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## EDITORIAL

Since the last magazine was published, we have witnessed events of a magnitude and significance unsurpassed in world history. First came the news of the unconditional surrender of Germany, which we celebrated with proud thanksgiving and great relief. After a lapse of only a few months, we heard of the epoch-making invention of the atomic bomb and the subsequent end of world-hostilities. The process of readjusting our lives during the period of transition from the conditions of war to those of peace is not easy.

The six years of war have had profound effects on us all, but the school has emerged with an undaunted spirit and with many vivid memories of difficulties overcome . . . . . of trench-digging both at school and at Storrs Road; of the departure of many familiar masters into the services, and the arrival of the first mistresses; of the many shortages; and yet of new academic honours gained. The remaining members of the staff, their temporary colleagues and the boys all co-operated to uphold the traditions of the school.

There are already signs of new life being infused into School activities. This is apparent in the vitality of existing societies and the revival of several older ones; and in the return from war-service of some of our masters. It is with a feeling of confidence that the school enters this school-year - the first of what we hope will be a long period of world peace.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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

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 Chesterfield 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 Rugby 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**

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.

## **O. C. NOTES**

### **ANNUAL MEETING AND REUNION.**

The Annual Meeting and Re-union was held, as usual, at the Victoria Restaurant, on April 10th, 1945, 28 O.C.’s being present.

Owing to the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. J. H. Wagstaff, the retiring President, the chair was taken by Alderman H. Short, a former President of the Society.

At the commencement of the meeting, members present stood for a moment in silent tribute to the memory of Old Boys

killed in action. The previous minutes and past year's accounts having been formally read and adopted, the Chairman, in his opening remarks, paid tribute to the excellent academic achievements of the School under war-time conditions. He further expressed the hope, shared by the meeting, that it might be possible, next year, to revert to the pre-war practice of a formal and full reunion of O.C.'s.

Mr. Charles Proctor was then installed as President for the ensuing year, and Wing-Commander E. Swale, D.F.C., was unanimously adopted as President-elect.

The headmaster, Mr. J. L. Smeall, next rose to give his customary review of School activities, special reference being made by him to the flourishing condition of School societies and organisations. He went on to give a most informative explanation of the implications of the new Education Act, and its probable impact on both the School and the O.C. Society.

He wished to see the Grammar School co-operating; to the full in the implementing in practice of the principles of the Act, and expressed a desire for close association between the Grammar School and the new Secondary Schools, through the medium of friendly games fixtures, debates, and possibly in other ways.

Mr. Dronfield expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Headmaster for his enlightening address, and to Alderman H. Short for deputising at short notice, for the President. In seconding, Councillor Rodgers made reference to the honour brought to the Society and the Borough by Alderman Short as the recipient of the O.B.E.

The meeting was then closed.

#### ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH. OLD Boys v. SCHOOL.

The annual cricket match between the Old Boys and the School was played on Wednesday evening, July 11th, after heavy rain had delayed its commencement.

The School, batting first, compiled the useful total of 120, to which the Old Boys replied with 121 runs for the loss of only two wickets. Their comfortable win was due, in large measure, to a masterly batting display by C. G. Cutts, who scored 75 before being run out; the excellent fielding of Cutts, who took no fewer than four catches, was also praiseworthy. Needham, who scored 40 not out, also batted extremely well for the Old Boys. McCall, with 38 runs to his credit, and Batty, with 22, were top scorers for the School.

Bowling honours in the game were shared by W. Husband, who took 5 School wickets for 31 runs, and J. Norris, whose analysis was 4 for 37.

#### KILLED IN ACTION.

In accordance with the wish of their relatives, we report with deep regret the deaths on Active Service of the following O.C.'s:

MAJOR FK. WRIGHT - has died in Kenya.

CAPT. CHARLES BETHELL - killed in action in Singapore.

LIEUT. H. B. RIDGEWAY - killed in Italy, whilst on Active Service with the R.A.C.

PTE. W. A. FOOLSTONE - died of wounds received in Burma.

PTE. T. R. SMITH., R.A.O.C., who joined up in October, 1941, and was made a P.o.W. after the loss of Singapore, died of Cholera on October 7th, 1943.

#### ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

The following O.C.'s were still on Active Service at the time when the particular information came to hand. It is possible that, in some cases, demobilisation may have occurred in the meantime. To the best of our knowledge:

J. K. ROLLINSON is serving with H.M. Forces in the Middle East.

SURG.-LIEUT. P. REED is with the R.N.V.R. (Our congratulations to him on his recent marriage to Miss B.K.

Fry, U.A.D., of Doncaster!)

D. RADFORD is in Belgium with the R.A.O.C.

LIEUT. G. S. ROBSON is with the R.A.S.C. in India, after serving for some time in W. Africa.

LIEUT. V. M. BOAL M.C. is at present on Active Service in Germany.

P. B. WHITE is in this Royal Navy.

CAPT. J. P. GILLAM is Indian Welfare Officer with the 14th Punjab Regt.

L. J. BIBBY is serving in India.

CAPT. J. D. H. LINFOOT is in the R.A.M.C. under S.E.A.C.

CAPT. N. M. TAYLOR is with the R.E.'s in the Middle East.

J. A. DARWENT is at present undergoing training with the R.A.F. at No. 6 Radio School.

F. GODFREY is with the R.N.A.S., in Scotland.

P.-O. G. M. SNEATH is with the R.A.F., under S.E.A.C.

CAPT. R. W. RUDIN, R.E.M.E., is now on the Staff at G.H.Q., Delhi.

J. P. POTTER is serving with the Fleet Air Arm.

K. W. WINTLE is with the B.L.A., in Holland.

OFFICER-CADET G. M. LEE is now at the R.A.F. Officers' School, Wolverhampton.

OFFICER-CADET J. A. TAYLOR is with the Queen's Royal Regt., India Command.

PETTY OFFICER E. STANHOPE is with the Fleet Air Arm in Ceylon.

SERGT. C. McDOWELL has received his "Wings," having passed out as a Navigator. He recently flew from Canada to England in ten hours.

F.-O. I. K. ROBSON has been seconded to Army Co-operation in the Far East.

CAPT. S. COOPER, released a few months ago after 3½ years as a P.o.W. in Germany, is now back on Active Service with the R.A.O.C.

K. WILCOCKSON is engaged on an Army Short Course at Queen's University, Belfast.

LIEUT. P. A. WILDE is now serving with E. Africa Command.

SUB-LIEUT. B. MAINSTONE, after a lengthy period of service on the Russian convoys, is now taking a course in Navigation at Brighton.

N. BAKER has now been commissioned as a Pilot Officer in the R.A.F.

C. G. CUTTS has almost completed his O.C.T.U.

L.-Ac. W. D. RHODES is with the R.A.F. in GERMANY.

SGT. C. J. HOPKINSON, serving with the Pioneer Corps, has been awarded a Certificate of Good Service, his name appearing in the King's Birthday Honours List.

MAJOR H. H. BLISSETT, of the King's Regt. (attached Commandos) has been mentioned in despatches for gallantry in Normandy and awarded the Croix de Guerre with Silver Stars. Major Blissett has seen Active

Service in Norway, N. Africa, Sicily, Italy and France.

WING\_COMMANDER E. SWALE, D.F.C. & BAR, President-Elect of the O.C. Society, has again been mentioned in despatches in the King's Birthday Honours for his work in France since D-Day. He has since been awarded the U.S. Distinguished Flying Cross for operations during the Battle of Germany.

CPL. A. CARTER, serving with R.E.M.E., has been awarded the Commander-in-Chief's Certificate for Good Service in the field.

F.-O. G. BERRISFORD has been mentioned in despatches in connection with the invasion of S. France.

A.C. R. E. BERRISFORD, has been recalled to the R.A.F. after a period as Inspector at B.T.H., Peterboro'.

FT. LIEUT. G. PARROTT, after several years as a pilot in the R.A.F., has recently taken up an administrative position as Education Officer.

CAPT. E. C. MORRIS is now Adjutant to his regiment, and has been mentioned in despatches since D-day for "Doing his duty consistently and reliably."

ACTING WING-COMMANDER F. R. BIRD, during the course of his brilliant career in the R.A.F. has taken part in over eighty operations. His distinguished service has received well-merited recognition in the award of his "Pathfinder" Wings, the 1939-43 Star, the D.F.C. and the D.S.O.

F.-O. A. C. L. DAY has now been appointed Meteorological Officer at Wepul Aerodrome, near Ely.

#### NOTE.

Will subscribers please note that any items of information relating to the activities of Old Boys, may be published in the Magazine if they are sent to Mr. T. E. Swain, the Headmaster, or any member of the Staff.



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## EDITORIAL.

“Plus ça change, plus c’est la même chose.”

To our readers we must first offer an apology for the late appearance of this issue of the “Cestrefeldian.” So many events have taken place since our last publication, and there have been so many changes, that the editors have felt themselves obliged to delay the present magazine until it could present as full a record as possible of the past six months.

So much has happened, in fact, that we cannot be quite certain of having recorded everything. First came the departure of Mr. J. L. Smeall to Exeter, and the appointment of his successor, Mr. J. C. Larkin; then we heard with regret that Mr. Howard Smith was to leave us at Easter; and throughout the whole period there have been many comings and goings on the staff owing to the welcome return of former masters from Active Service. In addition, there has been the usual array of school activities on which to report; for, through this period of change and transition, the stream of school life flows on without interruption.

This fact appears to us to have considerable significance at a time when the coming of a new Headmaster coincides with the operation of the new Education Act and the changes that this may bring. Whatever changes may prove necessary must cause modifications of existing practice in order to bring it into line with new educational theories and ideals; changes in curriculum seem inevitable, and the administration may differ considerably from what we have known in the past; but the school will not essentially alter by these changes. Already possessed of great resilience and adaptability, the school will conform to the new conditions and show its capacity for progress, as it has always done, by absorbing the new ideas into the living tradition that is its perennial inheritance. Our new Headmaster has already made it clear that his object is to make the Grammar School contribute its full share to the educational development of the future, but that there is to be no break with the valuable traditions of the past. We need not doubt that under his inspiring leadership the school will continue to carry out the aims and wishes of its founders and benefactors, and that it will long be a potent force in the cultural life of the town.

## OUR NEW HEADMASTER

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**

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 re-joined 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**

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.

