI. has floundered its way through a series of astonishing mud-baths, which have rendered the finer points of technique a distant and unattainable vision. It is rumoured that members of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV. not skilled in soccer have stood looking on, and have bitterly lamented the sheer waste of such superb and abundant mud on players so obviously unfitted to profit by it.

The Staff Dramatic Society are unable to produce their play at the end of this term, owing to the Girls' High School Hall being required for other purposes. Instead, the play will be given on May 5th, 6th and 7th, when the Hall will be available. This year's choice is "She Passed through Lorraine," by Lionel Hale, a costume play set in the 15th century. The play will be, therefore, a complete change from the suburban machinations of last year, and should provide a very charming and interesting production.

For next term Mr. Smith has arranged a School Excursion to Bristol, including an inspection of Messrs. Fry's famous works. This excursion is very moderate in price, considering the distance which is covered, and the demand for places will probably be heavy. Mr. Owen is planning a camp in Brittany, of which further details are given elsewhere in this magazine.

### **Valete.**

Ball, R. Came 1932. Boy Entrant R.A.F.

Ball, P. Came 1930. Cadet Corps. Dramatic Society "Path of Glory" and "Midshipmaid." Musical Society. Edward Mitchell & Sons, Accountants.

Bennett, C. Came 1930. Musical Society. Simplex Electrical Co., Ltd., Birmingham.

Camp, G. Came 1932. Mansfield Technical College.

Carter, P. Came September, 1928. Captain of School and of Large House. School Certificate and Matric, 1933. Higher School Certificate, 1936. 1<sup>st</sup> XV. Rigger Captain, 1935. Tennis Captain, 1936. House Rigger, Soccer and Fives. Swimming - Bronze Medallion. Cadet Corps - C.S.M. Victor Ludorum, 1936. Chess Captain. Sheffield University.

Chapman, J. V. Came 1930. Captain of Choir, 1935-6. School Certificate, 1935. Pleasley Co-operative Society.

Edson, J. School Certificate and Matric., 1936. L.M.S. Railway Service.

Fox, T. B. Came 1929. Heathcote House Captain, 1936. School Certificate and Matric., 1933. Higher School Certificate, 1935. Tennis VI., 1936. 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger, 1934-6. Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co., Ltd.

Graham, A. . Came 1929. Editorial Staff of "Sheffield Daily Telegraph."

Hughes, R. Came 1932. Royal London Life Insurance.

Lowe, B. D. Came 1932. School Certificate, 1936. Pathological Dept. of Chesterfield Royal Hospital.

Morton, J. I. Came 1930. Laboratory Assistant at Sheepbridge Stokes Co.

Marsden, F. Came 1932.

Sims, S. G. Came 1930. Transferred to Rossall School, Fleetwood.

Storer, L. A. Came 1931. School Certificate and Matric, 1936. House Cricket, 1935-6. Debating Society. Natural Science Society. Chess Club, 1936. French Society. Astronomical Society. Junior Assistant to Chesterfield Regional Planning Surveyor.

Street, F. K. Came 1931. Staveley Coal & Iron Co., Ltd.

Taylor, A. Came 1932. School Certificate, 1936. 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket, 1936. House Rugger, Soccer, Cricket and Fives. Sheepbridge Stokes Co.

Whiting, R. C. Came 1929. Apprentice at Watkins & Smith.

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## Editorial

“Progress, Progress, and still more Progress,” says the world of to-day; that is its aim and its boast. Someone has raised the land speed record by ten miles per hour. An airman has flown higher than ever man has flown before. A greater and faster liner is being designed. Travel becomes easier and distances less formidable every day. The radio, chemistry, engineering, achieve ever greater triumphs. A more powerful gun, a more deadly explosive has been invented . . . . . The world is on the march, swinging forward faster than it has ever done before in history.

But what of those who are being swept forward with the surge of this racing world; of the countless millions who must live, as it were, on the crest of this mighty wave of progress, and struggle to keep themselves clear of its fatal backwash? Can the minds of these countless millions and of their leaders keep pace with the results of progress? Or is the flood mankind has released getting out of their control?

If ever this flood should overwhelm the walls which constrain it to work for the benefit of mankind, how quickly and easily could its components, the greater machines, the vaster science, be used to destroy all trace of its former glorious labours, even to destroy its former masters!!

The walls which contain this tide are thin enough, but their foundations are strong. They are being ever strengthened, and impart their strength to the whole structure. Among these foundations of the containing wall is Education, a force which can assist man to keep pace with the work of his mind, can help him, if rightly aimed and rightly accepted, to keep within its bounds the mighty flood which he himself has set in motion. Of that foundation we form a part.

## School Notes

The Derbyshire Times records that a special committee of the Derbyshire County Council has recommended that a new school be built on the playing fields site at Brampton. We hope that we are not too sanguine in taking this to mean that preliminary negotiations are now over, and that the real business of erecting the buildings will not be long delayed.

The major event of this term is the General Inspection. Exhortation in these pages would be fruitless, since by the time they are in print the whole dreadful process will be over. We hope, however, that the school will acquit itself well.

We are privileged to print in this issue of the “Cestrefeldian” an interesting article on American education, by Mr. J. C. Hogg, an Old Boy of this school, who is on the staff of the Philips Exeter Academy, U.S.A. The average Englishman’s conception of American education is somewhat vague, and we are very grateful to Mr. Hogg for his informative survey. It will, no doubt, dispel many misconceptions.

This term is an important one in the history of the recently founded School Scout Troop. In the first place Mr. G. P. Rawlings, who has joined the Staff this term from Steyning Grammar School, is to act as Scoutmaster. The School and the Troop (to say nothing of the Debating Society I) welcome Mr. Rawlings very heartily. Secondly, the Troop has received two gifts this term. Mr. H. C. Day has presented a patrol tent, and Mr. Howard Smith an inter-patrol championship cup. We are most grateful, not only for the gifts themselves, but for the interest which prompted them; they will be a source of great encouragement. We tender our sincerest thanks to Mr. Day and Mr. Smith.

Comment at home on the death of Mr. Ramsay Macdonald led one small member of the school to remark: “Could daddy be Prime Minister if he worked hard?” The reader is invited to work out the implications of this for himself!

The Army, the Navy, now America and the Slave Trade! Our School Dramatic Society has no lack of courage and we feel sure that the colour and dramatic situations of “Gallows Glorious” will make a wide appeal. Many will learn for the first time the origin of the song “John Brown’s Body lies a’ mouldering in the Grave.” The play will be produced by Mr. and Mrs. E. Howard Smith. An entirely new set of scenery is being built, under the direction of Mr. Slack and Mr. Wood, in collaboration with the Producer. Proceeds as usual will be for local charities. We must add a word of congratulation to the local advertiser who expressed his willingness to advertise on the programme of “Gallows Glorious”! We are afraid that the Secretary’s well-nigh illegible hand (his own admission!) has led to anticipations of Bacchic orgies which the Society cannot promise to fulfil

Mr. I. J. Bunting, has been placed second out of 350 candidates in the examination for Probationary Inspectors in the Engineering Department of the Post Office.

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Beardall, J. A.	S.C., 1937; Staveley Coal and Iron Co., Ltd.
Berrisford, G.	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket, 1937; House Rugger and Soccer.
Blockley, J. B.	Captain of School; Major Schol.; H.S.C., 1935-6; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Soccer; Tennis VI; House Cricket and Fives; C.S.M., Cadet Corps; Scott-Robinson Prizeman; Tuxford Prizeman; Magazine Editor; Emmanuel College, Cambridge.
Boam, F. D. A.	H.S.C., 1936; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger (Capt. 1936); House Soccer, Cricket and Fives; Blackwell Colliery Co., Ltd.
Bown, W. E.	H.S.C., 1937; Debating Soc.; Dramatic Soc.
Bradbury, A.	House Rugger, Soccer and Tennis; Markhani and Co.
Brelsford, J. U.	School Prefect; S.C., 1935; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket; Tennis VI.; House Fives; Student Teaching.
Broomhead, R. F.	S.C., 1936; Accountancy.
Bunting, I. J.	H.S.C., 1936-7; Inter. B.Se., London Univ.; Studentship Notts. Univ. Coll.; 2 <sup>nd</sup> place in open competitive exam, Probationary Inspectors, Engineering Dept, G.P.O.
Bunton, J.	School Prefect, 1936 and 1937; Major Schol.; H.S.C., 1936-7; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger, 1936; Cambridge Univ.
Clarke, L. E.	Open Nat. Sci. Schol., Emmanuel College, Cambridge, State Schol, Major Schol. H.S.C., 1936; Sec. Deb. Soc.
Coates, P. F.	S.C., 1935; House Rugger and Soccer; Sec. Chess Soc., 1937.
Cooper, A.	House Rugger and Cricket; Cadet Corps; Davies Wagon Works, Shirebrook.
Cooper, C.	House Rugger and Cricket; Bryan Donkins, Ltd.
Cutts, R.	House Captain; H.S.C., 1937; Captain Swimming, 1937; House Rugger and Fives; Dramatic Soc.; Medical Faculty, Edinburgh Univ.
Cutts, R. V.	Matric., 1937; Staveley Coal and Iron Co., Ltd.
Glassbrook,	Kennings.
Glover, A. E.	S.C., 1937; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer; House Rugger and Cricket; Chesterfield Tube Works, Ltd.
Greaves, J. W.	Matric., 1936; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger; House Soccer and Cricket; Medical Faculty, Sheffield Univ.
Green, A. M.	House Captain; S.C., 1934; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger {Capt., 1937}; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket; Tennis VI.; House Fives; Sergt. Cadet Corps; Boxing; Borough Surveyor's Office.
Gregory, R.	S.C., 1937; Staveley Coal and Iron Co., Ltd.
Hall, W. E. D.	Matric., 1936; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger (Colours, 1937); Boxing; Staveley Coal and Iron Co., Ltd.
Hancock, G. W.	To Ackworth School.
Harrison, A.	S.C., 1936; House Soccer; Staveley Coal and Iron Co., Ltd.
Holden, G. P.	Swimming; Dram. Soc.; Ches. Tech. Coll.
Hood, W. B.	T. Greaves, Ltd., Chesterfield.

Inns, F. C. School Prefect; H.S.C., 1935-6; Scott-Robinson Prizeman; 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer; Tennis VI.; House Cricket and Fives; Dramatic Soc.; French Soc. (Sec. 1935-6) ; Cambridge Univ.

Jaggcr, H. S.C., 1937; Tomlinson's, Building Contractors.

Jervis, J. A. To Staveley Grammar School.

Kirk, J. G. Matric., 1937; Bolsover Colliery Co., Ltd.

Kirkland, E. G. Matric., 1936; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer and Cricket; House Rugger; Chesterfield Tube Co., Ltd.

Levers, J. G. House Rugger, Soccer and Cricket; Messrs. A. Green, Ironfounders.

Linfoot, J. D. H. House Captain; H.S.C., 1936; 1<sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger; 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer (Capt. 1937]; 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket (Capt. 1937); Tennis VI.: House Fives; Sergt. Cadet Corps; Dram. Soc.; Sheffield Univ.

Longden, H. S.C., 1937; 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket; House Soccer; Cadet Corps; "Koppers," of Sheffield.

Longden, H. L. Scouts.

Lowry, N. H. Cadet Corps; Chesterfield Tube Co., Ltd.

Oldfield, G. S. S.C., 1937; House Rugger, Soccer and Tennis; Dramatic Society; Apprentice Percival Aircraft Co., Ltd., Luton.

Osborne, A. S. Matric., 1936 ; Midland Agricultural College, Sutton Bonnington.

Osborne, J. To St. Peter's School, York.

