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## **SCHOOL NOTES – December 1945**

At the end of the Summer Term we heard with regret that Mr. Smeall, who has been Headmaster since 1939, had accepted the post of Principal of Saint Luke's Exeter and that he would be leaving Chesterfield at the end of the Autumn Term.

On the 11th October, Mr. J. C. Larkin, VIth form Chemistry master at Shrewsbury School, was appointed Head-master in succession to Smeall; He will take up his duties in January, 1946.

We shall reserve our farewell to Mr. Smeall and our welcome to Mr. Larkin until the next issue of The Cestrefeldian.

This term we welcome Mr. D. H. Pilkington, an Old Cestrefeldian, as a member of the Staff. We are also glad to welcome Mr. H. B. Hodgson, Mr. J. R. Owen and Mr. D. J. Chittenden who have resumed their duties at school after their release from war service.

Congratulations are offered to E. G. Rayner who gained an Open Exhibition in History at Queen's College, Cambridge, last March; to E. Foyster who gained a State Scholarship, tenable at Magdalen College, Oxford; and to the five other winners of County Major Scholarships, T. E. Dowman, A. E. Jenkinson, J. K. Wright, K. G. Smith and J. A. Booth.

The School is very grateful to the Borough Treasurer, Mr. W. C. Coxall, for the interest he takes in the Debating Society. Mr. Coxall has judged every annual Prize Debate since 1932, and the members have benefited greatly from his critical observations. Now Coxall has settled a sum of money to establish the Coxall Debating Prize in perpetuity.

Both Mr. Coxall's sons, Charles and Norman, are Old Boys of the School, which they entered in 1921. Charles spent three years in Ceylon doing Radio-location in the R.A.F. Norman, also in the R.A.F. on wireless operations, is interested in farming, and is now a supervisor in land settlement.

The other Debating Prize, associated with the name of Tuxford, will continue. Both these prizes are keenly competed for, and the interest taken by their founders is appreciated.

We were sorry to lose three of the Staff at the end of the Summer Term. Mrs. Alton, a member of the French Department, has gone to Oxford to do research work; we have had to say good-bye to W. S. Salmon who has done so much for the School Cricket in the short time he has been with us; and Mr. J. Hunter, after a long period of service to the School has taken a new post at Bournemouth. A special reference to this is made on another page.

## **COMMEMORATION DAY – December 1945**

Commemoration Day this year was on Friday, July 21st. In the morning the School attended the Parish Church for the annual service of thanksgiving and remembrance. The Ven. Archdeacon of Chestertield led the prayers, and the traditional lesson was read by the Headmaster. Following the Roll of Benefactors, read by the Captain of the School, P. I. Allsop, the congregation sang the Doxology.

The preacher this year was of particular interest to boys, as he had many personal experiences to relate. Formerly Bishop of Waiapu, in New Zealand, the Rev. G. V. Gerard became Assistant Chaplain-General to the New Zealand Forces during the war. In his sermon, he described a number of the exciting situations into which his duties had led him. He had been particularly impressed by the courage and calmness of the Solomon Islanders in face of the Japanese invasion.

The main theme running through his discourse was the power of the Christian Faith to give men the strength of soul to remain calm and resolute under the most trying and terrifying conditions. Three ordinary soldiers were mentioned by him as typifying the cardinal Christian virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity; one of these men he had met while he was himself a prisoner-of-war in the hands of the Italians – the “guest of Mussolini” in a dismal Italian gaol. If anyone were so foolish as to think that Christianity bred “cissies,” this opinion would be dispelled by a meeting with any of the four hundred Paratroopers whom he had confirmed while with the First Army, — with the South African sergeant who was also an all-in wrestler, or the New Zealander who was an All-Black Rigger player. The faith which inspired these men could give a similar blend of goodness and virility to all who followed in the steps of the Master.

The school choir, conducted by Dr. Cooper, and accompanied on the organ by Mr. B. B. Andrew, led the singing of the hymns. The choir also sang Stanford's arrangement of the Te Deum and Wesley's anthem “The Lord is my Shepherd,”

the solo part being taken by Mr. G. H. Radford. The boys of the choir sang beautifully in Bach's "Flocks in Pastures Green Abiding".

In the afternoon, the School assembled on the top field in front of the terrace, on which was a table with an imposing array of the various Games and Athletics Trophies. Mrs. Smeall kindly distributed the Senior and junior "Victor Ludorum" Cups, together with the House Championship Cups for Soccer, Cricket, Tennis, Swimming, Boxing and Fives. Athletic Sports prize-winners once more received their certificates, now suitably inscribed. After cheers had been enthusiastically given for Mrs. Smeall and the Headmaster, the School dispersed. This enjoyable function brought Commemoration Day to a fitting conclusion.

### **MR J. HUNTER – December 1945**

At the end of the Summer Term we heard with great regret that Mr. J. Hunter was leaving the Staff, after a long term of service. Coming to the Grammar School in 1927, Mr. Hunter was placed in charge of a new Sixth-form with a course of studies in which Economics and Commerce were to be the leading subjects. This form eventually settled in its present home at Hurst House as the Upper and Lower Geography Sixth, with a two-year course, leading to the Higher School Certificate. Though the Junior School was graciously given house room, Mr. Hunter virtually became "Lord of Hurst House," spending most of his time in his own domain and giving wise advice to senior boys in search of a career.

During his early years at the School, Mr. Hunter had a short spell of service as an officer in the Army Cadet Force; more recently, during the war of 1939-'45, he shared in the work of the Air Training Corps by acting as Equipment Officer. He also took part in many other out-of-school activities, and his witty speeches enlivened the house during several Start Debates.

Mr. Hunter was an energetic worker whose geniality made him popular with boys and Staff alike; during the war he undertook the onerous duties of Common Room Secretary, performing this difficult task with indefatigable zeal and never-failing tact. He succeeded Mr. Ingham as Business Editor of the Cestrefeldian, and his association with the magazine was a very valuable one which we are sorry to lose.

We hope sincerely that he will find his new post as lecturer in Bournemouth College in every way congenial, and extend to him and his Family our best wishes for a happy and prosperous future.

## OUR NEW HEADMASTER – June 1946

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our new Headmaster, Mr. J. C. Larkin, M.A., who took up his duties at the beginning of the Easter Term. He has spent the term in familiarising himself with the ramifications of the old buildings and with the many difficult problems in the life of this large scholastic family.

Mr. Larkin came to us from Shrewsbury School, where he had been a master since 1928. His work lay on the Science side, for the reorganisation of which he was largely responsible; and he played a large part in bringing about the construction of the new laboratories that were opened in 1939. He assisted in the coaching of Games and Athletics. For five years, 1940-5, Mr. Larkin was Adjutant and Second-in-Command of the Junior Training Corps, and carried out similar duties in the local Home Guard.

Before his appointment at Shrewsbury, Mr. Larkin was educated at King Edward VI School, Nuneaton, and later at Cambridge. At school he gained Colours for cricket, soccer and athletics; later he became captain of cricket. He was head of the school for two years, finally winning an Open Scholarship in Science to Downing College, Cambridge. Here Mr. Larkin, passed the Natural Sciences Tripos (Part II) with a First Class in Chemistry, becoming College Prizeman for 1928 ; he obtained his M.A. degree in 1931. While at the University, Mr. Larkin continued to take a keen interest in games and represented his college at Cricket, Soccer and Athletics.

At Shrewsbury, Mr. Larkin was President of the Shropshire Philosophical Society, 1936-7. Since coming to Chesterfield, he has been a member of the Rotarians, and is a regular attender at Rotary Club luncheons. Mr. and Mrs. Larkin, with their family of four children, have now had time to settle in their house at Storrs' Road, and we take this opportunity of expressing our best wishes for their future, and the hope that they may find life in Chesterfield healthy and congenial.