## **SPEECH DAY**

Speech Day was held in the Co-operative Hall on Nov. 21st, 1945. In several ways this was a special occasion, and it was most fitting that the Hall should be packed to capacity.

Ald. H. Cropper, Chairman of the Governors, opened the proceedings. He introduced Dr. Alexander, who was to present the prizes, as successor to Sir Percival Sharpe, Secretary of the Association of Education Committees, and characterised him as a man of outstanding ability. The Chairman then went on to discuss Part II of the Education Act, a great measure of social and educational reform. This particular Speech Day, however, was also significant, since it was the last occasion on which Mr. Smeall would act as Headmaster. After assuring his audience that the new Head was an able and talented man, Ald. Cropper, on behalf of scholars, staff and governors, wished Mr. Smeall every success at Exeter, and felt sure he would rise to the top of his profession.

The Headmaster, in giving his report, pointed out that it was the first Speech Day after the end of the war and he, therefore, thought it proper to give a synopsis of the Roll of Honour - one of which any school could be proud. He then asked the assembly to commemorate the fallen by standing in silence for a few moments.

Speaking of his career at the School, Mr. Smeall said that he was like the examination candidate, who, after the dread command "Stop writing," underwent a harrowing self-examination. Much he had left that was bad, but he could record that, under his guidance, the School had evolved scholastically and corporate spirit had markedly increased; with many he had disagreed, but always in a spirit of amicable frankness.

No longer in the guise of Headmaster, he testified to the worthiness of his successor, and spoke feelingly of Mr. Howard Smith, the St. Andrew or first reserve of the School, who would soon be leaving after twenty-five years. Playing the role of a Mr. Chips, he had always given devoted and inspired support, and both he and Mrs. Howard-Smith had earned the sincere affection of the School.

Finally, Mr. Smeall indicated the salient qualities of the Cestrefeldian as he saw them; the first was "resilience" - of the members of the School and Staff he said: "They find out what they cannot do and then they go and do it." The second quality he found in the ruins of the School was that of "incandescence," like a gas-mantle radiating warmth and life within a shoddy exterior. He concluded by confessing emotion and thanking everyone for their kindness and compliments.

Dr. W. P. Alexander gave his address, conscious of two audiences, the parents and the boys. After paying tribute to the departing Headmaster and congratulating the School on its achievements, he addressed the first part of his audience. To the parents he talked of the new Education Act, which, he said, substituted the Three A's for the Three R's as the basis of an "adequate education," and of the attributes of a fully educated man. The educated man should be able to entertain

new ideas without prejudice, to entertain persons either higher or lower in the social scale, and, thirdly, he should be able to entertain himself.

Speaking next to the boys, Dr. Alexander talked in particular to those lying about sixth or seventh in the form and doing “nowt”; they, he thought, had the greatest potentialities, but he stressed that to do their best for Britain they must come out top. Today with frontiers and distance gone, we must get to know each other better, though fine speeches alone would not produce the kind of co-operation we wanted. By working in the right spirit would we achieve our aim, and, with the aid of a delightful anecdote about a negro who wasn’t “goin’ no place,” he showed how we would get there if we knew where we were going.

After the investiture of the School Captain, T. E. Dowman, and the giving of the prizes, the School Captain made a presentation to Mr. Smeall on behalf of the School. He spoke of the departing Head as more than a “mere Headmaster,” as a man to whom the School had looked up, who had always been ready with advice, assistance, and a strong measure of personal interest.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. H. Berresford, and seconded by Ald. E. D. Swanwick. Speech Day ended with three heartfelt cheers for Dr. Alexander, who had previously made a successful request for a half-holiday.

For the musical interlude, the School choir, with K. Wilkinson as soloist, had sung “Linden Lea,” whilst other items were the Minuet from Handel’s “Berenice” by the School sextet, and the Trio from “Tannhauser” (Wagner) by the Brass Trio.

*The prize list followed.*

## **MR. E. HOWARD SMITH**

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.

### **VALETE.**

ALLSOP, P. I.	School Captain; H.S.C., 1944-5; 1st XI Soccer Colours, Captain; 1st XI Cricket Colours, Captain; 1st VI Tennis Colours, Vice-Captain; Cross Country Colours; Fives; Flight Sergeant, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Cert.; State Bursary, Mining Engineering, Sheffield University.
ANDERSON, R.	S.C., 1944.
ASKWITH, A.	
BARKER, R.	School Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1945; Sergeant, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Cert.
BARNES, J. B.	School Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1945; Cpl, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Cert.
BEAVES, J. D.	S.C., 1945.
BEGLEY, R. F.	
BLAKESLEY, J.	
BLATHERWICK, R. W.	
BLISS, R.	H.S.C., 1945.
BOLDRY, E. E.	S.C., 1945; 1st XI Soccer, Half Colours.
BOND, T. E.	S.C., 1945; C.S.M., Army Cadet Force, Cert. A, I and II; School Cross Country Team; Midland Agricultural College.
BOTHAM, D. S.	
BRADLEY, J. E.	S.C., 1944.
BRADSHAW, L. W. S.	
BREEDON, H.	Kenning's.
BRITT, G. S.	
BRITT, W. H. C.	
BROOMHEAD, F.	
BURTON, B. J.	
BUXTON, M. B.	
CALLAGHAN, M.	
CHAPMAN, K. W. P.	
CONNAUGHTON, J. B.	
COPESTAKE, C. J.	
CRAIN, B. A.	
DALE, C. B.	
DAVIE, H. P.	School Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1945; Cpl., Air Training Corps, Proficiency Cert.; Troop Leader, Air Scouts; Royal Air Force.

DAVIES, S. G.	
DAY, G. A.	
DENHAM, J. A.	
EASOM, D. P.	
ELBOGEN, M. R.	
ELLIOTT, K.	
EVES, E. G.	
FISHER, J. C.	School Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1945; 1st XI Soccer Colours; 1st XI Cricket, 2nd XI Colours; Cross-Country Colours; Victor Ludorum, 1945; Sec., Astronomical Society; Bronze Medallion, Swimming; H.M. Forces.
FOYSTER, E.	House Captain; State Scholarship and County Major Scholarship; H.S.C., 1944-5; Secretary, VI Form Play Reading Soc.; Secretary, French Soc.; Vice-President Classical Soc.; Magdalen College, Oxford.
FRENCH, A. L.	
FRETWELL, K. F.	S.C., 1944; 1st Class Cadet, Air Training Corps; St. John's Training College, York.
FROST, G. M.	S.C., 1945; Bronze Medallion, Swimming; Laboratory work.
FURNISS, W.	H.S.C., 1945; 1st Class Cadet, Air Training Corps; Westminster College, London School of Econs.
GEORGE, S. B.	Chesterfield Corporation Bus Depot.
GILLIBRAND, R. J. C.	S.C., 1943.
GREEN, J. R.	
GREENSMITH, T. W.	L.-Cpl, Army Cadet Force, Cert. A., I; Civil Engineering, Bryan Donkins.
HARRIS, J. E.	Apprentice, Tea Company.
HARRISON, M. S. C., 1945.	
HEALEY, J. D.	L-Cpl., Army Cadet Force.
HEAP, R. A.	
HOGGETT, P. F.	School Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1944.
HOPKINSON, S.	
HOUGHTON, W. K.	
HOWARTH, R.	S.C., 1945.
HUNT, A. G.	School Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1945; 1st XI Soccer Colours; 1st XI Cricket Colours; Westminster College, London School of Economics.
HUNT, J. E. I.	
JAGO, J. W.	
JENKINSON, A. E.	School Sub-Prefect; County Major Scholarship; H.S.C., 1944-5; Cross Country Colours; School Chess Team; King's College, London.
JEPHSON, A. F.	School Sub-Prefect; S.C., 1943; Cpl, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Cert.
JONES, R. A. D.	1st XI Soccer Colours; 1st XI Cricket; C.Q.M.S., Army Cadet Force, Cert. A., I and II.
KEMP, I. A.	H.S.C., 1945; Patrol Leader, Scouts; H.M. Forces.
KITCHEN, G.	
LARK, P. E.	
LARKING, T. S.	
LEANING, M. C. W.	



LEE, G. G.	S.C., 1944; 1st Class Cadet, Air Training Corps; Patrol Leader, Air Scouts; Chelsea Training College
LIMB, P. W.	
LINATHAN, A. D. G.	
MACKENZIE, D. L.	
MADIN, W. H.	H.S.C., 1945; L.-Cpl., Army Cadet Force, Cert. A, I.
MARSHALL, M. G.	
MARSHALL, R.	Cpl, Army Cadet Force, Cert. A, I.
MARTIN, J. W.	S.C., 1943.
MASON, G. L.	School Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1944; Wholesale Grocery.
MASON, P. F.	
MCCALL, D.	School Prefect; County Major Scholarship; H.S.C., 1943-4; 1st XI Cricket, 2nd XI Colours; 1st VI Tennis Colours; 2nd XI Soccer Colours; Flight Sergeant Air Training Corps, Proficiency Cert; Vice-Secretary, Debating Soc.; Emmanuel College, Cambridge.
MCMILLAN, J. B.	S.C., 1945; Electrical Engineering.
MELLOR, E. V.	S.C., 1945; 1st XI Soccer, Half Colours; Leading Cadet, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Cert.
MORRIS, R.	
MORTON, P. G.	
MUIRHEAD, I. R.	
NICHOLLS, G.	
NORMAN, O.	H.S.C., 1945; School Cross Country Team; School Chess Team; Staveley Coal and Iron Co.
PAYTON, E. O.	
PEACH, R.	
PETERS, D. D.	
POTTS, D.	S.C., 1945; L.-Cpl., Army Cadet Force, Cert. A, I; Chelsea Training College.
PURDOM, A.	
PURDOM, C. E.	
RAMSDALE, J. A.	
RAYNER, E. G.	School Sub-Prefect; Open Exhibition, Queens' College, Cambridge; County Major Scholarship; H.S.C., 1944; Secretary, Debating Soc., Coxall Prize; Assistant Editor, Magazine; Leading Cadet, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Cert.; Queens' College, Cambridge.
REVILL, A.	
RICHARDSON, J. C.	S.C., 1944; Sergeant, Army Cadet Force, Cert. A, I and II.
RIX, P. W. R.	S.C., 1944; L.-Cpl., Army Cadet Force, Cert. A, I; H.M. Forces.
ROBERTS, F.	S.C., 1944; 2nd XI Soccer.
RUDGE, K.	School Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1945; Leading Cadet, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Cert.