Parker, M. S.C., 1934; 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger; House Soccer; Dram. Soc.; Choral Soc. (Leader 1935 and 1936); Sheepbridge Stokes Co., Ltd.

Penistonc, T. S.C., 1936; Staveley Coal and Iron Co., Ltd.

Peters, H. S. S.C., 1935; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer; 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket; House Rugger and Tennis; Cheltenham College.

Pharaoh, M. G. S.C., 1937; 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer; House Cricket; L-Cpl. Cadet Corps; Westminster Bank Ltd., Ripley.

Ridler, R. N. Matric., 1937; Cadet Corps; Swimming, Bronze Medallion, R.L.S.S.; Sheffield Univ.

Russum, J. M. School Prefect; H.S.C., 1936; 1<sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger; Tennis VI. (Capt. 1937); House Soccer and Cricket; Sergt, Cadet Corps; Articled to Town Clerk, Chesterfield.

Sears, R. T. To Epsom College.

Scott, C. W. House Soccer and Cricket.

Speight, R. S.C., 1937; 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger; House Soccer, Tennis and Fives; Cadet Corps; Cox and Danks, Ltd., Sheffield.

Stanton, T. House Rugger; Cadet Corps; Messrs. J. Sainsbury, Ltd, London.

Wallis, G. School Prefect; Major Schol.; H.S.C. 1935-6; 1<sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger; 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer; House Fives; C.Q.M.S. Cadet Corps; Cambridge Univ.

Wharf, P. K. H.S.C., 1937; House Rugger; Dramatic Soc.; Magazine Sub-Editor; Civil Service.

Wisbey, D. C. Staveley Coal and Iron Co.. Ltd.

Woodhouse, E. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket and Soccer; House Rugger; Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co., Ltd.

Woodger, J. R. S.C., 1937; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer and Cricket; Boxing; Chesterfield Tube Co., Ltd.

Ycomans, R. P. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket; House Soccer; Farming.

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## Editorial

A question that has frequently been raised in these pages is "Why should the Cestrefeldian be graced by the presence of an Editorial?" There have been a few who would prefer to place the negative prefix to the verb "graced," but the answer to the much-debated question may be included in the one word "Convention."

This thing "Convention" is the cause of the air of "matter-of-factness" which is creeping into the lives of millions, and countless examples of its effect may be taken from everyday life in the home and in our own school. In our own opinion, convention is even more soul-destroying than the immortalised aspidistra. Why should the average citizen of to-day allow his views to be swayed by the opinion of the masses against his own better judgment? A man who lacks the courage of his convictions is a man who has fallen into that deep rut of convention from which extrication is so difficult.

At this point we would quote Latin, were it not for the fact that our Classical Education lies asleep where we laid it in the year of our School Certificate Examination. An illustration of the injurious effect of convention at school may serve a useful purpose. When we inquired of a member of the School as to why he had not contributed towards the Magazine, we received the answer that none of his friends had done so, and he had followed their example. This attitude is altogether too prevalent in the School, and a show of originality and individualism by all suffering from the disease of convention would be greatly appreciated.

In conclusion, we would like to point out that individualism consists of acting as oneself with all one's natural idiosyncrasies. The wearing of garments that cry aloud in a discordant clash of colour is not original but criminal. The escape from convention must be tempered with common-sense, and originality must never be confused with exhibitionism, plagiarism or perversity.

## School Notes

This term was started under the shadow of the crisis, and during that terrible week it was difficult to keep our thoughts on our work and not on gas-masks, trenches, high-explosive bombs, and all the grim apparatus of modern war. In spite of the general strain, however, the community kept its nerve admirably; this calmness could have been no more apparent than in Chesterfield, and in our own School in particular. Mingled with the unusual relief, there must have arisen a feeling of pride and thankfulness that we are citizens of a great democratic and free Empire.

Last term we bade regretful farewell to Mr. Brown, Mr. Green and Mr. Heritage. We wish them good luck and prosperity. At the same time we extend a welcome to Mr. Cooke, Mr. Bibby and Mr. Carnell, the last of whom is here only for a term. We also welcome Mr. Littlewood, an old Cestrefeldian, who has come for a year in the place of Mr. Mulrenan, who has been given a year's leave of absence to attend the Carnegie Physical Training College, at Leeds.

We are pleased to hear, as we go to press, that the Chairman of the Governors, Alderman W. Hawksley Edrunds, is making such an excellent recovery from his recent indisposition. We send him our congratulations and best wishes.

We must also congratulate Councillor S. T. Rodgers, the new Mayor of Chesterfield. He is an Old Cestrefeldian and a Governor of the School, and we feel emphatically that our municipal leadership is in good hands this year. Both he and the Mayoress carry with them our very best wishes.

Other O.C.'s prominent in municipal affairs are Mr. H. P. Short, one of our Governors, and Mr. T. E. Haslam, Secretary of the Sheepbridge Coal & Iron Co., Ltd., who have recently been elected to the Aldermanic bench. We are confident that they will both carry this new honour with dignity and distinction.

Mr. H. C. Day has set an excellent example to the younger generation of O.C.'s, by securing election to the Borough Council at the first attempt and with a record poll. We wish him many years of happy and successful public service.

T. F. S. Cooper has been awarded the Brewers' Society Scholarship of £100 per annum, at Birmingham University.

Mr. Warmington who has succeeded Mr. Heritage as school librarian, has already been stimulating us to increased activity. He assumed command at an important stage in the library's resuscitation; Mr. Heritage had dealt with the pressing problems, restored order and – most important - put the library into effective use. It is now rapidly expanding both in size and utility so that a more rigorous system of classification and cataloguing is required as also is a new and more spacious library.

The formation of the new section on International Affairs has been greeted with very great interest, and we are keenly anticipating the time when the books, which have now arrived, will be put into circulation. Mr. Warmington has also been acting as Editor of the Magazine this term pending the arrival of our new Senior English master, Mr. J. A. Stripe, M.A., Oxon., who comes to us from Lewes County School, Sussex. Mr. Stripe will assume the editorship next term. .

### Valete

Adcock, R. B.,	S.C., 1938; Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co.
Allison, A. L.	H.S.C., 1936-8; Nottingham U.C. Studentship.
Ashley, J.,	S.C., 1936 ; Student Teaching.
Baker, J. H.	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer; House Rugger; Chesterfield Tech. College.
Baker, N.	H.S.C., 1937-8; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger. Corporal, Cadet Corps; Nottingham U.C. Studentship.
Baker, R. L.	S.C., 1938; House Rugger; Observation Dept, English Steel Corporation.
Ball, R.	Handicrafts Examinations; C.Q.M.S., Cadet Corps; Secretary, First Aid Club; Dramatic Soc.; House Shooting; Chesterfield Tech. College.
Barber, P. N.	S.C., 1938; House Soccer and Cricket.
Bennett, W. E.	House Captain; H.S.C., 1937-38; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger Colours; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket; House Fives and Tennis; Dramatic Soc.; Swimming; Nottingham U.C.; Leaving Exhibition.
Benneworth, P. C.	House Captain; H.S.C., 1937-8; Nottingham U.C. Studentship; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger Colours (vice-captain, 1937) House Soccer and Fives; Boxing; Swimming; Dramatic Soc.; Debating Soc. (Committee); University College, Southampton; Leaving Exhibition.
Bishop, C. H. C.	Patent Shot Firing Co., Whittington Moor.
Blackshaw, H.	School Prefect; H.S.C., 1936-1938 ; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer Colours; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket Colours; House Tennis and Fives; Secretary, School Chess Club; Sheffield Univ. (Medical Scholarship).
Blatherwick, W. A.	S.C., 1937; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger Colours; House Fives and Soccer; School Swimming Team; Pharmacy.
Boal, V. W.	House Prefect; H.S.C., 1938; School Tennis VI; House Rugger, Fives, Soccer; L.-Cpl., Cadet Corps; Dramatic Soc.; Accountancy.
Botham, P. A.	School Prefect; H.S.C., 1938; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer (Captain, 1938); 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket; School Fives Team; School Tennis VI; Dramatic Soc.; Leeds City Training Coll.
Booth, D. H.	
Broomhead, R. H.	House Tennis; Dramatic Soc.; Scouts; Stationery business.
Brown, F.	Staveley Coal and Iron Co.

Burden, R. L.

Cooper, F. B. S.C., 1938.

Cooper, T. F. S. School Prefect; H.S.C., 1937-8; Nottingham U.C. Studentship and Brewers' Scholarship, Birmingham Univ.; House Rugger; Dramatic Soc.; Secretary, Astronomical Society; Birmingham Univ. Leaving Exhibition.

Crosby, G. R. S.C., 1938; 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger; House Soccer, Cricket, Shooting; C.S.M., Cadet Corps; Sheffield Univ.

Dcrbyshire, H. S.C., 1936; 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger; House Soccer; Cadet Corps; Clieltenham Training Coll.

Drabble, J. D. House Cricket; Building business.

Dungworth, J. B. Dramatic Soc.; Cadet Corps; transferred to Nottingham High Pavement S.S.

Duthie, I. M. Transferred to Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh.

Earp, D. Insurance .

Ellis, F. S.C., 1937; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer; Cadet Corps; Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co.

Ervine, E. S.C., 1937; 1<sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger Colours; 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket; School Tennis VI.; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer; Swimming; House Fives; City of Leeds Training Coll.

Faulconbridge, L. S.C., 1937; Davies and Son, Shirebrook.

Foster, G. H. H.S.C., 1938; House Rugger, Soccer, Fives; Public Assistance Offices, Chesterfield.

Fox, G. E.

Gibbons, W. F. School Prefect; Major Scholarship, 1938; H.S.C., 1937-8; Foundation Scholarship Nott. Univ. C.; House Rugger; Secretary, Natural Science Soc.; School Librarian; Dramatic Soc.; Swimming; Oxford University.

Gillam, D. J. House Captain; H.S.C., 1937-8; 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger; House Cricket, Fives, Tennis; Secretary, Debating Soc.; Manchester Univ. Entrance Scholarship, 1938; Major Scholarship.

Ginever, J. H. S.C., 1938; House Rugger; Reading for Durham. University.

Goodrum, S.

Green, A. L. S.C., 1938; Bryan Donkin's.

Gunn, E. S.C., 1933.

Hanson, F. D. Farming.

Harvey, W. L. House Cricket.

Hattersley, F. 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket Colours; School Tennis VI.; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer Colours: House Fives; Building business.

Heathcote, J. A. S.C., 1938; 1<sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger; House Shooting; Dramatic Soc.; Staveley Coal and Iron Co.

Hill, D. R. Transferred to Kingswood School, Bath.

Hill, J.	Farming.
Hill, S. A.	S.C., 1938.
Hoare, T. L. G.	Transferred to Poole Grammar School, Dorset.
Holmes, R. F.	
Hunt, W. E.	S.C., 1938; House Tennis; Cole Bros., Sheffield.
Lee, W.	S.C., 1938.
Lornas, G.	S.C., 1937; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer Colours; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket; Building business.
Longden, C.	Captain of School; S.C., 1935; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket, Captain; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer, Vice-Captain; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger; Dramatic Soc.; Accountancy.
Longden, G. A.	S.C., 1938; House Rugger and Cricket; Swimming; Cadet Corps.
Lowe, H. W.	Farming.
Marshall, D.	H.S.C., 1937-8; House Rugger, Cricket, Soccer.
Marshall, J. A.	H.S.C., 1937; House Cricket; Civil Service.
Mills, W.	S.C., 1937-8; Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co.
Nicholson, G.	
Noble, D. W.	S.C., 1937; L.T.C. Distillation, Ltd.
Oates, T. W.	Transferred to Bedford School.
O'Donovan, J. F.	S.C., 1936-7; transferred to Roan School, London.
O'Donovan, P.	Transferred to Roan School, London.
Pidcock, J. W.	School Prefect; H.S.C., 1937-8; Exhibition, Nottingham U.C.; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger Colours (Secretary); House Soccer; Boxing; Nottingham U.C.; Major Scholarship.
Price, E.	S.C., 1938; Staveley Coal and Iron Co.
Redfern, P.	S.C., 1937; House Rugger, Shooting, Cricket; Cadet Corps; Engineering.
Reed, P.	S.C., 1937; Sheffield Univ.
Rodgers, P. E.	
Sims, H. P.	Transferred to Rossall School.
Slawson, G. St. J.	Cadet Corps; Public Works Contractors.
Smith, J. E.	S.C., 1938; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket; House Soccer and Rugger; Chesterfield Corporation Elec. Works.
Stafford, J. P. M.	House Rugger, Soccer, Shooting; Cadet Corps; Commercial Training.
Stanhope, E.	Scouts; Sheepbridge Stokes (Drawing Office).
Taylor, R.	1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV. Rugger; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket; Shirebrook Post Office.