Already, in his first term, our new Headmaster has gained the goodwill of all. He believes that beneath the somewhat unprepossessing exterior of the schoolboy, there lies something that will respond to the highest ideals. It is also his view that the Grammar School has a very definite part to play in upholding the value of tradition in the midst of so many new ideas and conflicting views about education, and that under the new administration its importance will steadily increase. To Mr. Larkin we extend a most cordial welcome and wish him many happy and successful years as Headmaster of Chesterfield Grammar School.

## SCHOOL NOTES – June 1946

Reference is made elsewhere in this issue to the coming of Mr. Larkin as Headmaster, and to the retirement of the Second Master, Mr. Howard Smith.

Mr. R. Varley has been appointed as Second Master, and we offer him our congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. E. G. Cooley has recently been created Lower School Master with special responsibility for the younger boys.

In addition to Mr. Cooley, several other members of the Staff who were on Active Service have rejoined us already or will take up their duties during the Summer Term: these include Mr. B. O'Kelly, Mr. H. W. Arnott, Mr. W. Hanson, and Mr. J. A. Stripe.

With regret we have had to say goodbye to Miss Evans, Miss Fraser, Mrs. Bassett and Miss Gall-Forty. We take this opportunity of thanking them, for the service they have rendered to the School and wish them all success in the future.

Mr. A. F. Simpkin has also left us to take up an important post at Wednesbury. We extend to him our most cordial wishes for the future.

Congratulations to J. Greenan on winning an Open Scholarship at University College, Oxford; also to J. K. Wright on gaining an Open Scholarship and J. A. Booth an Exhibition, both at Queen's College, Cambridge.

The House system is being enlarged by the creation of a House named after a famous O.C., Dr. Henry Bradley. The Senior Housemaster of Bradley will be Mr. L. Lodge, and the junior Housemaster, Mr. G. Jephcote.

The usual end-of-term was held in the Parish Church at 2-30 p.m., on April 12th, 1946, and was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Dilworth Harrison. This was the first occasion on which he had been present at a School Service, and he read one of the lessons, the other being read by the School Captain, T. E. Dowman. Lenten hymns were sung by the congregation; and the School Choir, directed by Dr. R. Cooper, and accompanied on the organ by Mr. B. Andrew, sang the anthems "How dear are thy Counsels" and "If we Believe that Jesus Died" (Goss). Perhaps the most effective item was the beautiful unaccompanied singing of "Lord for thy Tender Mercies' Sake" (Farrant). After the service the Headmaster and Mr. Howard Smith congratulated the choir on its performance.

On the morning of April 12th a presentation to Mr. Howard Smith was made by the School Captain on behalf of the boys. After the end-of-term service a similar ceremonial took place in the Staff Common Room, attended by the Headmaster, the Staff and their ladies, and representatives of the Governors and of the Education Authority. On behalf of the Staff, the Headmaster made a presentation to Mr. Howard Smith, expressing our deep regret at his retirement and wishing all health and happiness to Mrs. Smith and himself. In reply, Mr. Smith gave his view of what really mattered in teaching, and assured us that his many happy memories of the School would be to him "roses in December in the garden of memory."

## MR. J. L. SMEALL – June 1946

It is always unpleasant to have to say goodbye to old friends; our consolation lies in the thought that brighter prospects and a happier future may lie ahead of them. It is with this hope in our minds that we say goodbye to our former Headmaster, Mr. J. L. Smeall.

Mr. Smeall came to Chesterfield Grammar School in 1939, just after the outbreak of war. A former Scholar of Queen's College, Cambridge, he had been at several public schools before coming to Chesterfield; he had been an assistant at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, a housemaster at Bradfield College, and Senior English Master at Epsom College.

In becoming a Headmaster, Mr. Smeall had more than the ordinary problems of school life to deal with. War, with all its terrifying possibilities, had come upon us, and conditions were quite abnormal at School. For the first term most of our time was spent in taking precautions against air attack, and few of us will forget the hours of toil in digging anti-aircraft trenches on the school field at Storrs Road or the labour of sticking anti-splinter netting all over the school windows.

When the School had recovered from this initial chaos and a normal timetable was once more possible, the gradual absorption into the fighting services of more and more of the masters created new problems for the Head. Mr. Smeall's

sense of humour and his never-failing confidence in the ability of the School to adapt itself to adverse circumstances were more than a match for these initial difficulties. A temporary staff of competent mistresses was obtained, and school life continued as before, in spite of all excursions and alarms. In both academic work and in outside activities the School gained in strength, and our confidence was increased by Mr. Smeall's clear-sighted realism and unruffled calm.

So, throughout the war-clouded years, Mr. Smeall guided the destinies of the School. In many of the outside activities he took a great personal interest, particularly in the Debating Society, where his occasional speeches with their seasoning of humour and caustic wit were greatly appreciated. The boys responded to the confidence that the Headmaster reposed in them, and to the system of "restrained freedom" by means of which school life was regulated.

Outside the School, Mr. Smeall had many interests. He was a member of the Rotary Club, and made many speeches at other functions in the town, acting on more than one occasion as a member of the local Brains Trust. After a time he was made a J.P. and regularly took his place on the bench of magistrates.

Increasingly he became interested in the new educational movements of the day. As a result, he was eventually offered the post of Principal of St. Luke's College, Exeter. He went to Exeter towards the end of the Christmas term. After six years under his leadership, we have had to say goodbye to one whom many of us had come to regard as a friend. No doubt a number of O.C.'s who continue their studies at St. Luke's College will come once again under his tutelage, thereby maintaining some contact between our former Headmaster and his old school. To both Mr. and Mrs. Smeall, the School extends its most sincere wishes for their health, happiness and prosperity in the years that lie ahead.

### **MR. E. HOWARD SMITH – June 1946**

The present members, together with many Old Boys and friends of the School, will already have learned with deep regret and at profound sense of loss, of the retirement at the end of last term of Mr. Howard-Smith, after a period of twenty-seven years' service as a member of the Staff. During this period his abounding energy, his various interests, and his constant solicitude for the welfare of the School have left their impress on its life at many points and in a variety of ways.

From the time of his appointment in May, 1919, as Senior History Master and Housemaster of "Heathcote," to the moment of his retirement, Mr. Smith served under five headmasters, and saw the School grow from 220 scholars and 11 teachers to its present size of more than 700 members and staff of over 30.

In 1935, he became Second Master, a position which he filled with great efficiency and tact, impelled, as always, by a strong sense of duty and personal responsibility. His recognised ability to cope with the many problems and emergencies which are inseparably bound up with the administration of any school, was well demonstrated when, on two occasions, in circumstances of unusual difficulty brought about by changes of Headmaster, the School Governors invited him to accept full responsibility as Acting Headmaster for administering the School in the interim - a task which he discharged ably and efficiently.

His career as a teacher, both of History and Economics, has been marked throughout by conspicuous success, as reflected in the consistently high proportion of successful candidates in his subjects in the School and Higher Certificate examinations during past years, and in the number of boys who, under his tuition, have gained Open Scholarships to the older universities.

During the pre-war years, Mr. Smith was very active in the sponsoring and organising of extra mural activities of many kinds. Old Boys will recall with a sense of pleasure the numerous Historical plays, Shakespearean and other, which, as founder and president of the School Dramatic Society, he produced year by year, with the enthusiastic and able collaboration of Mrs. Smith, who has always shown the keenest interest in the life of the School. As President of the Literary and Debating Society from 1919-1934, Mr. Smith was the originator of the Tuxford and Coxall Debating Competitions. Prior to the outbreak of war also, the many School excursions to a variety of interesting places and localities, organised and conducted by him, were a never-failing source of enjoyment to large numbers of boys throughout the School.