RUGG, A. E.	
RYAN, T.	
SANDERSON, F.	S.C., 1944; Proctor's Nurseries.
SCHOMBERG, M.	
SCOTT, G. B.	
SHACKLOCK, J.	
SHEMWELL, T. M.	1st XI Soccer, Half Colours; 2nd Lt., Army Cadet Force, Cert. A, I and II; Secretary, Boxing Club.
SIMMONDS, F. D.	
SIMS, H. D.	S.C. 1944; Laboratory Assistant.
SLACK, C. W.	
SMITH, G. B.	H.S.C., 1945; Army Cadet Force, Cert. A, I; Cheltenham Training College.
SMITH, K. G.	School Prefect; County Major Scholarship; H.S., 1944-5; 1st XI Soccer Colours; 2nd XI Cricket Colours, Captain; London School of Economics.
SPENCER, R. W.	
STRAW, W. G.	S.C., 1943.
STRINGFELLOW, J. E.	School Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1944-5; Grant, Nottingham U.C.; Reading Prize.
TAYLOR, J. F.	S.C., 1945; Chelsea Training College.
TEASEL, C. L. P.	
THACKER, P.	S.C., 1944; Borough Surveyor's Dept. Chesterfield.
THOMPSON, R. B.	
THWAITES, F.	
TIBBS, B. M.	
TOFFOLO, D. A.	
ULYETT, D.	S.C., 1945; Chesterfield Tube Co.
UNWIN, K.	School Vice-Captain; County Major Scholarship; H.S.C., 1943-4; 1st VI Tennis Colours; Leading Cadet, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Cert.; Assistant Editor, Magazine; Secretary, Debating Soc., Tuxford Prize, Reading Prize; School Chess Team; Fives; St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.
VICKERS, J. G.	
VOWLES, W. M.	S.C., 1944;
WARE, D. J.	H.S.C., 1945; 1st XI Cricket; 1st VI Tennis Colours; Cpl., Army Cadet Force.
WATERFALL, I.	
WATTS, J. J.	S.C., 1944; 1st Class Cadet, Air Training Corps; 2nd XI Soccer Colours; Langwith Colliery.
WEST, L.	
WHITE, P. B.	School Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1944; 2nd XI Soccer.
WHITHAM, K.	School Prefect; Open Scholarship, St. Catherine's College, Cambridge; State Scholarship; H.S.C., 1944-5; Fives Captain; Secretary, Science Soc.; Secretary, Field Club; St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.
WILD, R. B.	
WILLIAMS, H.	Staveley Coal and Iron Co.
WILLIAMS, T. F.	
WOOD, D. R. S.	

## A Letter to Old Cestrefeldians

The Grammar School for Boys,  
Chesterfield.  
28th April, 1946.

To all Old Cestrefeldians,

I want to write a few lines of greeting, at this earliest opportunity, to all Old Cestrefeldians whom my words can reach.

Many of you, especially those of recent vintage, have seen many changes, undertaken huge responsibilities, conquered many tasks. If the proof of the pudding is in the eating, then without doubt the Grammar School recipe has been a good one. Yet changes here at the Grammar School are both inevitable and necessary - new faces appear in the Common Room, the welcome return of masters from the Forces, the return (welcome?) of detention, renewed hope of new buildings at Storrs Road, a reconstituted (shades of war!) Governing Body, the much regretted resignation of Mr. Howard Smith. In a way the war may even be blamed for the arrival of the new Headmaster.

This is no easy time for a new Headmaster to come to a school. But I am immensely heartened by the warmth and friendliness which has greeted me. The Grammar School must change to fulfil its function in changing circumstances. Our task, which we face with confidence, is to ensure that in the future the School will continue to serve the boys entrusted to it as it has done in centuries past, and to preserve unchanged the values which do not change.

Your interest and support, in ways which will suggest themselves to you, are vital to success in these tasks during the critical years ahead.

Yours sincerely,  
J. C. LARKIN.

## O. C. NOTES

The following items of information, collected since the last issue of the School Magazine, may in a few instances, require modifying on account of the time which has elapsed since they were received.

### WITH H.M. FORCES

MAJOR W. H. L. URTON, M.B.E., has now been promoted to Lieut-Colonel, with the appointment Assistant Adjutant-General to the British Forces in Norway.

P/O. H. DREW, R.A.F., has been awarded the D.F.C. for gallantry and devotion to duty.

CAPT. E. G. MORRIS, now acting as adjutant to his regiment (86th R.A.) has been mentioned in despatches for "doing his duty consistently and reliably."

CAPT. D. T. SMITH, attached to the 7th Sikh Regt. is now serving in the Middle East.

B. L. GREEN is now a P.T. Instructor in the Royal Horse Guards.

J. R. BRIGGS is serving as a Driver Operator in the R.A.C.

A.B. G. POLLARD (Radar), now with the Royal Navy in Far Eastern waters, has recently seen something of the troubles prevalent in Indonesia.

G. BRADBURY is an Infantry instructor.

C. BRADBURY is at present serving with Middle East Forces in Palestine.

P. S. RHODES has now transferred to the Fleet Air Arm.

CAPT. F. LANCASTER is attached to the R.A.S.C.

W. WINNARD, R.A.F., serving in the East Indies, is Acting Education Officer of his unit.

MAJOR J. S. FORBES, formerly Staff Captain with Airborne Forces in the Middle East, and latterly Assistant Chief Ordnance Adviser to the British Military Mission in Egypt has just been demobilised.

LIEUT.-COLONEL P. E. G. MATHER is now in charge of the Judge Advocate-General's Dept. in Western Command.

WRITER A. L. ALLISON, R.N., has received the award of the B.E.M. for meritorious service with combined operations.

CAPT. R. CUTTS is at present serving in Austria with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battn. of the Royal Irish Fusiliers.

CPL. P. H. Widdowson, R.A.F., is now attached to the Australian "Spitfire" Squadron near Hanover.

S. HEWITT – Radar mechanic in the R.A.F., is now stationed in Egypt.

SUB. LIEUT. B. MAINSTONE is now serving on a motor mine-sweeper in the capacity of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut., in Far Eastern waters.

MAJOR G. BALL is still at H.Q., Central Command, Agra, India.

H. M. TILLOTSON, who intends to pursue a career in the Indian Army, is at present undergoing general training at Wrotham, in Kent.

F/O. W. MOULT, after several years in in Canada more recently in India with Transport Command, is now back in the U.K.

LIEUT. P. LINGARD, now in Germany, has been appointed A.D.C. to Major-General Nares, G.O.C., British Troops in Berlin.

H. P. DAVIE, serving with the R.A.F., is at present stationed in Farnborough.

N. S. HULSE, who, during the war, was decorated for outstanding gallantry on Russian Convoy work, is now second officer in the Cunard-freighter "La Salle Park."

2<sup>ND</sup> LIEUT. J. A. TAYLOR, is serving overseas with the Gurkha Rifles.

R. F. WAGSTAFF is still in the R.A.F., serving with M.F.F. in the vicinity of Cairo.

L.A.C. M. BARR is with the R.A.F. overseas.

ACTING SQUADRON-LEADER J. T. BARR is now commander of the Air-Station in Bermuda.

OFFICER-CADET A. D. HOLME, attached to the R.A.C., is at present engaged on a further course of training at Bovington, in Sussex.

STAFF-MAJOR R. LITTLEWOOD, Sherwood Foresters, who has, during the past four years, been on active service in many parts of the Far East theatre, is at present engaged on administration work connected with the demobilisation of the armed forces in his area.

#### DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

In accordance with the wish of his family, we announce with regret the death on active service of MAJOR F. K. W. WRIGHT, serving with E. African Command, who died of burns on October 10th, 1945.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

O. S. WATKINSON has been appointed Deputy-Clerk of the Clevedon U.D.C., Somerset. Previously, he was on the Staff of the Clerk to the Basford U.D.C., Nottingham.

D. KAY has been appointed Deputy-Surveyor to the Swanscombe U.D.C., after serving for nine years with the Ministry of Transport.

E. F. GEE has recently taken up an appointment as police-inspector in Hong Kong.

M. GARTON who since leaving school has followed a legal career, with the degrees of L.L.B. and D.P.A., is proceeding shortly to Malaya to take up an appointment with Colonial Legal Service.

F. M. T. ASHLEY who, on leaving School, took a B.Sc. degree in Engineering at Liverpool, has, for the past few months, held a post as Civil Engineer in Nigeria.

H. LITTLEWOOD, who, in the early part of the War became an instructor with the Army P.T. Corps, and was subsequently released to take up the position of Assistant Technical Representative of the Central Council of Physical Recreation in Kent and E. Sussex, has now taken up an appointment as Senior Technical Representative for the E. & W Ridings of Yorkshire.

AIR MARSHALL SIR A. P. WIGGLESWORTH has recently been appointed Commander-in-Chief, B.A.F.O., in succession to Sir Sholto Douglas. Previously he had held a number of important posts, including Deputy Air C. in C., Mediterranean, Senior Air-Staff Officer, Allied Expeditionary Force, and latterly Chief of the Air Division on the Allied Control Commission in Germany. He was made a K.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List.

SGT. MAJOR R. HENDERSON, serving with the British Military Administration, is an announcer at the Hargeisa Radio Station in British Somaliland.

LIEUT. C. G. CUTTS has achieved much distinction in athletics at the Indian Military Academy, where he has gained his cricket and soccer blues, was in the first four at tennis, and was one of three selected to represent the United Provinces in throwing the discus.

CAPT. J. A. ALDAM, who landed in Normandy on D. Day with the 13th-18th Royal Hussars, has been awarded the M.C. In a personal letter of congratulation, his C.O., Lieut-Colonel U. A. B. Dunkerley, refers to his "outstanding gallantry on a hundred occasions, and devotion to your troop, squadron and regiment."

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The minimum annual subscription of 2s. 6d. should, in future, be forwarded direct to Mr. T. E. Swain at the School. We should be glad if subscriptions now in arrears could be paid up in the near future, as such payments are usually the only indication we receive of the wish of Old Boys to continue receiving the Magazine.

#### OLD CESTREFELDIAN SOCIETY – ANNUAL MEETING AND RE-UNION

The Annual Meeting and Re-union of the Old Cestrefeldian Society, took place on Tuesday evening, April 16th, at the Victoria Restaurant. Upwards of fifty Old Boys, together with the Headmaster, Mr. J. C. Larkin, and six members of the Grammar School Staff attended.