Thorpe, K. S.C., 1938; House Rugger; Swimming.

Tomlinson, A. B. Bryan Donkin's.

Webber, N. Transferred.

Wholey, M. W. S.C., 1938; School Shooting Team; House Rugger and Cricket; Dramatic Soc.; Chesterfield Tech. College.

Wilkinson, J. R. School Prefect; S.C., 1937; Staveley Coal and Iron Co.

Woods, R. S. H.S.C., 1937-8; Nottingham U.C. Studentship; Secretary, French Soc.; Leader of Choir; School Librarian; Nottingham U.C.

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## **Editorial**

It was in Geneva, grimly enough, that we saw the news. The morning had been spent in saying farewell to the Spanish pictures from the Prado, then a last bathe in the lake and finally a late lunch while the afternoon seemed to stand still as the talk across the table went. When we came out of the restaurant, our eyes were at first dazzled by the glitter of the lake, but not sufficiently to blind us to a poster which informed us of the Russo-German pact of non-aggression. Such was our farewell to Geneva, home of the League of Nations.

So it came,—the nightmare, which has haunted us throughout the last years, became in the brilliance and smooth perfection of a September day the horrible reality of war. It was difficult to come back to School and the difficulty increased as we realised that it would be weeks before the normal routine of the term could envelope us in its re-assuring and comforting normality- or apparent normality. At last, however, all the boys were back and the school regained its usual appearance and sound, lesson succeeding lesson with rush of feet away at the end of each day.

It was at such a time that we had to meet our new Headmaster, Mr. J. L. Smeall, and we can now say, having worked under him during these weeks, how gladly we welcome him. He could not have had more difficult and trying conditions in which to take over the direction of a large school – and at the end of his first term we can only thank him for the lead and impetus he has given throughout this period. We know that the School is in good hands and that whatever problems arise to perplex it will be solved so that its progress and the welfare of its members will continue.

### **Mr. C. E. Kemp, M.A. (Oxon).**

HEADMASTER CHESTERFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

September, 1934 - July, 1939

An Appreciation.

It would be revealing no secret to say that, when in the Spring of 1934 the Governors of Chesterfield Grammar School were called upon to choose a new Headmaster, they felt a very serious responsibility, and were very anxious to make a right choice. The difficulty arose not only from the particular circumstances which had caused the vacancy, but from the realisation that the historic school for which they were responsible had reached a phase of new problems and new difficulties. Finally the choice was made, and for five years the Governors watched their school progress until it became one of the most successful in the County. One feels that there was both gratitude and appreciation in the remarks made on Speech Day by the Chairman of the Governors (Alderman W. Hawksley Edmunds) when he declared:

“ Mr. Kemp came to us at a time of very great difficulty. With great tact and skill he dealt with a situation which was cause for great anxiety. He has steered the ship through troublous waters in a manner which has won our highest admiration. He leaves the school in a very strong position - in the forefront of the Grammar Schools of the country. On the foundation laid by Mr. Kemp, the new headmaster can confidently build and we as governors can with pride hand over the school to the new governing body who will shortly succeed us.”

The problems of the school were partly incidental to itself alone, partly aspects of similar problems facing the Old Grammar Schools in a new age.

First, it was necessary to meet the growing demand for such modifications of the curriculum as would, without sacrificing the ideals of English education, bring it into greater relation to the needs of modern life. The new Headmaster tackled the problem in a spirit of careful innovation or wise conservatism. Science was made less academic by the introduction of the School Certificate Course in General Science. Biology was introduced on a larger scale into the Science Sixth time table. German became an alternative to Latin; the scope of the Handicraft Department was widened and courses in Civics and Contemporary Affairs introduced.

Not unconnected with this, was the re-organisation and re-orientation of the curriculum in what is usually called, for want of a better term, the commercial sixth. The old literary and science sides of sixth form work linked themselves to many of the higher professions, and to a University career. The problem was to do the same for a commercial side.

A solution was found by directing the course to conform with the requirements of the Bachelor of Commerce Degree of London University. By so doing the Headmaster provided a Commercial training for the boy who only wished to remain at school for one year after passing the School Certificate Examination. At the same time the more ambitious could pass to a Higher School Certificate course in subjects related to the syllabuses of a London University Degree in Commerce. The School is now watching with great interest certain boys who are embarked on this career.

By 1934 too, the experiment of a four-year course for the School Certificate Examination upon which many schools had decided in pursuit of larger sixth forms, was discredited in educational circles. It had resulted, in many schools, in the "cramming" of the precocious, the neglect of the less brilliant, and a general immaturity in sixth form pupils. It was no little task in a school of 600 boys to make all the necessary changes in timetables and staff in preparation for a five-year school certificate course. But the task was initiated and today a greater proportion of the School is taking five years to a more careful preparation for the School Certificate Examination.

Hence came another problem.

A five-year course meant a smaller sixth form and this was the policy of Mr. Kemp. But here came a chance for a new liberalism in sixth form methods. The teacher became less of an instructor and more of a guide and counsellor.

The library took upon itself new life, and the pupil learned to instruct himself. It was in the Sixth form that the greatest advance was perhaps made.

All these problems were intensified by one dominant factor - the inadequacy and unsuitability of our ancient buildings for modern educational ideas and experiments.

Statistics can of course give very little real light upon the spiritual and intellectual advance of a school, but they do show the advance made judged by the hard test or public examination.

Major Scholarships Gained.		Bovs proceeding to Universities or University Colleges.
1935	0	1
1936	1	4
1937	4	11
1938	5	12
1939	5	12

#### HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE SUCCESSES

1934	19 out of 40 entered
1935	24 out of 36 entered
1936	24 out of 34 entered
1937	24 out of 34 entered
1938	25 out of 29 entered
1939	23 out of 32 entered

#### DISTINCTIONS

1935	1
1936	6
1937	8
1938	7
1939	12

These results in the Sixth Forms may be taken as some indication of the advance in standards of work in the lower forms of the school.

Such successful administration is not, of course, accidental. Mr. Kemp, would we feel sure be the first to say how much owed to an excellent staff, but perhaps the main principles of his administration should be recorded.

First he saw the school as a whole. To his mathematical mind the various problems were variables, variables which must be brought into proper relation until the problem was solved. There was no undue stress of subjects, no undue disturbance of the balanced forces of education.

Careful delegation of duties was the essence of Mr. Kemp's system. In particular the responsibility of heads of departments for the development of their subjects was carefully defined.

Lastly, a good idea from staff, parent, or educational paper was always welcome, and after due consideration, cautiously applied or sternly rejected.

The task of the educationalist is often an ungrateful one. No young animal likes to be tamed. But we feel that in years to one generation of O.C.'s will recognise that it was fortunate to have been at the Old School when the Headmaster was Mr. C. E. Kemp.

## **School Notes**

A special meeting of the Common Room was held at the end of the Summer Term to enable the Staff to make its official farewell to Mr. Kemp. Mr. E. Howard Smith presented the Headmaster with an electric clock on behalf of his colleagues, and Mr. Kemp thanked them most heartily for this presentation in particular and more generally for all their help in the last five years. On Speech Day the Head of the School had already presented the Headmaster with a silver salver, while the Old Boys propose to make their farewells at the Dinner to be held in February.

When the term began, we welcomed Mr. Arnott, who has succeeded Mr. Rawlings, and has already proved himself a tower of strength, whether digging trenches, leading the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV forwards against the 1<sup>st</sup> XV, or organising the Scouts in performing much more than their one good deed a day. But the term had not advanced very far, when Mr. Owen left us to become 2nd/lieutenant in the R.A.O.C. and a little later Mr. Littlewood departed with the rank of lance Bombardier, acting as Army P.T. instructor, so that Mr. P. F. Mattingley, B.Sc. (London), and Mr. R. Dutton, B.A. (Durham) have joined the staff temporarily and we hope will find their stay with us very happy. Mr. Cooley has taken over command of the Corps during Mr. Owen's absence.

We are very delighted to have Mr. Wood back with us again after his very trying illness during the Summer, and hope that he will keep on the top of his old form throughout this difficult Winter.

### **INSTALLATION OF THE HEAD OF THE SCHOOL, SPEECH DAY, JULY, 1939.**

An innovation on Speech Day was the public installation of the new head of the School (1939-40) by the Headmaster. On notification from the Headmaster the retiring head of the School (R. Brewin, Foljambe House), invested J. P. Wilson, Heathcote House with the insignia of his office. After a handshake from Brewin, Wilson passed to shake hands with the Chairman of the Governors and with the Headmaster amidst the applause of the audience. It is hoped that the ceremony will become traditional, a tribute not only to the boy selected, but also to the high ideals which the School considers must be realised by anyone so honoured.

Hurst House having to be evacuated, the Geography Sixths and the Junior School were brought into the main building, which led to a certain amount of General Post. The History Sixths find themselves squeezed into the Libraries, the Geography Sixths enjoy the dubious pleasures of the Dining Hall, the Remove looks strangely forlorn in the Lecture room, and the Juniors have taken possession of the Prefect's Room and the Scout Hut. It is a relief that we must no longer cope with the perils of the Sheffield Road at odd intervals throughout the day, but that is the only advantage which the new arrangement possesses and we commiserate especially with the Misses Kyle and their charges.

The new branch of the Library is now in full swing and we hope is shedding "sweetness and light" during the blackout. Some two hundred new books, chiefly fiction, have been added to the old stock, and certain voracious readers seem to change their books daily. Some boys have already given interesting books to the Library, and it would be excellent if this generosity could become more general, but the stress is on interesting. The industry of the Lower History Sixth in cataloguing and issuing the books deserves the thanks of the School.

The attention of parents is directed to an attempt to relieve the black-out situation. A list of suggestions for listening-in is posted weekly in Senior form rooms. These cover a wide range-music, plays, "features," talks on art, science, politics, literature, general affairs, etc., from both home and foreign stations; entertainment of the lighter type is deliberately omitted. The intention is to suggest material that is interesting and at the same time capable of helping towards forming educated and alert minds. It is hoped that boys who find the hints of interest will occasionally write an appreciation or criticism of some item and hand it to Mr. Lodge.

The School now possesses an herborium. It consists mainly of a large number of well-preserved specimens found in an extremely dusty condition at the bottom of a drawer that had apparently not been opened for years. Most of the specimens date from 1859. They have been re-classified and form a good nucleus for an herborium.

Judging from the number of boys we see going to L.Vc. room at break on Mondays, we feel that the Postcard Collection has already established itself in the life of the School; and we are glad that boys are availing themselves of the facilities for borrowing sets of pictures as they would library books. There is already a wide selection of subjects, covering history biology and art. The sections on early transport and the development of aviation are in constant demand, and the art section is being considerably enlarged to meet a growing demand.