Of his personal qualities, two have often been outstanding. He was, at all times, sincerely desirous of taking such action in a given situation as would seem to be right, just, and in the best interests of the School. Having determined on the pursuit of a particular course, he would invariably follow it with tenacity and courage, in the face of whatever difficulties and criticism it might entail.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have now left Chesterfield and will spend their well-merited retirement to which they have latterly been looking forward with eager anticipation, in and around their new home at Worthing. They will take with them the best wishes of the Staff and boys of the School for their future happiness. The very real and lasting contribution which Mr. Smith has made to the upholding of the best traditions of Chesterfield Grammar School will not soon be forgotten.

## **SCHOOL NOTES – December 1946**

It is with great regret that we must record the impending departure of our Headmaster, Mr. J. C. Larkin, M.A., who has been appointed as Headmaster of Wyggeston Grammar School Leicester, and who takes up his new duties after Easter. A personal message from Mr. Larkin is appended to these Notes.

Several newcomers to the Staff have begun their work at the Grammar School during the present term. These include Mr. J. North and Mr. O. Beynon who teach Economics and Geography; Mr. F. J. Elgar, who has joined the Science staff; Mr. A. H. Jennings, on the Classical side; Mr. B. T. Hodge, who teaches French; and Mr. W. R. Horne, who is assisting Mr. Jephcote with the enlarged syllabus of physical training and games.

The usual Commemoration Service was held in the Parish Church at the end of the Summer Term. The Roll of Benefactors was read by T. E. Dowman, the School Captain, and, on this occasion, the preacher was the Ven. Archdeacon of Nottingham.

The School Musical Society has suffered a great loss by the appointment of its Musical Director, Dr. R. Cooper as organist at Hexham Abbey, and as an examiner for various musical examination boards. Dr. Cooper has done much to raise the standard of performance by the Choir, and some very beautiful music has been sung during his tenure of office. To Dr. and Mrs. Cooper we extend every good wish for their future happiness and prosperity.

Finally, with very great regret, we record the impending departure of Mr. D. J. Chittenden, our Senior Physics Master and Housemaster of Clarke. He has recently been appointed as Headmaster of Monk's Dyke School, Louth, and begins work there in January. Mr. Chittenden has given whole-hearted loyalty and service to Chesterfield Grammar School over a long period of years, broken only by his war service with the Royal Air Force. An excellent teacher, and an enthusiastic housemaster, he took a lively interest in all out-of-school activities, and was, in particular, the awardee of the awe-inspiring letters F.C.G.S.A.S. to really keen members of the Astronomical Society. We are sure that Mr. Chittenden will make an excellent headmaster, and that his new school are as fortunate in acquiring as we are unlucky in losing him. His never-failing zeal and efficiency have always been accompanied by ready sympathy and a keen sense of humour. Both in school and in Staff Room his genial presence will be greatly missed. We congratulate him on his new appointment, and wish Mr. and Mrs. Chittenden all success and happiness in the years that lie ahead.

### **A PERSONAL MESSAGE.**

As this may be the last issue of the Cestrefeldian before I leave at Easter, I must take this chance to give my best wishes to the School, and to say that my decision to leave was taken with infinite regret. I have been most fortunate in the friendliness, confidence and loyalty given to me throughout my short period of office.

Much has changed and must continue to do so. All change is not, however, decay, and I believe that the School is fairly started on its post-war task.

Bells, options, sets, games periods, registers, careers talks, discipline rotas, detention, I.T.S.A., junior Prayers, Bradley House are now strands woven into the complex structure of the life of the School. More changes must occur, but values and a way of life which have survived 350 years will see the School through it all - its essential function unchanged, its confidence and determination secure.

I shall treasure with pride and affection my time at the Grammar School, and from Leicester Mrs. Larkin and I will watch its future progress with great interest.

J.C.LARKIN.



## SCHOOL NOTES - May 1947

It is with great pleasure that we welcome to the School our new Headmaster, Mr. W. G. Glister, M.A., who began his duties at the beginning of this term. Glister was educated at Beverley Grammar School and later at Jesus College, Oxford, where he gained his degree in Mathematics; he took a keen interest in rowing, and was Captain of his College Boat Club.

Mr. Glister's earliest teaching experience was at Oakham School where he was an assistant master for five years. At this well-known Public School he assisted with Athletics and with the Under-14 Cricket. He took a keen interest in the work of the choir. In his next post at King Edward VII Grammar School, Sheffield, where he became a Housemaster, his interest in Choral Music was maintained. He acted as Assistant Scout Master, and also took charge of Association Football. After four years at Sheffield, Mr. Glister moved to Derby School, where he was Sixth Form and Senior Mathematics Master for the next four-and-a-half years. On Sept. 2nd, 1939, this school was evacuated, first to the Overton Hall Youth Hostel, Ashover, and later to Amber Valley Camp, a very pleasant place in summer, but exposed to the full rigour of our Derbyshire winter.

For the past five and a half years, Mr. Glister has been Headmaster of King Edward VI Grammar School, Coalville, Leicestershire. This is a large co-educational school of some 530 pupils.

Our new headmaster is, therefore, a man of wide and varied experience, with interests in many out of school activities. This should stimulate to still keener efforts the many flourishing School societies which are such an important and enjoyable addition to routine academic work. The Dramatic, for example, much appreciated the fact that Mr. Glister was present at the recent St. Joan; and already the Debating Society has had the pleasure of listening to a talk from him on Co-education.

To Mr. Glister we wish many happy and successful years at Chesterfield Grammar School, and we trust that he and his family will find life in Chesterfield in every way congenial.

To our former Headmaster, Mr. Larkin, M.A., we extend our most cordial wishes for success and happiness in his new post at Wyggeston Grammar School, Leicester. A farewell message from Mr. Larkin was published in our December issue; and his decision to leave us was received with regret by the whole school.

He was, with us for a comparatively short time but his earnest desire to serve the best interests of the school, his patent sincerity and pleasant personality had gained him universal good will and respect. To Mr. and Mrs. Larkin and their family, we wish all happiness and prosperity in the future.

It is with much regret that the school said goodbye in April, to Mr. S. Hill, who had accepted an appointment to the staff of Leeds Grammar School. Mr. Hill had been a member of the Physics staff for over 12 years and during the difficult years of the war, was in charge of the Department. He always played a prominent part in school activities, and many Old Boys will miss his rambles with the Field Club over Kinder Scout, Bleaklow, and other parts of Derbyshire. His knowledge of Railways and of the "Heavenly Bodies," provided the school with many interesting lectures.

His work was not confined to the school, for he took an active part in the cultural activities of the town, including dramatics and music. We wish him, Mrs Hill and his family every success, and hope that Mr. Hill will visit us when he has time to tear himself from the activities of Leeds City.

We must also record with regret the departure from the Staff of Mr. I. L. Wood, who has taken up educational work in Scotland.

We cordially welcome three new members of the Staff who have begun work this term. Mr. L. S. Joyce, B.Sc., succeeds Mr. Chittenden as Senior Physics Master, and he was formerly a lecturer at Durham University. Mr. K. S. McKay, B.A., joins the English department. From 1932-1942 he was an assistant master at King Edward VII Grammar School, Sheffield, and, from 1942 until now, Education Officer to Messrs. Newton Chambers, Ltd. Mr. C. A. Bryars, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., comes to us as our first full-time Music Master; he is also the organist at Chesterfield Parish Church. Before his appointment here, Mr. Bryars was interested in choral singing in Sheffield, where he was also conductor and accompanist to John Parr's Chamber Concerts. It is hoped that the presence and of a full time master may give a new lease of life to the various musical activities of our school.