After a light meal had been served, all present stood in silence for a few moments as a tribute to absent O.C.'s. The main business of the meeting then began with the reading and acceptance of the Minutes, the Accounts, and the Balance Sheet of the War Memorial Fund for the past year.

In the course of his address which followed, the President, Mr. Charles Proctor, emphasised the value of the contribution to final victory in war, made by many Old Boys who had joined the Armed Forces; and gave a hearty welcome to those who had returned. He also expressed the deep sympathy felt by those present for the relatives and friends of O.C.'s who had lost their lives in the war. Mr. Proctor went on to refer to the honour which had been brought to the Society by the distinguished war career of Wing-Commander E. Swale, who was then inducted as President for 1946.

Mr. T. E. Swain was accepted as President-Elect for the ensuing year, and Messrs. E. Mitchell and H. C. Day were re-elected as Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively.

The Headmaster, Mr. J. C. Larkin, next gave his address, in which he stressed the possibility of the established Grammar School tradition being maintained under the new administrative arrangements, and indicated that the prospective war memorial in the new School might constitute a valuable tangible expression of that tradition. He further emphasised the value of the support which could be given to the School by the O.C. Society, especially in relation to the difficulties of the present transition period.

A proposal that a letter should be sent from the Society to Mr. E. Howard Smith, expressing its appreciation of his long and valued services to the School was unanimously approved. Votes of thanks were then accorded to the officials of the Society and the meeting closed.

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## **EDITORIAL.**

The recent failure of an Arts' Council Company of actors in the North to secure adequate support provides much food for thought. It seems regrettable to us that this state of affairs should exist in these days of increased education and supposed enlightenment.

Today, one of the main aims of education is to develop our critical faculties and to increase the appreciation of art in all its aspects.

However, we can see that there is no undue cause for alarm in our own town. It is obvious from the number of young people who support local musical and dramatic performances, that education is here fulfilling in some measure one of its most important purposes. In our own school the Dramatic Society, which was recently re-established, is undertaking to produce one of the great masterpieces of modern literature. Moreover, it is with great satisfaction that we see the general outlook of the school being broadened by the work of the many other societies which are now flourishing. At last its members are realising that the cultivation of the inner spiritual nature of man is of greater importance than the mere gratification of his animal instincts.

## **SCHOOL NOTES**

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.

## **BRADLEY HOUSE**

The creation of a new House in a School with old traditions is an event that merits a word in this journal. For some time past, it had been felt that the five existing houses had been overcrowded. For the new House, boys were drawn from the main school by lot, and in two or three years' time there will be a complete House. Meanwhile, the House Masters, House Tutors, co-opted Staff, and House Captain with two Prefects, are taking a full share in the disciplinary work of the Houses and such share in House activities as the age-groups permit. The new House is named after Dr. Henry Bradley, one of the most Famous of Old Boys. Of humble parentage, he became a pupil of the School in 1855. Later he became a journalist and chief editor of a newspaper, and earned fame for his work in compiling the new Oxford Dictionary. The new House met for the first time on September 20th, 1946. The House Master announced the colours, light or Cambridge blue and black, and explained that the motto of the House, "Nisi Dominus aedificat," the opening words of the Psalm "Unless the Lord build the house," was not to be taken in a narrow sense; the ideal suggested was the cultivation of the whole man with a sense of responsibility and duty as the driving force.

L.L.

## **O.C. NOTES**

### **ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH – OLD BOYS V SCHOOL**

The annual Cricket Match between the Old Boys and the School was played on Wednesday July 24th, under ideal weather conditions. Play commenced at 12 o'clock, and at the end of an hour's play, the two teams had lunch together as the guests of the Headmaster.

School batted first and scored 132 runs for the loss of 8 wickets, before declaring. The best individual scores were those of Revill, who batted through the innings for 38, Clarke 33, S. E. Rodgers 14 not out, and Gray 14. Forbes bowled well for the Old Boys, taking 3 wickets for 19 runs. Of the other bowlers, Atrill took 2 wickets for 23, Pilkington 1 for 8, and Ford 1 for 14.

With approximately 90 minutes left for play, the Old Boys succeeded fairly comfortably in getting the necessary runs, their final total being 136 for 4. Of these, Glossop, scored 38, Forbes 35 not out, and Milner 35. The most successful bowler for the School was Halsall, whose analysis was 2 for 20.

### **OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES.**

Councillor E. SWALE, President of the O.C. Society, and holder of the D.F.C. and Bar, in recognition of his distinguished war service, having left the R.A.F. with the rank of Wing-Commander, has recently been appointed a Chesterfield Borough Magistrate. He was first elected as a member of the Town Council in 1927, is a member of the Rotary Club, and in March of this year, was elected to the Derbyshire County Council.

C. MIDDLETON, formerly Deputy Education Officer for Chesterfield Borough, and subsequently Divisional Education Officer to Mid. Derbyshire Divisional Executive, has recently been appointed to the post of Borough Education Officer to the excepted district of Dagenham, Essex.

J. P. MOORLEY, who, since 1939 was solicitor to Chester Corporation, has been appointed Assistant Town Clerk and Prosecuting Solicitor to the police of the County Borough of Stockport.

D. SLACK who, earlier this year, won three finals in the County Senior Tennis Championships at Derby, and also won the Buxton Tennis Tournament, left this country at the end of August for the U.S.A. to compete in the American National Championships, and subsequently to play in competitions at Los Angeles and San Francisco. Slack is the Derbyshire amateur champion and competed at Wimbledon this year.

J. L. GREEN, at present serving as a leading-seaman in Chesterfield Sea-Cadet Corps, was selected some weeks ago to represent the Eastern Area of the Corps in the relay-event in the finals of the National Swimming Championships, sponsored by the Sea Cadets Sports Council at the Marylebone Baths, London.

M. REDFERN has, in recent months, passed the London Conjoint Examination for his M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P.; and at Sheffield University has gained his M.B., Ch.B., with First Class Honours and Distinction in Surgery.

O. S. WATKINSON has recently been appointed to the position of Clerk to the New Hunstanton Urban District Council. Watkinson entered Local Government Service in 1930, and was with Chesterfield Rural Council until 1937, when he went to the Basford Rural Council, Nottingham. During the war, he was seconded to the Ministry of Food; and since January, 1946, has been Deputy-Clerk to the Clevedon Urban District Council.

To C. G. GILTHORPE, of Brasenose College, Oxford, we offer our congratulations on obtaining his Blue and on playing so well in the recent Rugger match between the Universities. According to many critics his expert hooking contributed largely to Oxford's success.

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## EDITORIAL.

Amidst the whirl and rush of the world, very few people have time to realise that our present-day actions form the history of the future. It is admittedly a dismal thought that in some fifty years the repeated failures of international conference will be part of modern history for study by school-boys. But this does not alter the fact that only if we realise that we are making history, as citizens of this country, every day of our lives, shall we get a true idea of our destiny, of our purpose in life, and of our place in the world.

It may well be that the fame - or notoriety - of the year 1947 will lie in certain changes in inland revenue; but a sense of historical perspective will teach us to look beyond our present difficulties and show us that there is more in life than a day-to-day existence.

If we get a grasp on the past, present and future, tolerance and wisdom will flourish, making us of more value to our School, our community, and our country.

## SCHOOL NOTES

It is with great pleasure that we welcome to the School our new Headmaster, Mr. W. G. Glistler, M.A., who began his duties at the beginning of this term. Glistler 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. Glistler'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. Glistler 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. Glistler 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 Society, for example, much appreciated the fact that Mr. Glistler 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. Glistler 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 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).

## **SPEECH DAY**

Speech Day was held in the Co-operative Hall on Dec. 4th, 1946, at 2-15 pm.

As usual, Ald. H. Cropper, Chairman of the Governors, opened the proceedings and introduced Mr. G. H. Nicholson, Principal of the University College of Hull, who was to present the prizes. The Chairman also pointed out that the occasion was truly unique in that Mr. Larkin was making both his first and last appearance as Headmaster of the School, on Speech Day. He then went on to discuss the question of changing the name of the School, and assured everyone that, no matter what the name is, the School itself will continue to play an ever-increasing part in the educational life of Chesterfield.

The Headmaster, in his report, dealt first of all with a problem vexing the minds of many - that of the clash which frequently occurred between homework, school societies and school games on the one hand, and out-of-school Youth Club activities on the other. He declared that Youth Clubs were doing admirable work, but that he himself was convinced that the Grammar School boy had no time to indulge himself in this direction.

After this, he commented upon the academic achievements of the past year, which he said, were as high as those of any other Grammar School in the country. The changes made in the routine life of the school were also alluded to - a broadening of the curriculum both lower down the school and in the Sixth Forms; the re-instatement of detention, and the system whereby each House in turn is responsible for the maintenance of order and discipline.

Mr. Nicholson painted an almost pathetic picture of the way in which circumstances and conditions to-day were trying to make people more and more alike – they see the same films, read the same books and newspapers and are inclined to

accept second-hand opinions without any twinge of conscience. He agreed that a planned world was necessary but he felt that we were losing something vital in the course of this planning - that something was personality. He was convinced, however, that the only possible solution to this problem lay in education. Education develops our faculty of judgment, increases our power of making decisions and of abiding by those same decisions, and teaches us to assume full responsibility for our actions. In the modern world we must not "look to the other fellow," but must be prepared to shoulder the responsibility ourselves. It is only when faced with local, national or even international responsibilities that the real value of whole-hearted participation in the corporate life of the School and the importance of those years spent in the Sixth Form become apparent.

For the customary musical interlude, the School choir sang three part-songs: "The Ride of the Witch" (Wood), "Beauty Lately" (Handel), and "Hie away, hie away" (Parry).