The increasing interest in the latter may be attributed in some degree to the pictures the VI. forms are enjoying. The School has recently acquired the second Moscow folio of modern art which will be put into circulation next term, by which time we hope to have overcome some of the difficulties of limited wall-space in the new home of U.M. VI. H.

Many of the School societies and clubs have been unable to meet regularly during this chequered, light-extinguished term, but we trust that the next issue of the magazine will show them in full swing again. The Senior Debating Society has been cleft in twain; the Sixth forms meeting every Friday and the Fifth forms every other Tuesday. The numbers may be limited but there is little doubt of the enthusiasm of almost 100 per cent. Speaking societies, the French Society is also in a flourishing condition, which is especially appropriate at a time when the Entente Cordiale is so important to the welfare of both countries.

A new phenomenon in Sixth Forms. Recently a member of the staff paused as he heard a usually decorous sixth former whistling in school. A nascent frown turned to approval as he realised that the law breaker was whistling with evident enjoyment a movement from Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony." One wonders whether the sixth-former realised he was the victim of propaganda, sane and useful propaganda. Education for leisure may become more important than education for work, as the work passes to the machine, so the music before prayers, the ever-changing pictures on the walls and the weekly selection of radio items deserve the close attention of the Senior School.

The following works have been played at Morning Assembly during the term and have been enjoyed by many of the boys:-

- Italian Symphony - Mendelssohn.
- Surprise Symphony - Haydn.
- Unfinished Symphony - Schubert.
- 1st and 14th Hungarian Rhapsodies - Liszt.
- 5th and 6th Hungarian Dance - Brahms.
- Nutcracker Suite - Tchaikovsky.

We hope that this is the beginning of a real love of music in the School.

A special welcome we feel is due to the new boys who have had such a belated and unusual introduction to the School. Now that they have at last been able to start on a normal timetable we hope they will find their years with us very profitable and happy.

23 Higher School Certificates, with 11 distinctions in the ordinary papers, and three distinctions in Scholarship papers, and 61 School Certificates, were gained this July. 12 boys have gone up to universities, and of these R. K. Bowman, F. Hargreaves, R. L. Carter and V. Atkin, were awarded County Major Scholarships, while G. B. Greenough who is still at school gained a fifth; thus equalling the record of last year.

The Wolseley Essay Prizes were awarded to

F. V. Renshaw:

“What I liked most at the Wolseley Works.”

E. W. Taylor:

“Why I would choose a Wolseley Car.”

### **Open Scholarship at Cambridge**

The School congratulates G. B. Greenough on winning an Open Scholarship of £60 a year at Queens' College, Cambridge, in the December examinations. The Headmaster has awarded us a half-holiday this term to celebrate his success.

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## **Editorial**

We feel there is no need to apologise for the disappearance of the Editorial. Having urged brevity on all our contributors we cannot use a valuable sheet of paper to air our views on nothing ---, and so until we have some important news to communicate, the Magazine will appear without the customary ponderous platitudes.

## **School Notes**

On April 1st, 1940, Chesterfield Grammar School came under the control of the Derbyshire County Council.

By this change of government the school gains a great deal, and, in practice, loses nothing. War conditions have dealt a crushing blow at many independent schools, and this school is particularly fortunate at such a critical time in the knowledge that it is financially sound and that its future is guaranteed.

As one condition of the change, we are to have the elusive "New Buildings." The war alone has caused their postponement.

By the new Scheme, the school retains its Endowment and has its own Governing Board. We shall find that the school will lose none of its independent character. It can go forward with its traditions unbroken, strengthened by the knowledge that it is financially unassailable.

One effect of the change is that a new Governing Board is to be constituted and that the old Governing Board which has governed the school for years with much wisdom, devotion and understanding, retired on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1940.

We are indebted to the Editor of "The Derbyshire Times" for permission to reprint the following article -

"A chapter in the long history of Chesterfield Grammar School was closed on Monday, when the old Board of Governors held their last meeting. In future the School will be under the jurisdiction of the Derbyshire County Council.

To mark this occasion, the Chairman of the Governors (Ald. W. Hawksley Edmunds, J. P.) entertained the other members of the Board at a lunch at the Station Hotel, Chesterfield. The gathering consisted of Mr. C. J. Howson, J.P., Mr. G. J. Edmunds, J.P., the Mayor of Chesterfield (Coun. J. W. Thompson), Mr. E. A. Barker, Ald. G. Clark, J.P., Mr. S. C. Greaves, Ald. J. Spencer, J.P., Ald. H. Cropper, J.P., Coun. S. T. Rodgers, Ald. A. W. Swale, Mr. W. E. Wakerley, Mr. Fullwood, Mr. R. G. Hill, the Archdeacon of Chesterfield (Ven. T. Dilworth-Harrison), Mr. W. G. Briggs (County Director of Education), Mr. J. L. Smeall (Headmaster of the School), Mr. E. Howard Smith (Second Master), Mr. S. Martin (Clerk to the Governors), and Mr. R. L. Marsden (auditor to the School).

The only Governors absent were Mr. W. H. Fern and Ald. H. P. Short. The latter wrote to say that he was recovering from his illness and had been up for a short time the previous day, but was forbidden by his doctor to attend.

### **A RIGHT DECISION.**

The Chairman said that as the Governors were a moribund body and that was their last meeting before they handed over the school to the County Council, he had thought it would be fitting if for a short time before the meeting they met round the luncheon table. He knew the Governors had been criticised a great deal for the course they had taken in deciding to hand over the School to the County Council, but he was sure anyone who was as fully acquainted with the facts as he was would feel with him quite impenitent about this decision.

He was convinced the course the Governors had adopted was in the interests of the School in every respect. With all public schools, they were faced with many difficulties. They had to-day to provide an increased educational standard, and more comfort was required for the scholars than in the old days. The condition of the school buildings, the fact that they had no large assembly room, the situation of the School near a main road - the noise from which interfered with teaching and made it impossible to open windows during times of instruction even on the hottest days - when all these things were considered there was only one course to adopt and that was to rebuild the school.



The buildings were quite beyond any further alteration, and it was impossible to rebuild on the present site. Another factor was that the Governors could not possibly find the money for building a School to accommodate 500 boys with all the necessary amenities, without very seriously depleting their funds and injuring the endowment for a good many years. All things considered, the Governors decided it was advisable to accept the offer made by the County Council, and he still believed they had adopted the right course.

#### NEW SCHOOL.

“The agreements we have made, in my opinion, are entirely to the advantage of the old School,” went on Ald. Edmunds. “We have secured our endowments, which will be preserved for the future use of the School, and when the war is over I am hopeful the new governing body will be able to get on with the work of building a new school worthy of the town and worthy of the old traditions.”

The Chairman welcomed the Headmaster (Mr. J. L. Smeall), the Second Master (Mr. E. Howard Smith), Mr. S. Martin (Clerk to the Governors) and Mr. R. L. Marsden, who dealt with the accounts of the School. They had not known Mr. Smeall long, but they thought very highly of what he had done since he became headmaster. Mr. Smith was a great asset to the School, on whom they had relied greatly in the past, and he took that opportunity of thanking him for all he had done for the School. He commended these gentlemen especially to the new controlling body and to the Director of Education, Mr. Briggs, whom he was also pleased to welcome. In conclusion, he expressed the hope that the new Governors would carry on the tradition of the School in the way the old Governors had endeavoured to carry them on in the past.

Thanking Ald. Edmunds for his hospitality, Mr. C. J. Howson said he had just been reminded by a colleague that years ago he was not in favour of the School going under the control of the County Council. He retracted that now. (Laughter). They had come to the end of another chapter in the history of the School, and they all considered it a very happy gesture that the occasion should be marked in that way.

He knew they would wish to have recorded on the minutes of the Board an expression of their sincere regard for the Chairman, and their deep appreciation of his work in guiding the deliberations of the Governors. He congratulated him particularly on the way in which he had presided at the School prize-giving each year. There were many traps on occasions like that but he had always avoided them.

Ald. Edmunds; went on the speaker, had always been closely in touch with the School during the terms, and the Headmaster knew that he was always willing to hear his troubles and give him the benefit of his advice and, perhaps criticisms. Mr. Howson moved a formal resolution that the Governors place on record their sincere regard for their Chairman, and their deep appreciation of the able way in which he had guided the affairs of the Board. At the same time he wished Ald. Edmunds good health so that he could continue his services to the School under the new constitution.

Seconding the motion, Ald. G. Clark said that Ald. Edmunds had done yeoman service in public affairs for many years. He became a member of the County Council in 1901, and during the latter part of his nearly 40 years service had been vice-chairman of that body. Into his work as chairman of Chesterfield Grammar School Governors he had put his heart and soul, and by forcing his own opinions - which were generally correct - had accomplished a great deal for the school.

#### A DUKE'S TRIBUTE.

Ald. Clark went on to quote remarks made by the late Duke of Devonshire at a bazaar in Chesterfield many years ago. In reply to a vote of thanks the Duke said: “We sometimes hear it stated that not enough people come forward to fulfil the duties of citizenship. But so long as there are men of the type of Ald. W. Hawksley Edmunds I have no fear for the administration of the public business of this country.” That was a very fine tribute, but it was very true of Ald. Edmunds. During the many years he had known him, Ald. Edmunds had always been in the forefront of public work, which he had done conscientiously and well.

Ald. Clark went on to say that from 1910 to 1935 Ald. Edmunds was a member of Chesterfield Town Council, and in 1919-20 and 1920-21 he was Mayor of the Borough. He was a churchwarden of Chesterfield Parish Church for about 10 years and did yeoman service. The name of Edmunds stood out in Chesterfield for public service, especially that of Ald. W. Hawksley Edmunds.

Adding his tribute to Ald. Edmunds, Ald. H. Cropper said that in the early days of the controversy over the future of the Grammar School, he was torn between two schools of thought. He realised that something would have to be done, and yet he thought that among some of the older institutions that should remain in this country, Chesterfield Grammar School might well be one. That was years ago, and most people intimately connected with education now thought that schools of that kind should be in the great stream of national education. Taking the long view, he thought the Governors had made a right decision. The school had a great history, and it also had a great future before it.

#### HAPPY RELATIONSHIP.

Speaking of Ald. Edmunds unswerving devotion to the cause of education, Ald. Cropper said it was given to few people to be able to say they had completed 40 years as a member of important governing bodies. It was pleasing to know their Chairman had lived long enough to see the passing of the old and the beginning of the new era in the history of the school.

Ald. J. Spencer also paid tribute to Ald Edmunds, speaking of the care, zeal and energy he had shown in his work for the school. His work for Chesterfield, for the County and for that school would live when he had gone. His main object as Chairman of the Governors had been to equip the school as far as possible to give the scholars sound education, which would stand them in good stead in their lives as citizens.

Replying, Ald. Edmunds confessed that the school had a warm place in his heart. He was an old boy of the school, which he first attended when the Rev. F. Calder resigned as headmaster and was made Vicar of Wingerworth. He was at school throughout Mr. Allison's headmastership, and he had known intimately all the headmasters who followed. As an old boy and a Chesterheld man it had always been his desire to do the best he could for the old school. What he had done could not have been done without the loyal support he had always had from every member of the governing body. They had had many awkward matters to deal with but he did not think there had ever been any great division of opinion on any point for many years. He wished for the new governing body the same happy relationship with the boys and masters as the old Governors had experienced.

The ordinary business of the meeting followed, and at the close all Governors signed the minutes.

Mr. Owen is now Lieut. J. R. Owen, R.A.O.C. After a course of three months he came out top in the examination of the Military College of Science and has been made an Inspecting Ordnance Officer somewhere in England. He has paid several very welcome visits to school on his leaves.

We congratulate Mr. Littlewood on his recent marriage to Miss G. Powell and wish them every happiness.