We hope that each of these new masters may find his work happy and congenial.

Mr. J. R. Owen, who held a Lord Lieutenant's commission since 1926, has been awarded the Long Service Badge by

the Army Cadet Force Association. This was due to be presented in London by Field Marshal the Viscount Alanbrooke, in February but the weather and travelling conditions prevented Mr. Owen from making the journey.

At the end of the Christmas Term the traditional Carol Service was held in the Parish Church, on December 19th, 1946. A departure from custom was made on this occasion, for the choir boys were dispersed among the congregation, the choir stalls, being occupied by the Sixth Forms. Nine well-known carols were sung, two of them by the boys of the First and Second Forms only, and the congregation much more heartily than on previous occasions. Mr. Andrew was at the organ, and prayers were said by the Ven. Archdeacon of Chesterfield.

The nine lessons were read by boys of the School, the readers being J. N. Pilling, I S. ; D. E. Marsden, II B; W Bond, III C; D. J. Allsop, IV A ; D. Hooley, Va; C. J. S. Rowland, Arts VI; H. Morgan, Modern VI; R. W. Gray, Science VI ; and J. M. Oakley, the School Captain.

The usual end-of-term Service was held in the Parish Church, at 2-30 p.m., on March 28th, 1947, and was Conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon T. Dilworth-Harrison.

This was the last occasion on which Mr. J. C. Larkin, our former headmaster, was present at a school service, and he read the second lesson, the first being read by J. M. Oakley, the School Captain.

Lenten hymns were sung by the congregation and the School Choir, directed by Mr. C. A. Bryars and accompanied by Mr. B. Andrew, sang the anthems,

“Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies Sake” (Farrant)

“Jesu, word of God, incarnate” (Mozart)

“Jesu, Joy of man's desiring " (Bach).

## SCHOOL NOTES – November 1947

A new feature of our school life has been the "outside" prayers. It is unfortunate that we lack a school hall large enough to house the whole school. On fine mornings however the top field has proved itself well suited for a School Service. The help of the instrumentalists, of the choir, and the acquisition of new hymn books has made this service a very effective one.

The Commemoration Service held on July 25th, in the Parish Church, when the Very Rev. Willis, D.D., Assistant Bishop of Leicester, preached the sermon. The Roll of Benefactors was read by P. H. Clarke, the Captain of the School. The Choir assisted in the Service by singing the anthems:

Hymn to the Trinity	Tchaikovski
How lovely are thy dwellings fair	Thiman

At the end of the Summer term we reluctantly said good-bye to Mr. J. A. Stripe, who was the Senior English Master. We wish him every success in his new post as a lecturer at St. Luke's Training College, Exeter.

We regret too, the departure of Mr. H. W. Arnott. He was actively interested in the Scout Troop during his time at the School and there is no doubt that he will be missed by those who visit the "hut." We wish him and Mrs. Arnott every success at St. Annes.

We reluctantly said good-bye to Mr. Beynon. As Senior Geography and Economics master and form master of the Modern Sixth, he will be remembered for his keen interest in each member of his form. On the football field too he gave willing service. To him, Mrs. Beynon and his family, we wish every success. Mr. Beynon has been appointed Director of Education for West Sussex.

We must also record with regret the departure of Mr. Horne. He will be missed in the "gym" and on the rugger field. We wish him every success at Barrow-in-Furness.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome to the Staff four members who have joined us this term. Mr. F. C. Pritchard, M.A., Ph.D., has come from Skipton Grammar School to be Senior English Master here. Mr. R. K. McEwan, M.A., (Oxon,) has joined the History department. Mr. A. Page, an old boy of the School, has come to teach handicraft and physical training. Mr. W. H. Jones, B.A., has joined the Geography department. We hope that each master will enjoy his work in the school and his stay in Chesterfield.

At last, it has been possible to allocate two small rooms in Hurst House for use as a Library. This, we hope, is but a beginning and as time and funds permit the Library will be extended and a fiction section added. It would be a great service to the School, if boys when they leave, would donate a book inscribed with their name to the Library. In this way great pleasure would be given to other boys and a tangible memory of each boy would remain in the School.

Careers talks this term have begun by an interesting lecture on journalism by Mr. Jennings, who travelled from Bradford to speak to us.

The Junior forms have seen "Safety First" films and it is hoped by this means to make each boy conscious of his duties as a pedestrian or cyclist and so reduce accidents.

Recently, the school photograph has been taken. We congratulate the photographer on his arrangements and in years to come we shall look with interest at the faces we once knew.

We congratulate all who have passed their examinations this year. Our congratulations go particularly, to:

M. J. Fretwell, who won an exhibition at King's College, Cambridge.

R. E. Young and F. S. Clarke, who won State Scholarships.

J.M. Oakley who won a Miners' Welfare Scholarship.

E. Longden who won an Open Scholarship to Leicester University College.

C. H. Haslam who won a Firth Scholarship to Sheffield University.

B. Mayfield who won a Revis Grant at Nottingham University College.

J. O. Morris, C. J. S. Rowland, C. A. Ward, C. Wright, who won County Major Scholarships.

G. Cooper, C. H. Haslam, W. H. Hinchcliffe, E. Longden, R. F. Pickett, M. H. Taylor, who won County University Grants.

M. J. Fretwell, E. Simmonds, and T. A. Greenan, who won Butterley Empire Knowledge Prizes.

During the Summer holidays we heard of the marriage of a member of staff and we all join in wishing every happiness to Mr. & Mrs. Hodge.

It is with regret that we learn that we shall have to say good-bye to Mr. K. J. Nicholson, at the end of this term. He will be missed in many ways. His work for the School Magazine and for the School Dramatic Society has been much appreciated. Mr Nicholson has been appointed Senior English Master at Helston Grammar School, in Cornwall. We wish him every success in his new post.

## SCHOOL NOTES – May 1948

The Christmas Service was held on December 19th, in the Parish Church. Carols were sung by the congregation and by the choir. Lessons were read by boys from the Junior, Middle and Senior forms. The Sermon on this occasion was preached by the Headmaster.

At Christmas the Sixth Forms were delighted to receive an invitation to a party at the High School. A lovely cake bore the hopeful inscription "The Beginning." The party was so enjoyable that all the boys and girls echoed that sentiment.

In January we welcomed Mr. Croft, who took over Mr. Nicholson's work. We hope that he will enjoy his work in the School and his stay in Chesterfield.

The congratulations of the School go to :

A. G. Harrison who has been awarded an Open Exhibition at Jesus College, Cambridge.

J. N. Harcourt-Webster who has completed his 1<sup>st</sup> M.B. examination and has obtained entry to Emmanuel Cambridge, for 1948.

M. H. Taylor who has obtained entry to Queen's College Oxford, for 1950.

C. H. Haslam who has obtained entry to Exeter College, for 1949.

F. S. Clarke who has obtained entry to Worcester College, Oxford for 1950.

It will be remembered that R. E. Young is proceeding to Corpus Christi College, Oxford and J. O. Morris to Selwyn College Cambridge.

During the Easter term two interesting talks were given. Mr. Douglas talked constructional engineering and the Principal of Sheffield Training College spoke on "Teaching as a Career". Later in the term a careers visit to Sheepbridge Works was arranged.

Several theatre parties have been arranged. A party of boys saw "Julius Caesar" at the Sheffield Repertory Theatre. A considerable number of the School saw the Teachers' Dramatic Society perform "Androcles and the Lion." Other parties saw "Juno and the Paycock" and "The Wind of Heaven." Presented by the Caledonian Dramatic Society.

Parties of Sixth formers have visited Sheffield to attend lectures on History and French at the University.