*The prize-list followed.*

## VALETE

ACKROYD, W. J. E.	House Captain, H.S.E., 1946; 1st XI Soccer Colours, Captain; 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Lt., Army Cadet Force, Cert A., I and II; Victor Ludorum; Long Jump Record. Army.
ADAMS, C.	S.C., 1944; First-Class Cadet, Air Training Corps, Royal Air Force.
ALLEN, F. R.	School Sub-Prefect; S.C., 1944; 1st XI Soccer Colours; Boxing Captain; Loughborough P.T. College.
ALLISON, C. C.	S.C., 1946. Chesterfield Tube Co.
BAILEY, E. E.	Clerical work.
BAINES, B. H.	To Wellingborough.
BARLOW, P. W.	School Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1945-6; Dramatic Society; Royal Navy.
BARNETT, T. E.	
BARRETT, D.	S.C., 1946.
BARROWCLIFFE, P. J.	Junior Technical School.
BATEMAN, J. H.	S.C., 1946. Chesterfield Technical College.
BATES, L. W.	S.C., 1945. Architecture.
BATTY, I. G.	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Cricket; L.-Cpl., Army Cadet Force. Royal Navy.
BENHAM, J.	2nd XI, Soccer; Laboratory, Bolsover.
BERESFORD, E.	S.C., 1945; 1st XI. Soccer Colours; 2 <sup>nd</sup> V1, Tennis; First Class Cadet, Air Training Corps. Building.
BLINKINSOP, S.	Putting Shot Record, Sports.
BODEN, G. E.	School Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1945-6; 2nd XI Cricket; 1st VI Tennis Colours, Captain; Sgt., Army Cadet Force, Cert. A., I and II; Dramatic Society; Sheffield University.
BOOTH, J. A.	School Sub-Prefect; Open Exhibition, Queens' College, Cambridge; County Major Scholarship; H.S.C., 1945-46; Secretary, Science Society; Corporal, Air Training Corps; Proficiency Cert.; Chess Team; Dramatic Society; Reading Prize; Queens' College, Cambridge.
BOTHAM, W. D.	S.C., 1944.
BRADLEY, J. H.	Chesterfield Technical College.

BRIDGETT, A.	
BRIGGS, A.	S.C., 1946; Chesterfield Tube Co.
BROCKLEHURST, E.	S.C., 1946; 1st XI Soccer (2nd XI Colours); Chesterfield Tube Co.
BROWN, R. E.	S.C., 1946; P-L., Air Scouts.
BURTON, D.	S.C., 1946; Boxing Winner, 1946; H.M. Forces.
CAPEWELL, K. W.	Electrical Work.
CARLEY, P.	Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co.
CARTER, R. W.	To Barnsley Grammar School.
CHAPMAN, W.	School Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1946; Cross-Country Half-Colours; Dramatic Society. H.M. Forces.
CHAPPEL, R.	Clerical work
CHERRY, W. G.	2nd XI Soccer; Merchant Navy Training College.
COGGAN, A.	
COOK, L. W.	To London.
COOKE, J. A. N.	S.C., 1946; To Llandudno Grammar School.
COOKE, R. E.	To William Rhodes School.
COOPER, P. G.	To Luton.
COWGILL, R. V.	Royal Navy.
COWLING, J. E. S.	To Manchester Grammar School.
COX, T. T.	To Beverley Grammar School.
CROSS, J. N.	S.C., 1946; To Northwich.
CUPITT, P.	School Vice-Captain; H.S.C., 1945-6; 1st XI Soccer Colours; Vice-Capt and Sec.; 1st XI Cricket Colours; 2nd VI Tennis; Sergeant, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Cert.; Dramatic Society. H.M. Forces.
DARNELL, M.	Engineer Apprentice.
DAVEY, C.	To London.
DAVIES, G. E.	
DENNETT, A.	S.C., 1946.
DOUDS, J. L.	Clerical work.
DOWMAN, T. E.	School Captain; County Major Scholarship; H.S.C., 1945-6; 2 <sup>nd</sup> VI Tennis; Athletics Captain; Victor Ludorum; Secretary, French Society; Vice-President, Classical Society; Flight-Sergeant, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Cert.; Chess Team; Reading Prize; Royal Air Force.
DUN, P. M.	To London.



EASTWOOD, N.	S.C., 1945; Accountancy.
ELCOCK, P. G.	L.N.E. Railway.
ELLIOTT, P. D.	To York.
FALCONER, R. F.	S.C., 1945; Cross Country Team; Army Cadet Force, Cert. A. I; Bryan Donkins.
FOSTER, A. M.	S.C., 1945; Westminster Bank.
FRETWELL, T. E.	Pleasley Mills.
FUTTIT, J.	Retail Trade.
GALE, P. L.	S.C., 1946; British Diesel Oil Co.
GLASBY, H.	
GRAINGER, C. G.	S.C., 1945.
GREAVES, C. G.	Co-operative Society.
GREENAN, J.	School Prefect; Open Scholarship, University College, Oxford; 1st XI Soccer; Cross Country Team; Rapporteur, French Society; Assistant Editor, Magazine; Secretary, Literary and Debating Society; Dramatic Society; Coxall Debating Prizes; B.C. Empire Knowledge Prize; H.M. Forces.
GRIMSDALE, R. L.	S.C., 1945; Corporal, Army Cadet Force, Cert. A. I; To Manchester Grammar School.
HALSALL, G.	S.C.; 1945; 2nd XI Soccer Colours; 2nd XI Cricket Colours, Captain; 1st VI Tennis Colours; Cpl. Army Cadet Force, Cert A, I and II; St. Luke's College, Exeter.
HANDLEY, J. S.	To Rotherham.
HARRIS, T.	Colliery work.
HART, W.	S.C., 1945; 2nd XI Cricket; Dramatic Society; Draughtsmanship.
HEMSTOCK, J. M.	2nd VI Tennis; Dramatic Society; Political work.
HENRY, R.	Boxing Finals; Chesterfield Tube Works.
HOOLEY, C. D.	Cutthorpe Woodturning Co.
HOWES, R. D.	S.C. 1945; 2nd XI Soccer; Leading Cadet, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Cert.; Staveley Coal and Iron Co.
HUNT, G.	Colliery work.
IBBERSON, L. A.	S.C., 1945; L.-Cpl., Army Cadet Force, Cert. A I; Electrical Engineering Apprentice.
IVES, G. B.	S.C., 1945; Precision Engineering, Melton Mowbray.
JERRISON, M.	S.C., 1944; Electrical Engineering Apprentice.
JOHNSON, E. P.	S.C., 1944.
JOHNSON, T.	L.M.S. Railway.
KIRK, A.	P.-Leader, Scouts; Borough Police.

KNIGHT, J D.	Plowright's.
KNOWLES, R. W.	
LAUGHTON, E.	H.S.C., 1946; Sheffield Training College.
LEVERS, D. G.	Accountancy.
LEWIS, A.	2nd X1 Soccer Colours.
LONGSTAFFE, P. W.	P-L., Air Scouts; Royal Air Force, Halton.
MARTIN, D. J.	To Cranbrook School, Kent.
MATHER, J.	S.C., 1944; Dramatic Society.
MATTHEWS, J. G.	To Junior Technical School.
MAYCOCK, D.	W.S.C., 1945; Bolsover Colliery.
MELLOR, G.	H.S.C., 1946; Chesterfield Tube Works.
MIDDLEMISS, R. I.	First Class Cadet, Air Training Corps; Royal Air Force.
MIDDLETON, D. F.	H.M.S. Conway.
MIDDLETON, J. H.	S.C., 1944; Cheltenham Training College.
MITCHELL, E.	S.C., 1945; Army.
MITCHELL, K.	S.C., 1946; Staveley Coal and Iron Co.
MORSE, C.	S.C., 1945; Leading Cadet, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Cert.; Architecture.
NICHOLSON, M. E. B.	To London.
NESSEY, J.	S.C., 1945; Barclay's Bank.
OAKLEY, G. A.	Apprentice Fitter.
O'CONNOR, J. C.	S.C., 1944; Dramatic Society.
PARKER, D. J.	To Buxton.
PARTRIDGE, C.	2nd XI Soccer Colours; 1st XI Cricket Colours; L.M.S. Railway.
PEARSON, J.	To Junior Technical School.
POTTER, C. D.	S.C., 1946; Chesterfield Tube Works.
POUNTAIN, S. G.	S.C., 1944; Army Cadet Force, Cert. A. I; Armstrong Siddeley Aircraft Works.
PREECE, M. I.	S.C., 1945; Dramatic Society; Staveley Coal and Iron Co.
PREWER, D.	S.C., 1945; Kelham College.
PRICE, F.	S.C., 1944; Boxing Finals; H.M. Forces.
RAYNES, B. F.	
REDFERN, R. A.	

RODGERS, J. B.	Cross Country Colours, Captain; 1st XI Cricket Colours; Boxing Winner, 1945; Cabinet Works.
SANDERS, A. M.	Clerical work.
SAVORY, F. W.	To Junior Technical School.
SAYLES, P. W.	Retail Trade.
SCOFFHAM, K. M.	Engineering.
SHARRATT, R. P.	Horticulture.
SLONE, R.	To William Rhodes School.
SMITH, P. W.	School Sub-Prefect; S.C., 1943; Secretary, Music Club. Boxing Winner, 1946; 1st XI, Cricket; Royal Air Force.
SMITH, S.	
SMITH, T. D.	
SNOWDEN, P. R.	Boxing Finals.
STANCLIFFE, N. J.	To Holymoorside School.
STATEN, B.	S.C., 1946; 2nd XI Soccer.
STUBBINS, C.	S.C., 1944; Boxing Captain; 1st XI, Soccer; Army.
SWALE, R. I.	To Holymoorside School.
TAGG, F. R.	S.C., 1944; Student Teaching.
THORPE, J. E.	S.C., 1946; Draughtsmanship.
TILLOTSON, H. M.	S.C., 1944; Cross Country Colours; Secretary, Boxing Club; C.Q.M.S., Army Cadet Force, Cert. A, I and II; Army, (Pre-O.C.T.U.).
TOMLINSON, N.	S.C., 1946; Art Prize; Clerical Work, Railway.
TURNER, J. P.	S.C., 1946; First Class Cadet, Air Training Corps.
TWIVEY, P.	To Birmingham.
WALKER, A.	H.S.C., 1946; Corporal, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Cert.; H.M. Forces.
WATSON, A.	
WENT, P. W.	To Kingswood Grammar School.
WEST, J.	
WHITTAKER, A. L.	S.C., 1945; Cross Country Colours, Captain; Royal Air Force.
WHYATT, A.	S.C., 1945; Draughtsmanship.
WIKLEY, J. K.	To Worksop College.
WILKES, J. C. O.	Bryan Donkin's.
WILLIAMS J.	Merchant Navy.