For three compelling reasons, Soccer has not been played this season.

1. The Michaelmas Term was so curtailed that the winter that the winter games' season was too short to enable many games to be played.
2. The weather, which limited an already reduced season.
3. The impossibility of arranging compulsory games at Stoors Road – where no air-raid shelters are available. Compulsory games can only be played at the school grounds, where a form of Rigger is possible but Soccer is not.

Soccer enthusiasts need not fear that their game is to be neglected. The war may necessitate some measures which may hit any game temporarily.

After a season when A.R.P. precautions and Arctic conditions have made games often impossible and always difficult, it is re-assuring to see that an Old Boy, C. G. Gilthorpe, has had the signal honour of hooking for England against Wales. In the programme of the match between a Derbyshire XV. and a Sheffield and District XV., it was also comforting to see that five old boys and two present boys, J. A. Green, the School Captain, and J. P. Wilson, the School Secretary were representing Derbyshire. We feel that the School XV., having won 4 out of 5 matches, might have had a very creditable season. At any rate the enthusiasm was there.

The School Societies have flourished this term, as we prophesied in January. The Debating Societies, the French Society the Astronomical Society, and the Field Club have held meetings with great success. Every day, almost, one seems to see uniforms, militant and not so militant; of course, we are never quite sure whether they are there, because they want to be, or because they have to be. The First Aid and Fire Fighting Club goes on coping with the horrible creations of its imagination just like a news film, fortunately. And a new society has been founded; the Sixth forms meet three times a term, Saturday afternoons at 3-30, to read plays.

We welcome another number of the Chesterfield Nature News, brought out by members of the Fifts and Shell. We were beginning to wonder if the War and the shortage of paper had caused its sudden death. And we were very pleased to welcome M.A.L., produced by that septet which goes under the name of the Upper History Sixth. With astonishing industry they have given us three issues this term, and with even more astonishing financial acumen, they have reduced the price of each number; we begin to feel that we might even be given a complimentary copy next term, and we congratulate them on printing here and there a poem and an article better than they submit to the School magazine - but only here and there.

The Biology Department at the moment has on loan a large number of beautifully coloured tropical fish.

### *A Musical Circle*

It is proposed next term to form a Musical Circle, and early in the term a meeting will be called of those interested in music. The exact object of this circle has not yet been specifically set out, but it is hoped that it might serve as a means of increasing the musical appreciation in the school and of bringing in closer contact those with a liking for good music.

### *The Tuxford Prize Debate*

1. Aldam, J. H.
2. Greenough, G. B.
3. Myhill, J. D.

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### **School Notes**

The War will soon bring drastic changes to the Staff. Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Owen are already on Active Service and many more masters expect to be called up soon.

Mr. Hodgson's substitute for the bulk of this term has been Mr. H. Sydney-Jones, formerly Headmaster of Barnstaple Grammar School. Unfortunately, his health broke down and he resigned his appointment far sooner than we wished. We welcome in his place Mr. G. H. Radford of the Chesterfield Junior Instruction Centre.

In response to a Government appeal, a number of senior boys not taking a Certificate Examination this year, volunteered to undertake temporary work on farms. On several occasions during the term calls have come for their services.

The Headmaster has made an offer to the Forestry Commissioner to organize a Forestry Vacation Camp. Sixty boys over 15 have volunteered to join this Camp if the offer is accepted. Possibly the Scouts will go with them.

### **Savings Association**

The volume of School savings since the outbreak of war has shown an encouraging expansion. We feel, however, that much better results can be achieved. All boys should, by now, have realised the magnitude of the national effort which will be necessary to carry the country to ultimate victory. Such an effort can only be maintained if huge sums of money are made available to the state by its citizens old and young. Every boy who can possibly do so should therefore join the School Savings Association now. Our appeal is for many more members and for a greater endeavour on the part of present members. It is through its Savings Association that the School is making and will continue to make a positive and valuable contribution to the successful prosecution of the war.

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## School Notes

This term has seen many changes in the Staff. Mr. Cooley, Mr. O'Kelly, Mr. Mattingley and Mr. Dutton have been called up for active service, and Mr. Farnfield has been transferred to munition work.

We welcome as temporary members of the Staff, Mr. A. O. Lightowler (B.Sc., Lond.), Mrs. I. N. Woolley (B.Sc., Lond.), Miss M. F. Perkins (B.A., Oxon.), and Mr. D. P. Vickers (B.A., Sheffield).

For a year the School was without a Music Master. We welcome Mr. R. Cooper, Mus. Bac. (Dunelm), F.R.C.O., as Music Master, and have great hopes for the future of School music under his direction.

Professor Spearman, formerly Professor of Psychology at London University and a well-known authority on Mental Tests, has spent a week at the School applying some Mental Tests which he has recently invented to School Certificate forms. The results, which he will correlate with subject marks and school records, will be of great help in guiding boys to the choice of suitable careers.

The School can look back with satisfaction on the results of its work in the first year of the war. Twenty-three Higher School Certificates were gained and two State Scholarships and three County Major Scholarships were awarded on these results. 66 boys out of 78 gained their School Certificates. A pleasant finish to the term was the announcement that J. H. Aldam had won a History Exhibition at Trinity College, Cambridge.

We have been very happy to welcome a number of boys evacuated from southern towns to the School. D. G. Jones was our first and he already seems an old friend, doing stalwart work in the 1<sup>st</sup> XV., but gradually the number of pleasantly unfamiliar accents has increased - We hope their owners have all settled down cheerily and feel at home with us.

The formation of a Committee of Youth in Chesterfield is welcome and we are sure that it will do valuable work, especially as a number of Sixth formers are on the committee, with Beynon as the Chairman. This committee is the first of its kind in England and has most ambitious schemes for the future.

The Pilgrim Players, formed in Canterbury under the direction of Martin Browne, have paid two visits to Chesterfield this term. During the first visit T. S. Eliot's religious verse play "Murder in the Cathedral" was given in the fitting surroundings of Holy Trinity Church, and this was followed up by James Bridie's humorous comedy, "Tobias and the Angel," rendered with gusto at Bradbury Hall in spite of an air-raid warning. Later in the term a second visit was paid and a nativity play written by the producer's wife was beautifully performed at Trinity Church. The Players gave extremely polished and accomplished performances, which were very much appreciated by those members of the School who saw the productions.

On the afternoon of October 26th, members of the Fifth and Sixth forms visited the Girl's High School to hear a reading of modern prose and verse by Mr. M. J. C. Mackarness. The reading included selections from British and American authors, of which latter Mr. Mackarness has made a specialised study, read and chosen in such a delightful manner as to constitute a very pleasantly spent afternoon.

The School was honoured on the morning of November 6<sup>th</sup>, by a visit from Wing Commander Wright, of the Royal Air Force, who gave a lecture to the Senior School on service in the RAF. He outlined the methods of selection and training employed in this particular service, and also the qualifications necessary for entry into its various branches. He went on to indicate the scope and possibilities of a career in the R.A.F., and after the lecture gave private interviews to boys actively interested in such a career.

During the latter part of the Summer Term and the early weeks of the Autumn Term, spartan work was done by members of the Senior School in safeguarding the playing fields at Brampton from a possible landing of hostile aircraft. In a very short time, a comprehensive system of trenches, constructed with geometrical precision, under the vigilant eye of Mr. Vardy, made its appearance, and the presence of squads of stalwart youths shouldering shovels and pick-axes in a very determined manner made the whole scene somewhat reminiscent of a position on the battle front.

Having passed through the term with a very occasional air-raid to remind us that the "war of nerves" was in progress. we rejoiced to hear that school would start at half-past nine from November 25<sup>th</sup>, owing to the late morning blackout. A lesson would be read and short prayers said every morning at 9-30 a.m. in form-rooms.

So now we gain forty precious minutes sleep (or homework in some rare cases) and in the true English fashion, of the war we remark: "It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good."

However, from time to time we hear amusing stories of hurried breakfasts, record sprints, early arrivals, and . . . .

Members of the Sixth and Upper Fifth Forms were excused homework to attend st Meeting on Thursday evening, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, at Bradbury Hall. The Meeting was arranged by the Ministry of Information and Lord Elton spoke generally about the events, aims and outcome of the war. From another speaker we heard something about the machinery behind the Ministry of Information.

#### STATE SCHOLARSHIPS, 1940.

J. H. Aldam.

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J. H. Aldam – Exhibition in History at Trinity College, Cambridge, - Dec. 1940.

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We have had to bid temporary farewell to three of the staff – Mr. Chittenden, Mr. Stripe and Mr. Rushworth, who have all joined the R.A.F. At the same time we welcome Miss Harrison, Miss Brookfield and Miss Wilkinson. Mr. Littlewood, too, has been temporarily released from the army at the request of the Derbyshire Education Committee, and has rejoined the stall.

We congratulate the Headmaster on being given a commission as Flight-Lieutenant, R.A.F.V.R. He is in command of Squadron 1088, which comprises Flights from Chesterfield Grammar School, Staveley Grammar School and the Technical College. Mr. Durant holds a commission as Pilot-Officer, R.A.F.V.R., and Mr. Littlewood is also giving valuable help.

Congratulations are due to the School on the splendid figure reached in War Weapons Week and on the year's total amount of £5,583, which would more than pay for a Spitfire.

We congratulate Cadet-2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. L. K. Cooke on his promotion to Cadet-Captain. -

We also congratulate J. H. Aldam on his election to an Exhibition at Trinity College, Cambridge, and R. Croft, on being awarded a Champion Exhibition at Queens' College, Cambridge,

R. Benneworth, an old Cestrefeldian, now in King's Royal Rifles, and formerly of Southampton University College, is to be congratulated on winning a Sir Edward Stern Scholarship of £100 for final degree year, B.Com. He intends going to the London School of Economics for his final year.

## Valete

ABELL W. A. L.	S.C., 1940; Inter Gas Detectors Ltd.
ASHBY, C. S.	S. C. 1939; Bolsover Colliery Co.
ASQUITH-WILLIAMS, A.	Chesterfield Tube Co.
AUSTIN, J.	To St. George's School, Harpenden
BENNETT, S. C.	Patent Elec. Shot Firing Co.
BESTALL, F. G.	S.C., 1939; Westminster Bank.
BODEN, G. J.	S.C., 1940; L./Cpl. Cadet Corps; Markham and Co., Ltd.
BRAKES, S. T.	S.C., 1939; Dram. Soc.; Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co.
BRIDLE, P. L.	S.C., 1940; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket; 1 <sup>st</sup> VI. Tennis Colours; Cross Country Colours; Weights and Measures Office.
BRIGHT, S. I.	Decorating Business.
CAUNT, G. L.	S.C., 1938; Staveley Coal and Iron Co.
CLARKE, R.	S.C., 1939.
CLAYTON, J. J.	S.C., 1940; L./Cpl. Cadet Corps.
COOK, J. V.	Insurance.
DAVIS, R. C.	S.C., 1940; Sheepbridge Cent. Castings.
Dickinson, R. R.	S.C., 1940; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Colours, Cricket; 1 <sup>st</sup> VI. Tennis, Colours; School Fives Team; Dram. Soc.; National Prov. Bank.
DYSON, R. A.	S.C., 1939; L.M.S. Railway.
EDWARDS, W. F.	Staveley Coal and Iron Co.
EVANS, H. F.	S.C., 1940; Bolsover Colly. Co.