An innovation during the Easter term was a series of lunch time concerts held in the School. D. Jacobs, A. J. Brimble and G. Wragg gave recitals which were enjoyed by many boys.

When the Safety First Exhibition was held in Chesterfield a group of boys under the direction of Mr. Brain constructed a very good model for exhibition. Several boys also sent sketches and paintings.

We congratulate and offer our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Jennings on the birth of a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. McEwan, a son.

The Easter Service was held in the Parish Church on March 23rd. The Choir sang the anthems "Lord for Thy tender mercies sake" and "Teach us good Lord to serve Thee." The Sermon was preached by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Magazines from the following Schools: Derby School, Dronfield Grammar School, the Henry Mellish Grammar School, Nottingham, the Herbert Strutt School, Belper, High Storrs Grammar School (Boys), Queen Elisabeth's Grammar School, Mansfield, Shirebrook Grammar School for Girls, King Edward VII School, Sheffield, Woodhouse Grammar School, Wyggeston Grammar School, Leicester, Staveley Grammar School, Mount St. Mary's College.

We publish as the frontispiece to this Magazine a photograph of Sir Robert Robinson, one of our Old Boys of whom we have reason to be proud. A biographical note will be found in the section dealing with Old Cestrefeldian news.

## SCHOOL NOTES – December 1948

The Annual Commemoration Service was held on July 23rd in the Parish Church. The sermon on this occasion was preached by the Archdeacon of Newark. On this occasion members of the School Orchestra assisted the choir. The Trumpet Voluntary, the Averum (Mozart), Berceuse (Vierne) for strings and the two anthems " Go forth with God " (Martin Shaw) and "And the Glory " (Handel), were much appreciated.

During this term several members of the staff have addressed the School at School Prayers on Friday mornings, choosing as their subjects various qualities of a good citizen. There is no doubt that this innovation has been worth while.

A Leaving Dance was held on July 22nd, at the Co-operative Hall. It was a very enjoyable function for the Staff and the School, and the time for "Auld Lang Syne" came much too quickly.

Careers talks and visits have continued. We are grateful to Mr. Livesley for his talk on Pharmacy and to Mr. Lomas for his talk on Insurance. The visits to Sheepbridge and Staveley were very profitable.

We regret that we had to say, goodbye to Mrs. Hill. The juniors are already realising how much they owed to her. We wish her every success in her new post at St. Helena School.

Mr. L. S. Joyce left us during the Summer Term to take up a new post at Farnborough Technical College. Our good wishes go with him. In his place we have welcomed Mr. J. J. Higgins, B.Sc. He is no stranger to this neighbourhood, and we hope that his closer acquaintance with the School will be a happy one.

We said goodbye also to Mr. Morgan who had helped us during the Summer term and we welcomed Mr. Cooper who is taking his place. We wish Mr. Morgan every success at Shoreditch Training College, and we hope Mr. Cooper will enjoy his stay with us.

Two very successful Parents' Evenings have been held this term. There is no doubt that the informal discussions are of value both to the parents and to the staff.

On Thursday, October 7th, Mr. Tytler gave an informative and amusing lecture on the filming of "Hamlet." His description of the mechanical side of the filming showed a wide knowledge of the studios. This talk was supported with some very good slides.

A special Remembrance Service was held at the School on Monday, November 8th. Mr. F. A. Barker for the Old Cestrefeldians and the Headmaster for the School laid wreaths on the School War Memorial.

Thanks to activities in the Woodwork rooms it has been possible to place twenty-five pictures in the classrooms. It is hoped that these are but a first instalment.

The completion of the New Hut at the Storrs Road playing fields will ease the situation in the changing rooms and provide better facilities for catering.

It is with regret that we learn we shall have to say goodbye to Mr. W. H. Brain. He will be missed in many ways. Mr. Brain is taking up an appointment at the Junior Technical School, Kingston-on-Thames, and we wish to him and his family every happiness in their new environment.

We congratulate Mr. L. Lodge on his election as one of the eight representatives of the Societies of the Borough on the Committee of Management to direct the new Civic Theatre.

It may not be generally known in the School that a copy of each number of the "Cestrefeldian" is filed in the collection of Borough Records held at the Library. These files, however, are not complete, and the Borough Librarian has asked us to appeal for the following numbers to make up the complete collection :

Vol. X, No. 2 (1918).  
Vol. XIII, No. I (1920-21).  
Vol. XV, No. 1 (1922-23).

If any Old Boys or friends of the School are willing to present these Magazines to the Borough Library, will they please send them to the Editor, "The Cestrefeldian," at the School.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Magazines : The Derbyian (Derby School), the Magazine of King Edward VII School (Sheffield), Woodnotes (Woodhouse G.S., Sheffield), Mountaineer (Mount St. Mary's), The Centaur (Henry Mellish G.S., Nottingham), The Helstonian (Helston County School).

## SCHOOL NOTES – May 1949

The Carol Service was held on December 22nd in the Parish Church. Special carols were sung by the Choir and lessons were read by boys from Junior, Middle and Senior forms. The sermon was preached by the Headmaster.

On Thursday, December 16th, the Sixth Forms invited the Sixth Form from the High School to a Christmas Party. After an enjoyable meal in our dining room we all moved to the High School to spend a happy evening with games and dances.

At the end of the Christmas term the Sixth Forms became a Borough Council. The election of the Mayor and much committee business was dealt with by the General Purposes Committee and thereby valuable knowledge of Civic Government procedure was gained.

In January we welcomed Mr. F. Haywood, who joined the Staff temporarily when Mr. Brain resigned. We hope that he will enjoy his association with the School.

We offer our congratulations to Mrs. E. Hill on her election as a Justice of the Peace in the County of Derbyshire.

The congratulations of the School go to the School Captain, R. J. Andrew, who has been awarded an Open Scholarship of value £100 in Natural Sciences at Claire College, Cambridge.

An innovation this term was the first of a series of visits to the School of famous Old Boys. F. G. Glossop talked of his school days and said something of his present post as Production Director for the North West Region of the National Coal Board. An article on this visit is printed below.

Two more Parent's Evenings have been held and both staff and parents feel that these meetings are worth while.

During the Easter term two instructive Careers Talks were given. One by Mr. Bond on Agriculture and another by Mr. Hall on British Railways.

The lunch time concerts have again proved very popular and D. Jacobs, P. D. Mottishaw, R. Lunn, T. D. Stafford, A. S. Fawcett have given good service.

Boys from the School entered for the Latin Reading Competition organised by Sheffield University. The congratulations of the School go to :

Mallinder, who was 4th in the Senior Section.

Allsop, D., who was 1st in the Junior Section.

Sylvester, who was 2nd in the Junior Section.

When the Safety First Exhibition was organised in Chesterfield during March, a model, constructed under the direction of Mr. Page, was a much admired exhibit.

The Easter Service was held in the Parish Church on April 13th. The Choir sang the anthems "God so loved the world" and "I waited for the Lord." The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield.

We must apologise for omitting from our last number a First XI Cricket result. On 17th April, Chesterfield School played Dronfield Grammar School and lost.

The Borough Librarian wishes us to thank Old Boys who so promptly replied to our appeal for certain back numbers of the Cestrefeldian. The files kept at the Borough Library have now been thoroughly checked and the following numbers of the Cestrefeldian are still wanted:

Vol. IX. All parts, 1916/7.

Vol. XI. All parts, 1918-9.

Vol. XII. All parts, 1919-20.

If any Old Boy, or friend can help by supplying these we shall be most grateful. They should be addressed to the Editor at the School.