WINTER, G.	To Sheffield.
WINTERTON, W. P.	S.C., 1944; Cross Country Team; Sergeant, Army Cadet Force, Cert. A, I; Boxing Finals; Engineering, Northampton.
WRIGHT, J. K.	School Sub-Prefect; Open Scholarship, Queens' College, Cambridge; County Major Scholarship; H.S.C., 1945-6; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Cricket; Corporal, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Cert.; Chess Vice-captain; Astronomical Society; Dramatic Society.
WYLDES, D. W.	S.C., 1945; 2nd XI Cricket. Boxing Winner, 1946; Loughborough P.T. College.
YOUNG, J. B.	First Class Cadet, Air Training Corps; L.M.S. Railway.

## O.C. NOTES

### ANNUAL DINNER AND REUNION

The 28th Annual Dinner and Reunion was held at the Station Hotel, on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, upwards of seventy O.C.'s being present. This was the first full reunion of the Society since the outbreak of war, and the gathering included no fewer than nine former Presidents of the Association, together with the Headmaster, Mr. J. C. Larkin, and members of the Staff.

At the conclusion of the meal, the President, Councillor E. Swale, D.F.C., J.P., gave the toast of "The King." This was followed by the President's introduction of some of the youngest members present, and his reference to the oldest members in the persons of two former presidents - J. H. Dronfield and S. T. Rodgers.

After the company had drunk to the health of "absent Old Cestrefeldians," Dr. J. B. McKay rose to propose the toast of "The President." He referred to the very distinguished war service of "Eddie" Swale, and to his great activity in public life as County Councillor, member of the Chesterfield Borough Council and Justice of the Peace.

In his reply, the President, after some amusing reminiscences of his school days, referred to the impending change of name of the Grammar School. He strongly urged the need for the school to adjust itself to the current trends in education, emphasising his considered opinion that the school had an even more important function to fulfil in the future than in the past, and appealing to all O.C.'s to support the school so far as possible, during the transition period.

The Old Boys then separated into their respective Houses for the traditional singing with the usual gusto of the school song. Mr. G. H. Sadler, former music master of the school for over thirty years, and composer of the musical score, accompanied the singing as on so many former occasions, and at the conclusion was given a great ovation.

The Headmaster, making his last official appearance prior to his impending departure to take up his new appointment at Wyggeston, outlined some of the outstanding developments and achievements of the school during the past year. Like the President, he took an optimistic view of the school's future in the changed situation established by the recent Education Act.

Next followed the installation as President for the ensuing year of T. E. Swain, who, after thanking the Old Boys for the honour conferred upon him, expressed the hope that the next full reunion might achieve a record attendance to celebrate the installation of a most distinguished Old Cestrefeldian, Sir Robert Robinson, as President of the Society for 1948.

An outstanding feature of a most enjoyable evening was the high standard of musical entertainment provided by the Foxhill Singers.

### ANNUAL DANCE.

Many Old Boys will be pleased to know that the Annual O.C. dance is to be held again after the unavoidable interruption of the war years. It will be held on Friday, Nov. 14th, in the Victoria Ballroom. Old Boys are asked to make this as widely known as possible, and to give the effort their full support.

## MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Will O.C.'s please note that the minimum annual subscription of 2/6 for the School Magazine is, in the case of some subscribers, overdue. Any arrears, together with current contributions, and any gifts to the Magazine Fund will be gratefully received, and should be forwarded to T. E. Swain at the school.

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## EDITORIAL

Drama is one of the most important manifestations of the human spirit. This now highly developed form of culture has existed in a primitive form at least from the early days of human civilisation, for man has always possessed an innate desire to express himself in this way; it is an essential part of his nature.

Thus it is, that even in the small community which school life constitutes, the need of drama is felt. Several months ago Shaw's "Saint Joan" was produced by the School Dramatic Society; at the moment, "Julius Caesar" is in the rehearsal stage and is to be presented in the last week of term.

Surely, then, a scheme such as the one to secure the Stephenson Memorial Hall, for the purpose of converting it into a public theatre, must hold some interest for each one of us. The Arts' Council of Great Britain are prepared to lend the sum of three thousand pounds for this work, and the practical support of local industrialists has been secured in no uncertain way.

We feel that it is the duty of all who have the interests of drama at heart, to strive unceasingly to achieve the aims of this venture. We cannot afford to lose such an opportunity, for it is one which will never occur again. The challenge is a personal one.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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	Tchaikovsky
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.

## VALETE.

ALEXANDER, C. H.	S.C., 1944; L.M.S. Railway.
ALLPORT, B.	Prefect; S.C., 1945; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Cricket; Rugby XV; Howard Glossop Memorial Cup, 1943; Junior Victor Ludorum 1944-5; 220 yards County School Champion, 1946; Meteorological Office, Air Ministry.
ALLSOP, R.	S.C., 1947; Boxing Winner; Motor Engineering.
BANNING, R. W.	S.C., 1947; Royal Navy.
BERRY, J. T.	Sub-Prefect.; H.S.C., 1946-7; Rugby XV; H.M. Forces and Birmingham University.
BLOCKLEY, A. W.	S.C., 1945; G.P.O.
BOND, M. J.	Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1947; 1st class cadet, Air Training Corps; Leicester University College.
BOOTH, E. E.	Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co.
BOSTOCK, E.	S.C., 1947; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Soccer; Laboratory Assistant.
BOTHAM, E. J.	H.S.C., 1947; H.M. Forces, Leicester University College.
BOWLER, M. F.	S.C., 1946; Colliery Clerk.
BOYES, R. F.	S.C., 1945-6; Cross Country Team; Dramatic Society; Mine Surveying.
BRADLEY, I. M.	Boxing Finalist; London.
BRADLEY, R.	S.C., 1946; Foundry.
BRAIDEN, R. F.	S.C., 1946; Engineering, G.P.O.
BRIGGS, K.	S.C., 1946; Chesterfield Technical College.

BROWN, J. T.	H.S.C., 1947; 2nd XI, Cricket; 2nd VI, Tennis; Cross Country Vice-Captain, Full Colours; Leicester University College.
BROWN, R.	S.C., 1947; Hardwick Colliery Offices.
BUNTON, P.	Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1946-7; Rugby XV; H.M. Forces.
BURGIN, T. A.	Prefect; H.S.C., 1946-7; Bronze Medallion, R.L.S.S.; Secretary, Astronomical Society; Science Society; Leicester University College.
BURROWS, A. E.	S.C., 1946; Coalite Works Laboratory.
BURTON, D. J.	
BUTLER, T.	S.C., 1946; Bolsover Colliery Laboratory.
CARDINGLEY, B.	Castleford.
CHAPMAN, R. F.	
CLARKE, J.	Clerk, Pleasley Mills.
CLAYTON, A.	H.S.C., 1947; Army Cadet Force, Cert. A, Part I; Sheepbridge Stokes Lab.
COLE, P.	S.C., 1947; Cross-Country Team; Half Colours; Soccer; Rugby XV; Boxing Winner; Finalist, 100 yards English Schoolboy Championship; Dramatic Society; Hardwick Colliery Co., Mine Surveying.
COOPER, G.	H.S.C. 1947; University Grant, Leicester University College.
COOPER, P. G.	Luton Grammar School.
CROOT, J.	S.C., 1945; Dramatic Society; Civil Service.
DAWES, R.	National Coal Board Offices.
DENNIS, P.	S.C., 1945-6; Sergeant, Army Cadet Force, Cert. A Parts I and II; H.M. Forces.
DIETZ, R.	2nd XI, Soccer; 1st XI Cricket, Colours; National Provincial Bank.
DOLMAN, D.	Prefect; H.S.C., 1947; Cross-Country Team; 2nd XI Soccer Colours; Sergeant, Army Cadet Force, Cert A, Part 1; Dramatic Society; Debating Society; Reading Prize; Liverpool University.
DREW, R.E.	Apprentice Projectionist.
EATON, K.	S.C., 1947; Rugby XV; Boxing Winner; Meteorological Office, Air Ministry.
ELCOCK, P.	S.C., 1947.
ELLIOTT, P.	S.C., 1946; Tannery Lab. Assistant.
FINNEY, D. W.	S.C., 1947; 1st XI Soccer, 2nd XI Colours.
FLETCHER, P.	H.S.C., 1946-7; 1st XI Cricket, 2nd XI Colours; Secretary, Geography and Economics Society; Chess Team; Leicester University College.
FLINT, J. A.	University College School, Hampstead.
FRAME, A. S.	S.C., 1946; 2nd XI, Soccer; 1st VI Tennis, Half Colours; Cross-Country Team, Half Colours; Dramatic Society; Civil Service.

FRETWELL, M. J. E.	Sub-Prefect; Open Exhibition, King's College, Cambridge; H.S.C. 1946; Cricket; Chess Team; Vice-President, Classical Society; Dramatic Society; Debating Society; Coxall Prize; Debating Prizes; Scott Robinson Prize; 1st class Cadet, Air Training Corps; Faculte des Lettres, Lausanne University.
FROST, G.	School Vice-Captain; H.S.C., 1945-6; County Major Scholarship; 1st XI Soccer Colours, Captain; Cricket; Fives; Rugby; Boxing Finalist; Debating Society; R.A.F. and St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.
FURNESS, D.	Engineering Apprentice.
GIBBONS, K. H.	S.C., 1946; Blackpool Grammar School.
GLASSBROOK, M. E.	H.S.C., 1947; Leicester University College.
GLEAVE, E.	S.C., 1947; Swimming; Liverpool Grammar School.
GODBER, R.	S.C., 1946; Laboratory Assistant, B.T.H
GRAY, R. W.	House Captain; S.C., 1944; 1st XI, Cricket, 2nd XI Colours; 1st VI Tennis; Rugby XV; Secretary, Chess Club; Dramatic Society; Sheffield University.
GULLIVER, R. C.	S.C., 1947; Westminster Bank, Sheffield.
HADFIELD, A. W.	H.M. Forces.
HALES, J. R.	L.N.E. Railway.
HANDFORD, J. D.	Repton School.
HARPHAM, K.	Decorating.
HEATH, T.	Photo Lithography.
HEATH, C. R.	Agricultural Machinist.
HIBBERT, D. J. E.	Farming.
HINCHCLIFFE, W. H.	Prefect; H.S.C., 1945-7; University Grant; Rugby XV; Cricket; Scouts, Troop Leader; Dramatic Society; Debating Society; Birmingham University and H.M. Forces.
HOLMES, A .G.	S.C., 1947; Laboratory Assistant, Diesel.
HOPKINS, P. L.	
HOWARD, P. M.	Mining Engineering.
HUNT, B. G.	H.S.C., 1947; Chess Team; Royal Air Force.
HURT, K. A.	House Captain; S.C., 1944; 1st XI Cricket, 2nd XI Colours; Debating Society; Dramatic Society; H.M. Forces.
HUTCHINSON, J. S.	Dramatic Society; Army Cadet Force, Cert. A, Part I. H.M. Forces.
JENSON, R. S.	S.C., 1946; Chesterfield School of Art.
JOHNSON, D. J.	Yorke House.
JOHNSON, H.	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI, Cricket; Hockey; Clerk, Tubes Ltd.