EYRE, W. N.	Staveley Coal and Iron Co.
FRITH, M.	S.C. 1940; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV Colours Rugger; Boxing; Cpl., Cadet Corps; Assistant Sub-Librarian; Water Engineering.
FURNISS, J. S.	
GILL, W. F	S.C., 1939; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Soccer; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Colours, Cricket, Secretary; School Swimming Team; Junior and Senior Sports Championships; R.A.F.
GREENOUGH, G. H.	School Prefect; Open Scholarship, Queens' College, Cambridge; State and Major Scholarships; H.S.C., 1938-40; Sec., Debating Soc.; Tuxford Prize; Sec., Natural Science Soc.; Dram. Soc.; Queens' College, Cambridge.
HANWELL, D. H.	To Grindleford College.
HEELEY, J. G.	S.C., 1940; Burton's
HEWITT, L.	Bolsover Colliery Co.
HILL, G.	S.C., 1940; Chesterfield Tube Co.
HILL, J. C	To Kirkham Grammar School.
HILL, R.	
HOBDAY, D. E.	H.S.C., 1939-1940; Medical Scholarship, Sheffield Univ.; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Colours, Rugger, Vice-Captain (Derbyshire Public Schools Colours); 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer; 1 <sup>st</sup> Tennis VI., Secretary; School Chess Team; Sheffield Univ. (Medical).
HODGSON, A.	House Captain; H.S.C., 1940; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Soccer; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket; School Cross Country Team; Swimming Captain.
HOOTON, M.	Farming.
HOTEN, S. R.	Chesterfield Tube Co.
HOWARD, F.	
INGLESON, R.	S.C., 1939; Lloyds Bank.
JINKS, E. W.	School Prefect; H.S.C., 1940; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket; Nottingham U.C.
KING, A. G.	S.C., 1940.
LAVIN, W.	H.S.C., 1940; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Colours, Rugger; Sheffield Univ. (Mining).
LOMAS, F. N. W.	S.C., 1938; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Colours, Rugger; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket; School Cross Country Colours; L./Cpl. Cadet Corps; Mining Surveying.
LONGDEN, J. E.	Chemist.
MACE, E	S.C., 1940; Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co.
MALLINDER, R. R.	L.M.S. Railway.
MARSHALL, R. M.	To Grindleford College.
MAYCOCK, P.	S.C., 1938; B.T.H. Co.
MYHILL, J. D.	School Prefect; H.S.C., 1939-40; Major Scholarship. Nottingham U.C. Studentship; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Rugger; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI. Soccer; Fives; Coxall Debating Prize; Nottingham U.C.
O'CONNOR, W. B.	S.C., 1938-9; Dram. Soc.; Rolls Royce Co., Derby.
PAGE, A. G.	S.C., 1938; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Colours, Rugger; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket; Loughborough College.

PAYNE, C. E.	H.S.C., 1940; L/Cpl., Cadet Corps; Chesterfield Tech. College.
PRICE, B.	Thompson's, Chesterfield.
PRITCHARD, T. A.	S.C., 1940.
PRITT, S. G.	S.C., 1939.
RADFORD, G.	Allen and Orr, Ltd.
RAWLINSON, G. C.	Chesterfield Tube Co.
RHODES, F.	S.C., 1939; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket; Robinson and Sons, Ltd.
ROSEBERRY, K.	S.C., 1940; Sheepbridge Cent. Castings Co., Ltd.
SAVAGE, S. R.	To St. Bees, Cumberland.
SMITH, F. J.	To Brunt's School, Mansfield.
SMITH, W. F.	S.C., 1939; Bolsover Colliery Co.
STOCKLEY, T. R.	S.C., 1939; Robinson and Sons, Ltd.
THORP, T. H.	To Pontefract Grammar School.
TINDALE, E. C.	S.C., 1940; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket; Westminster Bank.
TINSLEY, W. D.	Farming
TOMLINSON, H. R.	S.C. 1940; 1 <sup>ST</sup> VI. Tennis Colours; Sheepbridge Stokes
TWIGG, F. L.	S.C. 1939; Assistant, Postcard Collection; Chesterfield Tube Co.
VARDY, K.R.	S.C. 1939; L.M.S. Railway.
WAGSTAFF, R. F.	To Lceds.
WALSHAM, R, A.	S.C., 1940; G. P. O. (Engineering).
WATTS, J. H.	S.C., 1940; Parent's business.
WEBBER, A.	S.C., 1940; L.M.S. Railway.
WHARF, J. M.	S.C., 1938; L./Cpl. Cadet Corps; Staveley Coal and Iron Co.
WIKELEY, N. D. I.	To Worksop College.
WILD, E. H.	School Prefect; H.S.C., 1940; Governors' Leaving Exhibition; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI. Cricket; Nottingham U.C.
WILSON, I. S.	To U.S.A.
WILSON, J. P.	School Captain; H.S.C., 1940; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Colours, Rugger, Secretary; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket; 2 <sup>nd</sup> VI., Tennis; School Cross Country Colours, Captain; C.S.M., Cadet Corps, Cert. A. (Part I.), Wells' Cup; Secretary, First Aid and F.F. Club; Dram. Soc.; R.A.F.
WILSON, W. P.	1 <sup>st</sup> XI., Soccer; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV., Rugger; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI., Cricket; Hurdles Record; Sergeant, Cadet Corps, Cert. A. (Part I.); Dram. Soc.
WOOD, J. E.	S.C., 1940; Staveley Coal and Iron Co.
WOODHOUSE, R. B	Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co.
WRIGHT, J. R.	To Ernest Bailey School, Matlock.

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At the end of the Summer Term, Miss P. Kyle retired after 25 years' service at the School. The "smaller Miss Kyle" and the "taller Miss Kyle," have become a legend in the School and in Chesterfield. Although they have taught the fathers of boys now in the School, the realisation that either of them was near the age to think of retirement came as a shock to most of us. They have found the gift of perpetual youth.

The "smaller Miss Kyle" leaves with our sincere thanks and best wishes. We hope that she will often accompany her sister to the School.

A presentation was made by the Staff, and at the informal Prize Giving further presentations were made by the School as a whole, and by Forms I and II.

We welcome Miss D. Evans as a temporary member of the Staff. She replaces Mr. Rushworth, who is in the R.A.F.V.R.

### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS, 1940-41.

J. H. ALDAM. Exhibition in History, Trinity College, Cambridge.

C. A. CROFTS. Exhibition in Natural Science at Queens' College, Cambridge.

G. B. GREENOUGH. State Scholarship.

J. H. ALDAM. State Scholarship.

J. H. ALDAM, C. A. CROFTS, J. D. MYHILI. County Major Scholarships.

A. C. L. DAY Offered Ferens' Scholarship at Hull Univ. College and Honorary Scholarship at Nottingham Univ. College.

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ADAMS, P. J. To Colchester Grammar School

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ALLCOCK, G. H. S.C., 1940; L.M.S. Railway

BAYNTON, P. M.. A. To Colchester

BERKS. H. F. Farming.

BROOKS, W. S.C. 1940; Markets Department, Chesterfield Corporation.

BRUMMELL, F. G. S.C. 1940; R. L. Marsden and Co. Ltd., (Chartered Accountants).

BRYANT, M. D.	Chesterfield Tech. College.
BURTON, F.	S.C. 1940; Bolsover Colly. Co.
BUTLER, R.	S.C. 1940; Laboratory, B. T. H.
CADMAN, J.	House Captain; H.S.C. 1940; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV. Colours; Patrol Leader, Scouts; Dram, Soc.; Chesterfield Borough Police Offices.
COLLINS, M.	To London.
COMERY, F. A.	Retail Trade.
DARNELL, C. W.	S.C. 1940; Patrol Leader, Scouts; Staveley Coal and Iron Co.
DOODY, J. T.	To Clay Cross Secondary School.
DUNHAM, C. R.	
ESLAND, A. R.	Staveley Coal and Iron Co.
GIBBONS, W.	S.C. 1940; Robinson and Sons.
HADFIELD, W. E.	S.C. 1940; Lloyds Bank.
HARRISON, F. S. F.	To Somerset.
HASLAM, J.	S.C. 1940; Town Clerk's Office.
JAMSON, L.	S.C. 1940; Carline, Watson and Bird.
JONES, F.	Electrical Engineering.
KELLET, G. T.	To Herefordshire.
KELLET, J. C.	To Herefordshire.
LEE, L.	Bolsover Cooly. Co.
MASON, F.	S.C. 1940.
McCREADY, P.	
McEWAN, G. H.	To Reading School.
MOYSE, R. P.	To commercial school, Sheffield.
PRESS, J. H.	
ROBINSON, P.	S.C. 1940; 1 <sup>st</sup> XV; Sergeant, Cadet Corps; Markham and Co. Ltd.
RODGERS, W. B.	
SIDEBOTHAM, J. M. H.	
SLACK, T. H.	Chesterfield Tube Co.
SMITH, P. K.	To Bishop Hall Sec. School, Middlesex.
SPEIGHT, A.	S.C., 1940; Westminster Bank.
SPENCER, J. E.	S.C., 1940; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI. Cricket; Grassmoor Colly. Co.
STARBUCK, T. W.	S.C., 1940; Staveley Coal and Iron Co.
SYMONDS, A. W.	S.C., 1940; Articled Solicitor's Clerk.
THORNEYCROFT, S. E.	S. C., 1940; Assistant Salesman.
WHEATCROFT, A.	S.C., 1940 ; Articled Clerk to Chartered Accountant (J. Black and Co.).

WHITBHEAD, A. S.C., 1940; Chesterfield Tube Co.  
WILLIAMS, W. R.  
WRIGHT, I. A. R. To Buxton College.

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## Editorial

Take any well-edited magazine - which has the name "Cestrefeldian" on its cover. Flip over its pages. Your fingers will enjoy that familiar sensation of being plunged into a mixture of ashes and treacle and then vigorously and soothingly sucked; for, as your fingers sense the fibrous texture of the turning pages they will suddenly encounter a porcelain smoothness - a superfine polish which deigns not to be impressed by mere print and can only bear close contact with one comparison - that elixir of stodgy literature - the photograph.

This is the thing which immortalizes the mortal; it gives to Eternity our earthly forms and, after one painful glance, Eternity hands them back again. For if some of us are to be judged by our photographs we must quickly discover some part of a camera which is vital to the war effort or negate all the photographers in their own hypo or do something equally futile.

Neither the camera, nor the photographer remember how faces move; we are merely frozen and set down as groups of light and shadow and it is usually the latter which creeps from the page or to the reader's face. While the victim watches the photographer dodge in and out of his black cloth he is asked to "look natural." One might as well ask an elephant to stand pn a chair and "look natural" for the-conditions are just as impossible. Most of us, however, are convinced that our faces look more attractive with a hole in the middle, or, if you prefer it, "smiling." Long before the ruthless "click" is heard that beautiful smile we put on has hardened into a ghastly grimace: we paralyse our eyelids to prevent them from blinking and generally stage a burlesque of ourselves.

Thus when we see the resulting photograph we catch sight of a strange repulsive face and we are just on point of crying out "Who on earth is that ?" when it dawns upon us sickeningly that that face is our own. For the space of several seconds we are humility itself.

You will realise then that if, as it has been said,

"Vultus est index animi,"

at least half the school is completely insane and the other half should be carefully watched. For that reason also we publish no likeness of ourselves. However, we feel that the work of this magazine is not in vain even if it only entertains our readers with their own faces.

## School Notes

There are 660 boys in the School this term. This is a record, but we hope that while the School remains in the present buildings it will not be broken.

The. Certificate Examinations produced more records, 3 State Scholarships and 28 Higher Certificates. There were 4 County Major Scholarships and 66 School Certificates.

We congratulate R. A. Croft, A. C. L. Day, and R. Mainstone on their State Scholarships, and D. Beynon, R. Mainstone, C. R. Ulliyatt, and A. Ward on their County Major Scholarships.

The return of the Junior School by the Army and the repairs to the main buildings should make the present School Year easier and pleasanter than last.

We have bade temporary farewell to Mr. Brain and Mr. Hanson, who are serving in the forces. We wish them good fortune and a speedy return. We extend a welcome to Mrs. Ellis, Miss Lucken and Miss Hawk, and hope their stay with us will be a happy one.

Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Owen and Mr. Chittenden have visited us this term. Some of the staff have heard from Mr. O'Kelly who is somewhere in the Middle East; we wish him success and safety in battle.

A notable feature this term has been the public appearance on several occasions of the Cadet Corps, the Air Training Corps and the Scouts; attendance at these parades reminds the general public that the school has these various services which might otherwise be overlooked.

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Miss Brookfield has left us and her place has been taken by Miss Fenwick, who, we hope will have a happy time here.

Various Old Cestrefeldians now serving with the Forces have visited the School. All Old Boys, however many years may have elapsed since they left, will be sure of a warm welcome if they can spare time to pay a call at the School.

Two boys in the Middle School, who collected two guineas for Mrs. Churchill's "Aid for Russia Fund" have received the following letter of thanks. :-

10, Downing Street.

Whitehall.

March, 1942-

Dear Masters E. Boldry and J. Walker.

Thank-you very much for your gift which I have just mceived.

I am most grateful to you for the trouble you have taken to help the brave Russians in their terrible struggle and in the glorious defence of their country.

Your sincere friend,

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At a Governor's Meeting on Friday, 8th May, Alderman W. Hawksley Edmunds, O.B.E., J.P., resigned his position as Chairman of the Governors.

The Governors received the resignation with regret; they placed on record their deep appreciation of his long and valuable services. And expressed a hope that his health would continue to improve.

Alderman Edmunds has been Chairman of the Governors for thirty-two years, during which the School has seen many changes and developments. We owe him a great debt of gratitude for his wise guidance and wholehearted interest during this long and often difficult period, and are happy to know that in spite of health and his heavy, responsible duties as Chairman of the Derbyshire County Council, Alderman Edmunds will remain a member of the Governing Body.

The new Chairman, Alderman H. Cropper, O.B.E., J.P., is well known to us. He has been for many years a most active and valued Governor and has been Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body since 1940. The recent developments in local education which have made Chesterfield famous as a progressive borough, have been in no small measure due to his energy and initiative as Chairman of the Clieverfield Education Committee. Alderman Cropper recently received the O.B.E. in recognition of his services to education, and this year he holds one of the most important positions in the educational world, - the Chairmanship of the Association of Education Authorities.

Alderman H. P. Short, who was elected Vice-Chairman, is an Old Boy of the School. He has been a Governor for many years and has always taken a keen interest in the School; he is a prominent member of the Chesterfield Education Committee.

We extend a cordial welcome to our new Chairman and Vice-Chairman and assure them that we appreciate the active interest they have already taken in the School since their election.

We congratulate the following on their successes in the May Entrance Scholarship examination at Nottingham University College:

W. Moulton	Foundation Scholarship of £80 per annum.
A. Rudin	Entrance Scholarship of £30 per annum and a Revis Grant of £20 per annum.
D. Bowler	Entrance Grants of £20 per annum.
D. L. Mothersole	

We congratulate the following Old Cestrefeldians on their successes in the recent Tripos Examinations at Cambridge :-

R. A. Croft	Mathematical Tripos, Part I., Class I.
G. B. Greenough	Natural Science Tripos, Part I., Class I.

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## School Notes

We were very sorry to lose the services of Mr. Littlewood who had been here for many years as a boy and as a master. He will be greatly missed, not only on the rugby field, but in the A. C. F. and A. T. C. We wish him success in his new appointment in the Technical and Administrative Staff of the Central Council for Recreational Physical Training. Miss Ellis, Miss Lucken and Miss Wilkinson have also left.

We welcome as temporary additions to the staff, Mr. J. B. Shields, for Physical Training, Mr. R. Woolley and Mrs. H. M. Bassett. Mrs. J. R. Webster has kindly offered her services as a part-time mistress for the Spring term.

We regret to announce the death, in the middle of last term, of Alderman W. Hawksley Edmunds, O.B.E., J. P., who had been chairman of the Governors for 32 years. He resigned the chairmanship in May, 1942, and an appreciation of his services were recorded in our last number.

We also regret to record the death of Alderman J. S. Spencer, for many years a Governor of the School.

We congratulate the Army Cadet Force on winning the Lucas Tooth County Challenge Shield in the recently revived competition.

The Army Cadet Force mourns the sudden and untimely death of Cadet M. Shemwell. His funeral at Holywell was attended by Captain L. K. J. Cooke, the Unit Commander, Mr. S. F. MacGregor, his Form Master, and Mr. D. P. Vickers, who lives at Holywell. N.C.O.'s of the Cadet Force acted as bearers and wreaths were sent by the Unit and Form IVa. We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Shemwell, and to Lance-Corporal Shemwell.

The Examination results maintained the high level of recent years. 75 School Certificates - a record number - and 25 Higher Certificates were obtained.

We congratulate P. A. Wilde on winning a State Scholarship and a County Major Scholarship. He is now in residence at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford. We also offer our congratulations to W. C. Moulton on winning a County Major Scholarship and a Miners' Welfare Scholarship. After a short time in residence at Queens' College, Cambridge, he joined an Initial Training Wing of the R.A.F. Congratulations are due to A. D. Riidin on being awarded a hundred pound Scholarship in Brewing, at Birmingham University, and to A. C. L. Day on passing his Inter. LL.B., while still at School. He is now in residence at Queens' College, Cambridge.

The following have been accepted for University Short Courses for R.A.F. Commissions:-

R. R. Dickinson, at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

J. W. Manners, at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

D. L. Mothersole, at University College, Southampton.

We congratulate R. R. Dickinson on being awarded a war-time football "blue," playing at centre-half against Oxford.



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## **Editorial**

The School marches on. The tread of tramping feet disturbs the serenity of the old buildings; sharp words of command shatter the tranquility of the new. The re-entry units continue their splendid work of training the sailors, soldiers and airmen of to-morrow. Uniforms are constantly to be seen, and a casual observer might receive the impression that all our energies are being devoted to the art of war, to the detriment of the more peaceful pursuit of normal school activities.

Such an impression may be readily corrected by a careful perusal of the pages of this magazine, which presents a full record of the life of the School during the Spring and Summer of the present year. School societies are as healthy as ever; by frequent debates we foster the art of rhetoric; much time is given to music; we dally with the drama; and, in the arena of sport, conflict remains keen. Since this magazine makes no mention of such mundane matters elsewhere, it may, perhaps, be as well to add that we still manage to maintain a high standard of endeavour in our ordinary school work.

It is not our intention to delay our readers any longer from what, we hope, will be an enjoyable reading of our record of events; and we hope that it may have the desired effect of assuring them that in the arts of peace, as in those of war, the School marches on.

## **School Notes**

We congratulate the Headmaster on his appointment as Justice of the Peace for the Borough of Chesterfield and hope that he will enjoy this important and responsible work.

Mr. S. F. MacGregor leaves us at the end of the term for a senior post at Luton Modern School. He came here straight from Oxford in 1930 and has felt for some years an urge to return to the South. At Chesterfield Mr. MacGregor will be remembered gratefully for his organisation of School games, especially the Sports of recent years. His keenness, cheerfulness and efficiency will be missed. Mrs. MacGregor and he will take them our best wishes.

We extend a cordial welcome to Mrs. C. M. Slater, who joined the Staff at the beginning of the Summer term. Next session will be in charge of the Classics department.

Congratulations are offered to G. B. Skingle; who has been awarded a Miners' Welfare Scholarship at University College, Durham; to W. Ramsden, who has been offered an Exhibition in Chemistry at Manchester University; and to J. Laird, J. D. Hopkinson and D. Stead who have been offered Studentships at University College, Nottingham.

A. C. L. Day has just gained a First in the Economics Tripos Part I at Cambridge. The examiners awarded him a "special mention" - an unusual honour - on the strength of which he has been awarded a College Scholarship.

Last year G. B. Greenough and R. A. Croft, who are at Queens' with Day, also gained Firsts.

In the May races Day coxed the 1<sup>st</sup> boat, in which Greenough was rowing; it made three bumps.

According to a letter received by the Headmaster from the Senior Tutor, our stock at Queens' is high, and more of our products will be welcomed.

## **Mr. H. S. Thorne**

News of Mr. Thorne's death so soon after his retirement came as a shock to his former colleagues, although we knew that for some time he had not been in good health. We had hoped that the will power and the splendid constitution which had helped him several times to recover from serious illnesses would once again triumph.

He had brought to us a wide experience of men and schools and in his time here had gained the respect and affection of many colleagues and pupils alike. His good humour and ready wit made him welcome in any company, and he was essentially a sociable man.

A staunch upholder of much that is best in the -English tradition, his character owed much to his early training and more to his experience of life. The boys who benefited by his guidance appreciated his breadth of view and his refusal to allow the man to be overshadowed by the pedagogue. His ready sympathy and understanding gave him a special place in the affections of his colleagues, and by many of the younger men he was habitually regarded and addressed as "Uncle."

If we sum him up as “one of the Old School” the tribute is well deserved and one of which he would be proud. There are regrettably few men of his type in our schools to-day, and our own school is very much the poorer for his loss.

## **James Mansell**

**HEADMASTER 1894 to 1921.**

**DIED 27th APRIL, 1943.**

It is with feelings of deep humility that we undertake the task of writing about our great Headmaster and friend, Mr. Mansell, who retired twenty-two years ago, yet whose memory is still so fresh in our minds.

Under his wise direction the School made rapid progress, the number of boys increasing from 78 to 320. Official records would probably stress the fact that it was during Mr. Mansell's headmastership that the change was made from the old classical school to the modern scientific one, and that in itself must, indeed, have been a task bristling with difficulties.

But it is not in those channels that we find our thoughts running, as we recall the man rather than his office. Whenever Old Cestrefeldians of his period foregather, the conversation soon turns good-naturedly and in appreciative vein, to Mr. Mansell – “Jimmy”, is invariably the name used, and always uttered with respect - and one after another recounts experiences which underline Mr Mansell's insistence on discipline, his integrity, his complete understanding of boys, and, most of all, his absolute fairness in his dealings with them.

To Mr. Mansell was given the priceless gift of insight into the many difficulties with which the average schoolboy finds himself at one time or another confronted, and, spurred on by the confidence which his close personal interest inspired, the boys were proud to grapple with, and ultimately to overcome, their obstacles. In those days, long before the advent of buses, boys from outlying places had no means, other than walking, of getting to School through the deep snows of winter. Then it was that Mr. Mansell would declare with pride over breakfast, “My boys from Wigley, Barlow, and other equally distant villages, will all be here, and here on time.” And they were! We still see the twinkle in his eye, as he went into School to invite them to relate to him their experiences on the journey. His pride and interest in their achievement were such that they would, if necessary, have undertaken far greater tasks, rather than fall short of what they knew he expected of them.

If we were asked to state which of Mr. Mansell's activities as Headmaster had impressed us most strongly, we should say, without hesitation, that it was his constant concern for, and interest in, the welfare of his Old Boys. For them, his home had an ever-open door, and the welcome they received was such as could leave no doubt as to its sincerity. One lasting result of Mr. Mansell's keen interest in his former pupils was the inauguration in 1920, of the Old Cestrefeldian Society, which has made unbroken progress from strength to strength.

The erection of the large brass Memorial Tablet in memory of the 85 Cestrefeldians who fell in the last war may be regarded as the fulfilment of Mr. Mansell's last duty at School before his retirement. He had set his heart on seeing the tablet in position, and, though many difficulties arose, so that it appeared on many occasions that his hope would not be realised, he pressed forward with the task, and had the proud satisfaction of seeing it completed. He felt that the unveiling of the tablet marked a definite stage in the history of the School, and expressed himself as convinced that nothing could have more fittingly coincided with his retirement.