The attention of Old Boys is drawn to the letter from the Chairman of the London Society of Derbyshiremen which is printed at the end of this Magazine.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Magazines : The Mountaineer (Mount St. Mary's) ; The



Derbeian ; The Gong, (Nottingham University); The Centaur (Henry Mellish G.S.); Woodnotes (Woodhouse G.S.); Elisabethan (Queen Elisabeth's G.S., Mansfield); Staveleyan; Mercian (Shirebrook G.S. for Girls); The Dronfeldian; The Magazine (King Edward VII School, Sheffield); and those of the St. Helena School and Helston County School.

## **FORTY YEARS BACK – May 1949**

Recently, a Sixth-Former has been delving into the really old copies of the “Cestrefeldian” and he has begun to discover a number of facts which, we think, will be of interest to modern readers. After all, much of our daily life to-day, the strange things we do in school, have their roots far back before we were born. There is, for example, the House system. When did it start? Why? We look at the April number of the “Cestrefeldian” for 1909 and find –

“Now that the House System has been installed and got into full working order, the many drawbacks which at first it seemed to possess have all but vanished. It certainly has improved the general tone of the School. By no means one of the least important of its results is the way in which it has brought together seniors and juniors. Boys, who before hardly knew of each other’s existence, now, finding themselves in the same House are discovering common interests, and the effect is decidedly beneficial. The inter-House matches which were arranged at the beginning of the Term were to have been worked on much the same lines as the Leagues were in the days of yore. Forty matches were arranged, each House team, both First and Second, playing each of the other Houses twice. The lateness in the season, and the inclemency of the weather, however, made it apparent after a few matches that it would be impossible to finish all these games. Then the “Cup-Tie,” or “Knock-Out” system was adopted. There were to be three rounds, the winners of the final round being the champions.”

If even the idea of spending so much time on House matches could be entertained, one wonders what other activities existed. We know of one or two at any rate, for in that same year (1909), in a Magazine called The Captain (one of the more respectable of the boys’ papers of the day I) appeared the following article:

“In addition to its famous crooked spire, Chesterfield possesses a Grammar School which does credit to the old Roman town. The School was founded in 1594, receiving a Charter from Queen Elizabeth. Many eminent men have been educated under its roof, and an inspection of its successes in recent examinations shows that the education it gives is of no mean character. In consequence of the growth in numbers, extensions were made in 1898, and the School is now a very handsome building. Further additions will be necessary before long, as the boys will soon number 250. Its football and cricket elevens are among the best amateur teams in the neighbourhood, while the Sports form a most popular event and are always witnessed by a large crowd.

“There is also a Debating Society and a Library, all in very flourishing condition. Last Term the School was divided into five “Houses,” and, it is anticipated, that very material results will be derived from this innovation.”

This School has a continuous history of which it has a right to be proud, and we feel that we in the modern generation should try to find out more about those boys who were here when Shakespeare was writing his plays, when Dr. Samuel Johnson was living in Lichfield, when George Stevenson was inventing steam engines. May we appeal to any old Old Boys who may have records (or personal reminiscences) to share them with us through the pages of this journal?

J.W.W and F.C.P.

## SCHOOL NOTES – December 1949

The Annual Commemoration Service was held on July 22nd in the Parish Church. The sermon this year was preached by the Archdeacon of Derby. The choir sang the two anthems "I waited for the Lord," Mendelssohn, and "O Praise the Lord," Goss.

At the end of the Summer term the Annual Dance was held in the Co-operative Hall. Some 200 of the Staff and School enjoyed a very, pleasant evening together.

During the last term two more successful "Parents' Evenings" were held for parents of the members of the first and second forms.

Towards the end of term a party of boys visited Birchover to inspect the Roman remains.

It was with great regret that we said Good-bye to Mr. E. G. Cooley who has served the School during the last seventeen years. Our good wishes go with him. In his place we welcome Mr. Woellhardt who has had wide experience in the educational field.

We said good-bye also to Mrs. Slater who has taught at the School for the last six years. She will be missed, for we appreciated her happy, conscientious service. We wish her success in her new appointment and welcome in her place Mr. P. Grattidge from Hertford College, Oxford.

Mr. Cooper left us in the Summer to take up a new appointment at York. We wish him every success and we shall miss his great energy on the games field. We hope Mr. Pearson who has taken his place will enjoy his stay with us.

We welcome also Mr. Jinkinson who is taking a live interest in the new School Orchestra and we hope he will enjoy, a happy and profitable stay in Chesterfield.

During this term two Careers talks have been held and we are grateful to Mr. Davies who spoke on "Gas Engineering," and to Mr. Broome, who spoke on "Local Government."

In United Nations Week a special service was held and U.N. films were shown to various forms.

The levelling of our fields at Brampton commenced in August and in time shall have a very fine sports arena.

The Remembrance Day Service was held on Monday, November 7th. and P. N. Stanton, President of the Old Cestrefeldian Society, together with the Headmaster, placed wreaths on the War Memorial. As usual poppies were sold in the School and the sum realised was £8 8s, 6d.

Recently a party of juniors visited the Odeon Cinema to see the film "Christopher Columbus" and seniors visited the same cinema to see the film "Hamlet."

During the Summer Term and holidays a number of school journeys were made, as usual, to places of historic interest. To York, Lichfield, Southwell and Newstead Abbey. These journeys are described elsewhere in this Magazine.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Woellhardt on the birth of a daughter, Ingrid Elisabeth, on 10th November.

We acknowledge with many thanks the gift of Volumes XI, XII and XIII of The Cestrefeldian which have been sent by Mr. Arthur Clark, O.C., of the Innats, Ruth Road, Pontypool, Monmouth. These have been passed to the Borough Librarian who now has a complete set except for Volume IX (1916-7).  
If any Old Cestrefeldian can help us to complete the set, we shall be most grateful.

Owing to an unfortunate oversight, the lino-cut reproduced in our May number was unacknowledged. It was designed and executed by B. S. Metcalf of the Upper Sixth Modern to whom we apologise for the omission of his name.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Magazines from the following: Derby School. Gainsborough Grammar School, Henry Mellish Grammar School, King Edward VII School, Sheffield, Mount St. Mary's, Rotherham Grammar School, Woodhouse Grammar School.

During the three days, 19-21 September, a party of 32 boys and two masters visited Portsmouth as guests of the Royal Navy. They travelled by coach, visiting Winchester en-route and Oxford on their return journey. At Portsmouth they were accommodated on board ship and were thus able to gain firsthand knowledge of the Senior Service.

It was not until this Magazine was already in the press that we learned of the courageous action of one of our First Formers during the Summer at Mablethorpe. D. T. Morrison saw a small boy being carried out to sea in an R.A.F. dinghy. Together with the boy's brother he swam out after him and brought him safely to the beach. For this action Morrison has been awarded the Royal Humane Society's Medal. This School would join in thanking him for his brave example and in congratulating him on his well-deserved recognition.

## **FORTY YEARS BACK – December 1949**

### **The School Coat of Arms**

As most readers already know, J. M. Greaves, of the Sixth Form has recently presented to the School an oak carving of our coat of arms, executed by himself. Many boys go through the School without realising why we have a school crest or what it represents. The following extracts from *The Cestrefeldian* of December, 1910, should therefore be of interest to both past and present members of the School.

The School shield “represents Foljambe impaling Clarke. In heraldry a shield is said to be parted ‘per pale’ when it is divided into two equal parts by a line drawn vertically down the centre. The right hand side of the shield is called the dexter half and the left hand the sinister, but it must be borne in mind that these are regarded from the point of view of the wearer of the shield and not that of the spectator. In the Grammar School shield the dexter . . . is occupied by the arms of Foljambe, and the sinister by the arms of Clarke. . . . The arms of Foljambe are described thus: Sable, a bend between six escallops, or . . . Translated into ordinary terms this means that the ground on the Foljambe Shield is sable; that it is divided into parts by a bend, which is a band running diagonally across the shield from the top righthand corner to the bottom lefthand corner; that in the upper portion there are three escallops, or oyster shells, and three more in the lower portion (These escallops indicating that the original wearer had made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land); and that the bend and the oyster shells are “Or” or golden . . . .