JOHNSTONE, J. M. C.	Sub-Prefect; Rugby XV; Dramatic Society; 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Cadet, Air Training Corps; Chesterfield Technical College.
JONES, B. S.	
KIRKLAND, J. G.	S.C., 1947; Boxing Winner; Laboratory Assistant, Sheepbridge Stokes.
LANGLEY, M. J.	R.E.M.E.
LEE, D.	Laboratory Assistant.
LEECH, D. A.	Farming.
LOMAX, E. G.	S.C., 1947; Soccer; Athletics; Doncaster Grammar School.
LONGDEN, E	H.S.C., 1945/7; Open Scholarship, Leicester University College; University Minor Award; Chairman, Geography and Economics Society; Leicester University College.
LOWE, C. P.	S.C. 1946; Boxing Finalist; Army Cadet Force, Cert. A, Parts I and II; Civil Engineering.
LOWE, J. H.	H.M.S. Conway.
MANSFIELD, J. B.	Midland Bank, Chesterfield.
MARSHALL, J. P.	S.C., 1947; Secretary, Arts and Crafts Club.
MASON, D. C.	N.C.B. Offices, Chesterfield.
MATHER, J.	S.C., 1944; Accountancy.
MAYFIELD, B.	House Captain; H.S.C., 1945-7; Revis Grant, Nottingham University College; University Grant; Cross-Country Team, Full Colours; 2 <sup>nd</sup> VI, Tennis; Chess Team; Rugby XV, Captain; Corporal, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Certificate; P/L, Scouts; Dramatic Society, Debating Society; Nottingham University College and H.M. Forces.
MERIFIELD, A. J.	Secretary, Junior Debating Society; Shrewsbury School.
MERIFIELD, F. M.	Shrewsbury School.
MIDDLETON, J. B.	H.S.C., 1946-7; H.M. Forces.
MINCHIN, G. J.	H.S.C., 1947; Dramatic Society; Rugby XV.
MITCHELL, T. F.	S.C., 1946; Troop Leader, Air Scouts; Architecture.
MORGAN, H.	S.C., 1945: Dramatic Society; Junior Reading Prizes; Leicester University College, H.M. Forces.
MORGAN, T.	S.C., 1945; Clerk.
MOSELEY, J. D.	S.C., 1947; Army Cadet Force, Cert. A, Part I; Bank Clerk.
MOTTERSHAW, G. R.	Farming.
NEEDHAM, J. R.	Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co.
NEEDHAM, T. R.	S.C., 1947; Boxing Finalist; Chesterfield F.C.
NEWTON, F. E.	L.M.S. Railway.

NIGHTINGALE, J. T.	Farming.
OAKLEY, J.M.	School Captain; H.S.C. 1946; County Major Scholarship; Miners' Welfare Scholarship; Junior Athletic Cup; Secretary, Literary and Debating Society; Secretary, Music Club; Secretary, Arts and Crafts Club; Assistant Editor Magazine; Dramatic Society; Reading Prize; Coxall Prize; Corporal, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Certificate; King's Scout; Royal Air Force and Balliol College, Oxford.
OSBORN, E.	Bonds Main School.
OVERTON, J. V.	Kingsbridge.
OWEN, D. A.	Sub-Prefect; S.C., 1946; C.S.M., Army Cadet Force, Cert. A Parts I and II; Dramatic Society; Army.
PADLEY, W. J.	London.
PAYNE, P. W.	S.C., 1945; Air Training Corps; Royal Air Force.
PICK, D.	H.S.C., 1947; Rugby XV; Sheffield University and H.M. Forces.
PICKETT, R. F.	H.S.C., 1946-7; University Grant; Chess Team; Nottingham University College.
POLLARD, T. I.	Prefect; S.C., 1945; 1st XI, Soccer; Half Colours; Under Officer, Army Cadet Force, Cert, A, Parts I and II; H.M. Forces.
PRESLEY, K. G.	S.C., 1946; Bolsover Colliery Officers.
REDFERN, R. A.	Dronfield Grammar School.
REVILL, P.	S.C., 1946; 1st XI Soccer Colours; 1st XI Cricket Colours; 1 <sup>st</sup> VI Tennis; Boxing Finalist; Building.
RIDGEWAY, J. M.	Architecture.
ROBINSON, A. V. O.	Boxing Winner; Athletics Record; Army Cadet Force, Cert. A, Part I.
ROBINSON, J. V.	Prefect; H.S.C. 1946; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Soccer Colours, Vice-Captain; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Cricket, Half Colours; 2 <sup>nd</sup> VI Tennis; Chess Team; Boxing Captain; Dramatic Society; Debating Society; Corporal, Air Training Corps, Proficiency Certificate; Royal Air Force.
ROWLAND, C. J. S.	Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1947; Firth Scholarship, Sheffield; County Major Scholarship; Cricket, Secretary; Literary and Debating Society; Coxall Prize; Assistant Editor, Magazine; Historical Association; Junior Reading Prize; Butterley Prize; London School of Economics.
SCOTHERN, J.	Sub-Prefect, H.S.C 1947; Hockey Captain; 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Cadet, Air Training Corps; Geog. and Economics Society; H.M. Forces and Leicester University College.
SHARMAN, W. H.	S.C., 1947; Dramatic Society.
SHAW, C. B.	Wm. Rhodes School.
SHAW, J.	House Captain; H.S.C. 1946; State Scholarship; Dramatic Society; R.A.F. and Queens' College; Cambridge.
SHAW, S. B.	S.C., 1946; Chesterfield School of Art.
SHIPLEY, W. A.	1st XI, Soccer; Dramatic Society; National Coal Board.

SHORT, J. D.	
SHOWELL, N.	S.C., 1947; Dramatic Society.
SMITH, F.	Apprentice Turner.
SMITH, J. H.	King Edward's School, Birmingham.
SMITH, T. D.	Stockport.
SMITH, T. M.	Boxing Winner; Clerk, Newspaper Offices.
STUBBS, R.	S.C., 1947; Army Cadet Force, Cert A, Part I; National Coal Board, Grassmoor.
SUTTON, D. C.	Rugby XV; Swimming; First Aid; Electrical Engineering, Sheepbridge.
THOMAS, G.	Apprentice Machinist.
THOMPSON, J. B.	Sub-Prefect; H.S.C., 1947; Chess Team; Dramatic Society; Second, Scouts; Birmingham.
THORPE, A. A.	Sub-Prefect; S.C., 1944; 1st VI Tennis; 1st Class Cadet, Air Training Corps; Royal Air Force.
TREECE, E. L.	S.C., 1947; Laboratory, Sheepbridge.
WALKER, G. J. P.	Longton High School, Stoke.
WARD, C. P.	House Captain; H.S.C., 1946-7; County Major Scholarship; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Soccer Colours, Captain; 1st XI Cricket Colours, Captain; North Derbyshire Schools XI, Captain; Debating Society; H.M. Forces.
WARDMAN, H.	
WILKINSON, T.	Grassmoor Colliery Officers.
WITHINGTON, A.	
WOOD, A. J.	
WOOD, C. D.	Prefect, Acting House Captain; H.S.C., 1945-47; 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Cricket; Rugby XV; 1st Class Cadet, Air Training Corps; Dramatic Society; H.M. Forces.
WOOD, C. G.	Kidderminster.
WOODS, H. P.	Poole Grammar School.
WRIGHT, C.	Sub-Prefect, H.S.C., 1947; County Major Scholarship; Debating Society; Secretary, Historical Association; H.M. Forces..
WRIGHT, H. M.	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Soccer, 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Colours; 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Cricket, 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Colours; Proctor and Sons.

## O.C. NOTES

ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH, JULY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1947.

OLD BOYS v. SCHOOL.

Played under ideal weather conditions, the annual cricket fixture between the Old Boys and the School resulted in a convincing win for the latter.

Batting first, the Old Boys were able to compile only 79 runs against the good bowling and keen fielding of the School; the only effective batsman for the Old Boys being D. Pilkington who scored 31, and F. Milner 19. Of the School bowlers, S. E. Rodgers took 4 wickets for 30 runs, P. H. Clarke 2 for 16, and W. H. Baldon 2 for 1.

In reply, the School scored 132 for 5 wickets before stumps were drawn, C. Ward scoring 42, F. Eaton 39, and P. H. Clarke 25. For the Old Boys, C. Hadfield bowled well, taking 2 wickets for 15 runs.

TWO DISTINGUISHED O.C.'s.

AIR MARSHAL, SIR PHILIP WIGGLESWORTH, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.C.

We consider the distinguished career of Air Marshal Sir Philip Wigglesworth to be of such outstanding importance and interest to all O.C.'s and boys of the School as to warrant the reproduction in full of an article from the Air Ministry Weekly News-Letter entitled "The Commander of B.A.F.O." It reads as follows:

#### THE COMMANDER OF B.A.F.O.

One of the most responsible commands in the R.A.F. to-day is that of the British Air Forces Occupation, which works in conjunction with the Rhine Army and under the Control Commission in maintaining law and order in Germany. Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief there for the past eighteen months, Air Marshal Sir Philip Wigglesworth., K.B.E., C.B., D.S.C., a Yorkshireman, celebrates his 51st birthday to-day (July 11). He commenced his career in the navy as a direct war entrant thirty-two years ago after being educated at Chesterfield Grammar School and privately, and transferred to the R.A.F. in 1918.

Since then he has seen service in almost every part of the world, holding many key administrative and operational posts, though he still believes that one of his trickiest undertakings was in 1926, when as a flight lieutenant, he found himself, through a series of untoward incidents, O.C. of R.A.F. forces in Transjordan, directing desert operations. It was during this period that he made the first-ever night flight across the Transjordan desert, which in those days and in the D. H. 9 A's was a hazardous undertaking. "During that flight," he said, "we sprung water leaks in the cylinders and plugged them up with chewing gum."