His last words to us, as he crossed the upper field for the last time, still remain vividly with us. “Remember this. As long as James Mansell lives, he is your friend.” We can imagine that as his farewell message to all Cestrefeldians. He was indeed our friend.

So great was his influence and so striking his personality that we find it difficult to appreciate the fact that it is now 22 years since he retired. We shall remember him with gratitude and admiration for the rest of our days, and the School, proud to recognise the strong foundations which he laid, will be indebted to him for all time.

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## **Editorial**

However much it may be denied, a man goes through life with the mark of his school indelibly impressed upon him. We believe that the code of conduct in his school helps in no small measure to formulate his standards of behaviour for the rest of his life. It follows that the moral standard of the school is just as important as its ability to impart sound knowledge.

There are some incredulous people who are inclined to scoff at the idea that the school influences them in this way. But it is indisputable that the nature of a community always affects its individuals. A boy, especially during his earlier years while his mind is still forming, has a natural tendency to do as others do, simply because he is still more or less incapable of thinking and acting constructively for himself.

It follows from this that in school life and conduct we have two duties. The first is towards ourselves, remembering that the code of conduct to which we are subscribing is a most important factor in forming our own moral standards. The second is towards the younger members of our school community - none of us, we feel, would like to be accused of setting them an undesirable example - yet it is seldom that we give the matter a thought. These principles must also govern our behaviour out of school since what we do then must inevitably reflect upon our conduct in school and influence public opinion. Our sense of loyalty must make us realise the folly of indulging our high spirits before the public eye, which is ever critical.

To point the moral of all this would be to insult the intelligence of our readers; but let us give it serious thought.

## **School Notes**

We extend a cordial welcome to Miss J B Gentis, B.A. (Oxon.) and to Miss M. Hoskyns-Jones, B.A. (Lond.), who joined the staff last September.

This term we welcome Mr. H. J. Cooke, M.A. (Cantab.), as Head of the Biology Department; and Mr. B. Atkin, B.Sc., (Sheffield), who is awaiting call-up for air-crew duties» as a temporary member of the Mathematics Department.

We congratulate Major L K J Cooke on his appointment last October as County Cadet Training Officer for the Derbyshire Army Cadet Force.

## **Mr. E. H. Slack**

Early in the Christmas holidays, the School learned with deep sorrow that Mr. E. H. Slack had died from pneumonia after a brief illness. The news came as a great shock to all connected with the School, to which he had rendered such ungrudging and devoted service for many years, and which is very much the poorer by his loss.

Except for a period of active service during the last war, Mr. Slack may be said to have devoted his whole career to the service of the School; for, after being a pupil here, he became a part-time master in 1908 at the age of eighteen, and was appointed to the full-time staff in September, 1912. An able and successful teacher, Mr. Slack has earned the gratitude of the very large number of pupils to whom he has given a thorough grounding in Mathematics. A strict disciplinarian who rigidly upheld law and order, he spared neither his pupils nor himself; but his cheerfulness and good-humour, coupled with his scrupulous fairness, gained him universal popularity.

Outside the classroom Mr. Slack was equally energetic. He was a very keen house-master, and the boys of Lingard are indebted to him for his enthusiastic interest in all their activities. As a member of the Games Committee he gave considerable assistance in the organisation of Sports Day, a recent innovation of his being the use of the public address amplifier for making announcements. To the Dramatic Society he was an efficient and practical stage manager; he was keenly interested in the Boxing Club; and for a considerable period of years he has been in charge of the Swimming Sports. Preeminent among his many interests was his love of music. For many years he has played the school organ; and more recently, as Vice-President of the Musical Society, he has worked very hard to raise the standard of choral singing to its present high level.

Valuable as all these activities have been, he has rendered still greater service by keeping Old Boys in touch with the School. Joint Secretary to the Old Cestrefeldian Society since its foundation in 1919, he assisted in organising many successful social functions, the Annual Dinner and the Old Boys' Cricket Match being amongst the most popular. His membership of the British Legion helped him to maintain contact with many of the O.C.'s in the town. During the present war, the O.C. Notes contributed by Mr. Slack to the Cestrefeldian have been of the highest interest and value, keeping us in touch with Old Boys in all parts of the world.

Mr. Slack had the interests of the School keenly at heart and worked steadily to promote its welfare. Affectionately known as "Slackie" he was liked and respected by his colleagues and by pupils past and Present; we feel that we have lost a friend. To Mrs. Slack we extend our deepest sympathy in her sad bereavement.



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## **Editorial**

### **“Non Quo sed Quomodo”**

Three hundred and fifty years ago, Chesterfield Grammar School was founded by a man who was interested in the advancement of knowledge and the spreading of classical and religious culture. Godfrey Foljambe, in his will, left a sum of money for the foundation of the Grammar School, and in later years this was supplemented by the legacies of James Lingard, Thomas Large, Cornelius Clarke and the Heathcote family.

The school thus created stood for far more than its more two rooms signified; it was not so much the building of a new educational institution for the teaching of drab facts to the young people of surrounding districts, as the fruition of the hopes of its founders who longed to see there created a tradition of cultural achievement, of religious devotion and classical accomplishment as a preparation for a noble and worthy life in the future of its scholars. For these men regarded education not as a means to an end, but as an end in itself.

This attitude to mental enlightenment and aesthetic experience is the living spirit of the school and the legacy of which it is the proud inheritor - a tradition which has persisted to the present day. We who are educated in the School ought to realise the strength and vitality of this tradition, and not despise it as something antiquated or a creed outworn; for education for life is something which we cannot fully appreciate until we have tasted of life itself. We who are privileged to attend a school as great and as ancient as our own should remember the purposes of its founders and the true meaning of its motto. We should remember that the school is greater and more important than ourselves, and that we are mere passing moments in the history of its life. Yet it makes certain demands of us all and imprints us with the indelible mark of the character of a great school. We are asked whilst we are corporate members of this school, to fulfil certain duties and to uphold the traditions which have been passed down to us. In this, it is our duty not to fail.

## **School Notes**

At the end of the Summer Term, Mr. Ingham retired after thirty year's service at the School. We thank him sincerely for all that he has done for us and wish him a long and happy retirement. An appreciation appears on another page.

Mr. L. K. J. Cooke and Mr. J. B. Shields have also left us, Mr. Cooke to take up a post at King Edward's School, Birmingham, and Mr. Shields to join the Staff at St. John's Training College, York. The School will remember them, Mr. Cooke especially for his work with the Army Cadets, and Mr. Shields for the keen interest he took in athletics,

Last term we welcomed to the Staff Mr. A. F. Simpkin, B.Sc., Lond., who has come to teach Maths and Science, and Miss C. L. Fraser, Manchester, who has joined the Biology department. This term we welcome Mr. W. S. Salmon, M.A., Oxon., and Mr. A. B. (sic) Andrew, B.Sc., Leeds, as new members of the Science Staff. Mr. Salmon will be responsible for University Scholarship work in Chemistry. They have both shown their readiness and ability to help with the coaching of School games. The welcome is extended to Mrs. Salmon, B.A., Wales, who has joined the History Staff for the Autumn Term.

Miss P. Kyle has not been a stranger to the School since her retirement, but we are glad to welcome her official return; she has volunteered to help her sister with a large Preparatory Form.

We are pleased to pass on the news that Flying-Officer W. Brain was married in July to Miss Janet Grant. We wish them every happiness.

The results of the July Certificate examinations form a School record - a State Scholarship, seven County Major Scholarships, ten State Bursaries, thirty-seven Higher Certificates (including twenty distinctions), seventy-two School Certificates. It is gratifying that our 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary should be scholastically a record year.

## **Mr. H. Ingham**

It is a matter for profound regret that on the very day when the School was celebrating its 350th anniversary, we should have had to bid farewell to one of its most able and devoted servants. Mr. Ingham came to the School in 1914, to take charge of the Chemistry; and, save a period of service in the Special Brigade R. E., Gas Co., during the last war, he remained with us until the end of last term. Though we knew that Mr. Ingham's thirty years of loyal service to the School

entitled him to a well-earned retirement, we had hoped that he stay with us a little longer, and we were sorry to learn that health made this inadvisable.

The development of the Science side of the School to its present high level of efficiency has been due in large measure to his ability and indefatigable zeal. Many past and present pupils who have distinguished themselves in scientific studies could testify to the deep debt of gratitude which they owe to the assistance and encouragement given to them by "dear old Timmy" as he was affectionately called. This genuine affection was healthily tempered by 'awe, and by the knowledge that any form of "slacking" would be dealt with promptly and drastically. As "policeman of the top corridor," Mr. Ingham was equally efficient, his approach being dreaded by any temporarily unattended junior form which failed to behave with due decorum and restraint. His powerful presence also made itself felt in morning assembly when the babel of many tongues was suddenly stilled by the peremptory tap of his pencil on the desk. His unfailing vigilance in such matters was an invaluable contribution to the general discipline of the School.

In addition to all this, Mr. Ingham has for many years borne the burden of organising and supervising the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations; he has arranged the seating and marshalled the School at most public functions; he has taken a keen interest in the doings of the Natural Science Society; been an enthusiastic advocate of the merits of Esperanto; in fact, it is almost impossible to enumerate his many activities without the uneasy feeling that something important has been omitted.

Special mention must be made here of his work in connection with the "Cestrefeldian," of which he has been business editor for over twenty years. He succeeded very quickly in placing the publication on a sound financial basis, and he has always taken the keenest interest in its development and improvement. The magazine has greatly benefited by his efforts, and we thank him most sincerely.

Similar success has attended his years of service as Housemaster of Clarke. In making him a presentation on his retirement, the boys of Clarke House were attempting to express some measure of the respect and affection which he has inspired.

Presentations were also made to Mr. Ingham by the boys of the Science VIth, and by the Staff. At the farewell luncheon following the Commemoration Service, the Headmaster voiced the feelings of all his colleagues by warmly thanking Mr. Ingham for all that he has done for the School, and by expressing our great regret at his departure.

All members of the School, both past and present, share in this regret, and extend their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ingham. We hope sincerely that they may enjoy health and happiness in their retirement.

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## **Editorial**

Editorials are the essence of conservatism. An editorial is an agreeable tête-a-tête between those who have written and those who are about to read, expressed in a leisurely fashion which suggests that such articles are largely a survival from times when life was not so kaleidoscopic as it is to-day. Their measured phrases seem a little incongruous in this world of abbreviations. Yet we must not discard them as a worthless survival; for, whatever faults they may possess, they still continue to afford pleasure to many readers.

There is the same sacrilege about destroying the tradition of the editorial as there is about smashing Wedgewood pottery or Chippendale furniture. There would be equal senselessness in destroying institutions or parliamentary government which have grown up through the centuries, in order to establish a mode of government as yet untried; or in seeking to settle international problems by ignoring the lessons that are to be learnt from the past, by vainly trying to rub out the map of Europe and drawing it afresh. For it is only by preserving all that is good in the old that we can create something at the same time new and lasting.

## **School Notes**

We welcome Mr. G. Jephote to the Staff, as Physical Training Master; also Mr. J. P. Heathcote, M.A., who joined the History Department last term.

K. Whitham has followed up his State Scholarship by gaining an Open Scholarship at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge. We congratulate him on his well-earned success.

We congratulate Flight/Lieutenant D. J. Chittenden on his engagement to Miss M. Philps.

It was with considerable regret that we said goodbye at the end of the Christmas Term to Mr. R. Baxter; who had been teaching in the Modern Languages Department for over two years. Mr. Baxter gave energetic support to many out of school activities; he was Quartermaster to the Army Cadet Force, assisted with School Games, being in charge of Cricket, supported the French Society, and was House Tutor of Large. Popular with both Staff and boys, he carries with him our best wishes for the future, both for himself and for his family.