“The lefthand part of the Grammar School arms is, as already mentioned, occupied by the arms of Clarke, which was thus described: Gules, a bear rampant (Collared of the field) between three mullets, argent. This means that the ground or field is ‘gules’ or red, and that the bear is ‘rampant’ (that is, standing on its hind legs and apparently clawing the air with its fore feet), wears a collar ‘of the field’ (that is, a red collar) and that it stands between three ‘mullets’ or stars which are argent or silver.

“But why were the arms of these two families selected to form the Grammar School coat of arms? The choice was an extremely appropriate one . . . . It was to members of two families, Godfrey Foljambe and Cornelius Clarke that the School owed a substantial part of its endowments. The Foljambes were a very ancient family. We read of one member obtaining distinction at the Battle of Agincourt; Sir Godfrey Foljambe was High Sheriff of Derbyshire in 1520, 1535, and 1537; Sir James Foljambe in 1556; Godfrey Foljambe of Aldwark in 1567 and 1579; and Godfrey Foljambe of Walton in 1586. In the reign of Elizabeth, Thomas Foljambe was one of the two representatives of Derbyshire in Parliament. When Mary, Queen of Scots, was arrested and placed in the custody of the Earl of Shrewsbury, it being necessary to break her journey, she stayed one night at the residence of the Foljambes at Walton. Visitors to Chesterfield Parish Church are much struck by the altar tombs to members of the Family, placed in the Foljambe Chapel. One of these is to the memory of a Godfrey Foljambe - the name was held by numerous members of the family – who died in 1594, and who was the benefactor to the Grammar School, as well as a generous Friend to the poor of the town.

“Cornelius Clarke, who left lands and money for the better maintenance of the ‘head or chief schoolmaster of the Free Grammar School erected within the borough of Chesterfield and for the encouragement in teaching, instructing, and education of the children there in piety, virtue, and good learning,’ was the son of the first Mayor of Chesterfield, Mr. Ralph Clarke who lived at Cutthorpe.”



## SCHOOL NOTES – May 1950

The Christmas Service was held on December 21st in the Parish Church. Carols were sung by the congregation and the choir. Lessons were read by the Staff and by boys from the Junior, Middle, and Senior forms. The sermon on this occasion was preached by the Headmaster.

Towards the end of the Christmas term Mr. Andrew organised a very successful "Lower School" party. The conjuring, films and competitions made a very, enjoyable evening.

At Christmas the Sixth was delighted to receive an invitation to a party, at the High School. After some strenuous dancing lessons everyone had a delightful evening.

After the Christmas term we said good-bye to Mr. Hodge and we wish him every success in his new School.

In February the boys who camped at Tenby in the Summer holidays joined together and visited the Pantomime at the "Empire Theatre," Sheffield.

The congratulations of the School go to C. Wright, who has been awarded an Open Scholarship at New College, Oxford; E. A. Simmonds who has been awarded an Open Scholarship at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford; D. E. Mottashaw, who has been awarded an Open Exhibition at University College, Oxford; D. Hancock, who has been awarded a Choral Exhibition at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge; M. Foley who has obtained entry to Balliol College, Oxford; K. F. Mallindar who has obtained entry to New College, Oxford; D. Hooley who has obtained entry to Christ Church, Oxford; B. Roper, who has obtained entry to Queen's College, Oxford.

During the Easter term two careers talks were given. Mr Longson spoke on Dentistry and Mr. G. Edmunds on careers in the "Newspaper" world.

Theatre parties have seen productions of Macbeth and Comus.

Two very successful Parents' evenings have been field this term. There is no doubt that the discussions are of value both to the Patents and the Staff.

Another eminent "Old Boy," Dr. Windle Taylor, visited the School on March 31st. He spoke to the Senior forms of his experiences at School and of his work as Deputy Director of the Metropolitan Water Board. A report on Dr. Taylor's visit will be found elsewhere in this Magazine.

We shall welcome in the Summer Term Mr. Adlen who will take over the post vacated by Mr. Hodge. We hope that his stay in Chesterfield will be happy and successful.

We are very sorry to report the death, during the Easter holidays, of John Kenneth Hardy of Form 3P. The School sent a wreath and was represented at the funeral by Messrs. Hodgson, Warmington and Croft. We offer to his parents, brother and sister our deep sympathy in their loss.

The Easter Service was held in the Parish Church on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The Choir sang the anthems "Lord for Thy Tender Mercies Sake," and "Comfort O Lord." The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield.

We are grateful tyo Mr. F. W. Mason for the gift of two copies of the Cestrefeldian for the 1914-18 War period.

The illustration introducing the Sports Section is by J. Sylvester.

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following Magazines:

The Wyggestonian, The Mountaineer, The Dronfeldian, The Sheaf, The Scroll, Woodnotes, Centaur, The Derbeian, The Mercian, and the Magazines from St. Helena School, Firth Park G.S. and King Edward VII School, Sheffield.

## UNVEILING OF MEMORIALS – May 1950

On Sunday, 2nd April, Air-Marshal Sir Philip Wigglesworth K.B.E., C.B., D.S.C. (a pupil at this School from 1910 to 1912) unveiled the Memorial to the sixty-six Old Boys who gave their lives in the 1939-45 War and also the Memorial to James Mansell, B.A., Headmaster of the School from 1894 to 1921.

The Service was conducted by the Archdeacon, the Ven. T. Dilworth-Harrison, the opening words from Laurence Binyon's *For the Fallen* being spoken by the Headmaster, and the lesson read by Mr. R. Varley, M.C., B.A., Second Master, and this year's President of the Cestrefeldian Society. The singing was led by the choir while a detachment of the Cadet Force provided a guard of honour. It was a service notable for its quiet dignity and simplicity, held in the Assembly Hall and attended by relatives of the Fallen and of the late Mr. James Mansell, representatives of the School Governors, staff and pupils, Old Boys and friends. The town was represented by the Mayor (Ald. J. E. Bird).

Before unveiling the Memorial to the Fallen, the Air-Marshal said:

“The solemnity and importance of this Dedication Service is of special significance to all who have foregathered here this afternoon, for those who for any reason are unable to be present, and for the School itself - individually and collectively.

“All Cestrefeldians, old and young, consider themselves very honoured that they have been or are still in any way associated with this illustrious school. I have those sentiments very strongly myself and would here like to say how proud and privileged I feel that I have been invited to return to my old school after so many years specially to unveil two School Memorials, the 1939-45 War Memorial and the James Mansell Memorial - to 67 of the greatest of all Cestrefeldians: and I would rate them also as being amongst the really great Englishmen and Britishers. I would, however, ask you to believe me when I say that it is with deep humility that I perform my task. I realise that no eulogy or praise of mine can sufficiently appreciate the merits of their achievements and services for our sakes.

“Although almost five years have now passed since the Second World War ended so triumphantly for the allies, time has not dimmed, nor will it ever dim, our own personal remembrances of the 66 old boys of this school who served so valiantly in the forces between 1939 and 1945. But it is fitting, and indeed due to them, that their names and deeds shall be perpetuated in some manner in order that those who follow us through the ages shall also know of them and of what they did for us and for them. This simple, but beautiful and dignified plaque, erected so fittingly in the Hall of this School where the very foundations of their manhood were laid, will adequately tell of their great story.