His days in the navy were spent at Portsmouth on training, but he very soon felt the urge to fly and transferred to the R.N.A.S. After training at the Graham White School, at Hendon, he successively tested French aircraft, served with a Canadian bomber wing, and flew Sopwith Pups in No. 3 Naval Squadron. He was then invalided home and finished the first war ferrying aircraft and instructing. In 1919, he was given a permanent commission in the R.A.F. He was then posted to the Air Ministry and there spent some three years in the Directorate of Equipment, dealing with the supply and delivery of aircraft. From 1925, he spent five and a half years overseas, first in Iraq, with 84 Squadron, and then in Palestine and Transjordan, where he commanded 14 Squadron. Graduating from the R.A.F. Staff College, Andover, in 1931, he went to Headquarters of Air Defence of Great Britain on personnel duties, but was soon posted back to the Staff College, this time as an instructor for three years. He became Deputy Director of Intelligence at the Air Ministry in 1936, and his duties in this connection took him on frequent tours abroad. Russia and Poland were among the countries he visited. He went as air adviser with. General Wavell to watch the Russian military manoeuvres in 1937, and next year he went to the Far East, including China and Japan.

At the outbreak of war in September, 1939, he was appointed R.A.F. planner on the Combined Services Staff and later became Senior Air Staff Officer, Middle East Command. He looks back upon this as probably the most high pressure job he has ever been called upon to undertake. The operational area stretched from Benghazi to the Persian Gulf, and from Turkey down to East Africa. One of his "fastest" jobs was the production, in conjunction with his navy and army counterparts, of the plans for the evacuation of Greece, which were produced in a little over one hour. In February, 1943, Air Chief Marshal Tedder (now M.R.A.F. Tedder) sent for him from East Africa to become Deputy Air Commander-in-Chief of Allied Air Forces in the Mediterranean area, and it was a result of his work in this connection that he earned the title of "Tedder's Carpet Maker." The "Tedder Carpet" of bombs was laid from Alamein to Tunis, wherever Field Marshal Montgomery's armies needed them.

Returning to Britain he was selected as Senior Air Staff Officer under the late Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory for the A.E.A.F., created for the invasion of Europe. Subsequently he was Deputy Chief of Staff at S.H.A.E.F.

Later, he moved to Berlin as A.O.C., Air Division to organise the disposal of all Luftwaffe equipment in Western Europe and in February, 1946, he took over command of B.A.F.O. succeeding M.R.A.F. Sir Sholto Douglas.

J. H. ALDAM.

J. H. Aldam, at the age of 24, has been awarded a Paul Harris Memorial Foundation Scholarship, awarded by Rotary International from its Chicago headquarters, this being; the only such Fellowship allocated to Great Britain.

The award, which is in accordance with the Rotary principle of fostering international understanding, will enable Adlam to pursue a year's study at Harvard, leading to a Ph.D. degree, and at the same time, to travel during vacations in America, for the purpose of making contact with a number of Rotary Clubs.

Adlam, who was School Captain from 1940-41, gained an open exhibition in History to Trinity College, Cambridge. He deferred his studies in order to serve from 1942-5 in the 13th/18th Royal Hussars, his distinguished service earning him the award of the Military Cross. On his return to Cambridge, he gained a First-Class Honours Degree in the Historical Tripos. He was also elected a Senior Scholar of Trinity, carrying a titular award of £100 a year, available for a further course of study at Cambridge, should he desire it on the completion of his Harvard course.

O.C. MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION.

Old Boys are reminded that, owing to the increased cost of printing, it has been necessary to increase the minimum annual subscription to 3/6. It is hoped that as many Old Boys as possible will continue to subscribe, in order to give the Magazine a maximum circulation. Subscriptions, when due, should be sent to T. E. Swain, at the School.



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## EDITORIAL

Education to-day, no more than in the past, is not completed by the passing of some examination at the end of a school syllabus.

One does not exist merely to earn a living; the world offers something better than "a little money and a great deal of work." Life is full of adventure and delight to the man who is willing gradually to find them, and see them, and lay hold on them. The schoolmaster who can persuade his pupils that the delight of being alone with an alert mind and a good book, or that the thrill of a Beethoven Sonata is keener than that of possessing untold riches, is bestowing priceless benefit upon his pupils and on mankind.

It is lamentable that so many boys are entering the teaching profession merely because it is a safe job and a means of earning a living. When they enter any profession or trade with that spirit they reveal their lack of education; they reveal minds cursed by narrowness and shackled by materialism.

It is good to notice a number of odd sentences in these pages which reveal a broader outlook and interest which extend beyond the confines of materialism and the world.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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.

## **SPEECH DAY**

Speech Day was held in the Bradbury Hall, on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1947, and it was of some significance that this school function should once again have returned to the home of Speech Day in pre-War years.

Alderman H. Cropper, Chairman of the Governing Body, opened the proceedings by introducing Sir William Brockington, C.B.E., M.A., formerly Director of Education for Leicestershire. He described Sir William as an eminent national figure, and a man highly esteemed in the educational world.

The Chairman went on to deplore the difficulties which beset the School in the matter of accommodation and regretfully admitted that the prospect of any speedy erection of new buildings at Brookside had in no way improved during the previous year.

The Headmaster, in his annual Report, likewise expressed regret that accommodation was so limited, but hoped that the economic crisis would not impede material improvements in the School. He thanked, however, that the success of a school was not dependent on bricks and mortar. A right spirit within the School itself was far more important. In his opinion, the task of education was threefold; it should teach a boy to earn his own living, to be a good citizen, and to become a man. The good examination results and the quality of work done in the Sixth Forms meant that boys were leaving school well equipped for their various jobs, capable of shouldering responsibility, and possessing a broad outlook. There was no justification for Grammar Schools produced only black coated workers. Of those boys who had left during the previous year there were quite as many who had entered industry as there were of those who had proceeded to a University. To help boys develop into useful citizens the School provided facilities for many varieties of sport and for many other voluntary out-of-school activities. The third function of education - that, of turning a boy into a man – could not be achieved by the School alone. At school, one attempted to inculcate a sense of discipline and a spirit of service, together with a sound sense of values, but the final word in this matter rested with parents. To promote a true relationship between school and parents, the Headmaster said he hoped to arrange for parents and members of the staff to meet.

In his address Sir William Brockington considered the part to be played by such an ancient Grammar School as that in Chesterfield in the new structure of education. Such a school justified itself mainly by the longer time boys were able to stay in it and by the quality of its Sixth Form work. In a true democracy leaders had to be produced from all ranks of life; - leaders of thought and mental research - all those leaders who played an important part in national life and in the development of this country's resources and culture. For such leaders, the nation depended largely, though not entirely, on the products of Secondary Grammar Schools. That the Government was recognising this more fully than ever before was shown by the large increase in the number of University Scholarships available.

After presenting the Prizes, Sir William invested J. O. Morris with the insignia of his office as School Captain.

*The list of prize winners followed.*

## O.C. NOTES

### ANNUAL COMMEMORATION SERVICE

The Annual Service in remembrance of Old Boys of the School who lost their lives during the two World Wars was held in the School Assembly Hall, Monday, November 10th, 1947, when wreaths were placed on the War Memorial by the Headmaster on behalf the School, and the President of the O.C. Society.

A pleasing feature of the Service was the larger number of Old Boys present than in previous years.

### WAR MEMORIAL

At the Society's Annual General Meeting, held on Friday, December 19th, it was decided to proceed, as soon as possible, with the erection on the School premises of a temporary War-Memorial in the form of a Roll of Honour, bearing the names of Old Boys on active service who lost their lives during the Second World War. A list of 64 names has now been compiled, and any additional names should be forwarded to the Secretary, Mr. T. E. Swain, at the School.

### O.C. SOCCER CLUB.

With a view to widening the scope of the activities of the O.C. Society, and in order to provide a further means of contact with the School, an Old Boys' Soccer Club has been formed to play regular fixtures. By the courtesy of the Headmaster and the Borough Education Committee, the Club is being allowed full use of the School playing-fields. A number of matches have already been played this season.

Any Old Boys desirous of becoming playing-members should notify the O.C. Secretary at the School, or A. Taylor, Esq., at the Westminster Bank, who has undertaken to act as Club Secretary.

### ATHLETIC DISTINCTION.

A Whittaker, who established a Cross-Country record whilst at School, is continuing to distinguish himself as an athlete whilst serving with the R.A.F. Coastal Command.

At an open Service meeting at Castle Archdale, in competition with the Eire Army Champion, T. Graham, and the R.A.F. Champion, P. Connolly, he gained the award of Victor Ludorum, winning the 440 and 880 yards events, and the 880 yards Handicap from scratch. He also secured second place in the two mile event. In the Service Relay, he started off 20 yards behind in the final lap, and secured a win for the R.A.F. by two yards.

Running for the R.A.F. at Uxbridge, he came in fourth with three Olympic runners in front of him. At the age of 19, he seems likely to qualify for future inclusion in the Olympic team.

### O.C. PRESIDENT FOR 1948.

It is a matter for considerable pride and satisfaction that such a distinguished and brilliant personality as Sir Robert Robinson should have consented to associate himself directly with the O.C. Society and the School, by his acceptance of the Presidency for 1948.

Sir Robert Robinson, an Old Boy of the School, has achieved the highest distinctions which the world of science has to offer, including the award, last year, of the Nobel Prize for chemistry.

Sir Robert, who is Waynflete Professor of Chemistry at Oxford, and President of the Royal Society, was knighted in 1939, and was made a Freeman of Chesterfield in June, 1947. At the time of his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1933, he was its youngest member. In March, 1947, he was awarded the Franklin Medal, the highest award of the Franklin Institute of America.

He has received numerous other honours and decorations in England and abroad, from universities all over the World, as well as from scientific institutes and associations, for his outstanding contributions to scientific knowledge, particularly in organic chemistry. He holds some twenty degrees, including nine doctorates, and is undoubtedly the greatest organic chemist of the present day.

He has represented this country at conferences of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisations. He has served on many Government and other scientific advisory Committees.

Sir Robert Robinson is author of some five hundred memoirs of research in organic chemistry. One of the latest of the seventy or eighty government committees, of which he has been a member, is the Advisory Committee on Atomic Energy. He played an important role in the research work leading to the discovery and widespread use of penicillin and other valuable new drugs recently brought into use.

#### MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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## 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 worthwhile.

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 Derbeian (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 worthwhile.

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 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 first-hand 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 to 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