“Certainly these Old Cestrefeldians have well earned their places in the ranks of the immortals. Like those other gallant gentlemen of this, and other schools, who also gave their all in the First World War: these Cestrefeldians whom we specially honour today made, so gloriously and without counting the appalling costs to themselves, the greatest of all sacrifices in the service of the King and country in the cause of righteousness and humanity, and in order that you and I, our descendants, our nation, the Commonwealth and British Empire, and all peoples living in truly democratic countries shall continue to live in peace and freedom from oppression.

“We all know that there are many who earned renown for their bravery and leadership in the field or for special devotion to duty in other equally important spheres in our national war effort, but the contribution to our great victories of these fallen few, of imperishable memory, can never be surpassed nor can their fame be transcended.

“I wish so much that it were possible for me this afternoon to relate to you their individual exploits and actions. Some will have fallen with distinctions attached to their names, some will have been killed in action, perhaps unheralded and unsung: others will have died in hospital or elsewhere from wounds sustained in battle or again others will have passed from us for other causes directly or indirectly due to the war in areas away from the actual battle zones: but one and all were they officers or men and irrespective of their Service or capacity, willingly and most honourably laid down their lives for us in a manner worthy of the highest commendation and true to the finest traditions of our great British race.

“Loyalty to their cause, their faith, their principles and their comrades - courage, nobility, chivalry and special devotion to duty, were surely displayed in full measure by them all.

“Truthfully can it be said of them that they died fighting a good fight with all their might; and now we think of them with measureless gratitude and pride.

“Those of us who are not directly related to them will be happy for this long hoped for opportunity to salute and pay our respects, our grateful respects, to their parents, their wives and families, their near relatives and others near and dear to them who themselves contributed so much to the common cause through their own irreparable losses. We hope that they will still find great consolation and comfort from the belief that their dear ones now rest safely in God’s great care, their work on earth well done in His sight, the greatest reward for any Christian believer, and in ours: and there, too, we hope to meet them again to thank them.

“My last words about them this afternoon, though not my last thoughts, are that these warriors and heroes will be expecting of us who are left behind and for whom they died, that we shall walk worthily of them and prove by our future conduct and thoughts that their supreme sacrifices were not made in vain.”

Then, after a prayer of intercession and dedication, led by the Archdeacon, the Air-Marshal unveiled the Memorial to James Mansell with these words:

“It is with much diffidence that I shall speak of the late Mr. James Mansell. It is now some 38 years since I left this school and there are many other old boys who are much more qualified than I am to pay an adequate tribute to our late Headmaster.

“I find it difficult also to regard these two memorials as separate entities for they have much in common and are in several respects interrelated and complementary.

“In his particular work, our late Headmaster strove with his great determination, tolerance and patience, high example, great integrity of character, and most important of all, a deep and sympathetic understanding of human nature to inculcate into the minds of those boys committed to his care those fine qualities which are needed so much now in these difficult times to make of us God fearing members of our national society, worthy and responsible citizens, and individuals who, it necessary, are prepared to fight for our Christian tenets, principles and comrades.”

“I realise that the late Mr. Mansell was not the Headmaster of all those whose names now appear on our Rolls of Honour - nevertheless, I feel it is still time to say that our two War Memorials bear ample testimony to the soundness of his guidance and instruction and the force and influence of his leadership.

“I have mentioned first of all his particular gift for character building, because character is so all important today. Academic knowledge, however detailed and comprehensive it may be, is really of small account if the youth of the country lack a correct outlook in their attitude towards their fellowmen, are bereft of a high moral standard and code of honour, and do not know the full meaning of the phrase “to play the game.”

“At the same time our late Headmaster was certainly a master of his profession. His profound scholastic knowledge and wide experience of teaching were untiringly devoted to ensuring that his boys received a sound basic education in what we may call the common subjects with specialisation in other matters suitable to the students’ aptitude, ambitions and prospects for the future: to ensure also that when they left the school they were equipped - mentally, morally and physically - to embark upon any honourable career or profession in civil life or in the Services. He expected of them, however, that whilst they were at this school they should work hard, study hard, as well as play hard.

“It was often felt by some of us that the late Headmaster was times perhaps over severe and strict with the younger boys, but as we progressed in the school and learned to know him better we realised that underlying this firm attitude there was a genuine friendliness and affection for all. He was always watchful and mindful of our welfare both during our school days and afterwards and this solicitude continued during his retirement and until he peacefully passed away in 1943. If he had a motto I would say that it would be “I serve” – his main aim in life was to serve the best interests of the boys and the School at all times.

During the 27 years of his high office - for such it was - he more than quadrupled the number of scholars and masters and greatly widened the scope of subjects in the School curriculum, with special attention to religious teaching, the arts and sciences, the introduction of crafts and various Societies of all kinds. In this fine endeavour he was the first to acknowledge generously the loyal and able assistance of his senior master, the late Mr. Guilmant, to whose respected and affectionate memory a plaque has already been placed in this Hall.

“Surely all this work of the late Mr. James Mansell was meritorious service of the highest importance to the School and to mankind. It is fully deserving of permanent recognition by this Memorial erected in this School which he so successfully controlled and administered for so many years. This memorial will, for all time, and for all Cestrefeldians, constitute a shining example of all that is admirable in a Headmaster and a man, and through it his great influence for good will continue to be felt throughout the School for many years to come.

“He must have been well contented and satisfied with his own achievements and school successes but especially was he proud of the splendid war record of the old boys, particularly those whose names are now indelibly inscribed on these two War Memorials.

“It is with much pleasure that we have with us this afternoon members of the family of our late Headmaster, especially his daughter and son. It is now seven years since their father died but they still have our heartfelt sympathies in their great loss - which was ours also. Perhaps this memorial to his name will help them to continue to bear that loss with even greater fortitude, peace of mind and pride.

“On your behalf, I now unveil this memorial to a great headmaster, a wise counsellor, a true friend and a fine gentleman.”

#### THE ROLL OF THE FALLEN.

*“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off.”*

Charles Corringham Adams  
John Adsetts  
Roy Alan Ashmore

Kenneth George Iremonger  
Edward Alexander Henley Jobes  
Donald Maney Maycock



Kenneth James Ball  
Richard A. Ball  
Ernest Cecil Barley  
Charles Bethell  
David Devonald Beynon  
Thomas Blackshaw  
Thomas William Booker  
Philip Alwyn Botham  
Geoffrey Bradshaw  
Ronald Brewin  
John Edward Burcher  
John Joseph Carley  
George Albert Carline  
William Richard Clark  
Reginald Graydon Cooke  
Alfred Cooper  
Frederick Brian Cooper  
Ronald Cox  
Peter Hambleton Dickins  
Roy Rowlatt Dickinson  
Frank Dobson  
Alfred Flint  
William Arthur Foulstone  
Arthur Glossop  
Joseph Eric Goddard  
Harry Goulden  
Charles Edward Gregory  
Donald Haddock  
Frederick Ivan George Hall  
James Arthur Harrison  
William Keith Holmes

John Derek Middleton  
Dennis Leslie Mothersole  
Douglas Frank Newsham  
George Selwyn Oldfield  
Malcolm Parker  
Gordon Cecil Rawlinson  
Harry Bonnington Ridgeway  
Charles Howard Rudge  
Thomas Arthur Sharpe  
Gordon Henry Slack  
Leonard Henry Smith  
Ralph Ramsay Smith  
Thomas Rowland Smith  
George Arthur Stamp  
A.T. Taylor  
Frank Taylor  
Alec Towndrow  
John Alfred Turner  
Eric Blanchard Tuxford  
Harry Nutt Unwin  
Samuel Henry Wetherill  
Charles Wharton  
Harold Wheeldon  
George Widdowson  
Ernest Haydn Wild  
John Primrose Wilson  
William Primrose Wilson  
Frank Knighton Wright  
Walter George Yeomans