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SCHOOL NOTES – December 1955

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The following commenced degree courses at Universities this year : D. G. Smith (St. Catherine's College, Cambridge), C. N. Crofts (Trinity College, Cambridge), A. Fish (Queens' College, Cambridge), K. G. Hambleton (Queens' College, Cambridge), M. Tarrant (Selwyn College, Cambridge), A. B. Strachan (Balliol College, Oxford), P. Turner (Wadham College, Oxford), J. B. Unwin (New College, Oxford), A. E. Back (Balliol College, Oxford), E. M. Hopkinson (Balliol College, Oxford), F. N. Harley (Kings' College, London), B. Walker (Birmingham), D. M. Batty (Birmingham), T. F. Roberts (Manchester), M. J. Pogson (Manchester), R. Taylor (Manchester), D. W. A. Barrett (Sheffield), A. J. Pattison (Liverpool), J. T. Holmes (Sheffield), P. Hooley (Royal Academy of Music, London), J. D. H. Pilkington (Trinity College, Cambridge) and T. Mellors (New College, Oxford) will commence their University degree courses after Military Service.

The following have entered, this year, or will enter after National Service, Training Colleges A. J. Hallam, W. Longden, B. L. Clay, W. T. Chappell, F. D. Bradbury, D. H. Harper.

We congratulate D. L. Pexton, R. L. Aspinall, A. F. Taylor and B. N. J. Parker, who have obtained commissioned rank during National Service this year.

Some classrooms have taken on a new look during the term. The provision of pictures from the Museum Service and those privately owned has been appreciated, and it is hoped that this scheme will continue in order that all may have an opportunity to appreciate and criticise different works of Art.

In September we welcomed back to the Staff, Mr. N. S. Jinkinson. In the past we have learned to appreciate his many gifts and we hope that his stay with us will be long and happy. We have also welcomed Mr. A. Jensen and Mr. G. Senior, both O.C.'s, as new members of the Staff in place of Mr. Wood and Mr. Hodgson. We hope that they also will have a long and happy time with us.

VALETE – MR HODGSON AND MR WOOD

Whether as Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Wood, as the formal world of parents knew them, as H.B.H. and G.S.W., as they were to their colleagues, or as Dodger and Woody as they were referred to by the less reverent world of schoolboys, these two masters covered such a long period by their careers at Chesterfield and figure so prominently in the memories of several generations of Cestrefeldians that their retirement is bound to leave the School the poorer; that they should have retired at the same time inevitably marks the end of an epoch.

There could hardly be two men more different as individuals than H.B.H. and G.S.W. and yet they have so much in common as schoolmasters that it is worth reflecting a moment on what they meant to Chesterheld Grammar School. They symbolise not one generation but two; they bestrode the years between the wars and the recent post-war years. It is to men like them that we owe in no small measure the fact that the "Chesterfield School" of the present day, shaped by the Butler Act of 1944, retains so many of the qualities that gave "Chesterfield Grammar School" an assured and valued place in the older structure of English education. It would be idle to suggest that H.B.H. and G.S.W. liked all of the innovations; it would be equally false to infer that they were reactionaries outliving their age. They carried into an unshaped era traditions that defy definition but are as real as the fabric of the School. Though no generation of Old Boys will ever admit that younger members of the School are a patch on their own contemporaries, many a Cestrefeldian must

have been consoled by the thought that even the degenerate youth of to-day would feel, even as they had done, the annealing influence of “Dodger” and “Woody.”

Both were acknowledged masters of their craft, wedded to the highest standards of scholarship; both made demands upon industry, both expected a level of self-discipline no longer as general as once they were. Above all, both taught as much by example as by precept. The standards they set themselves were higher than those they set their pupils, and they never fell short of them.

Of Mr. Wood it is true to say that he never did less than he promised and he never undertook more than he could do outstandingly well. As a teacher of art he understandably laid the strongest emphasis upon correct technique; airy-fairy “self-expression” was no substitute to him for basic correctness. Withal he was quick to detect talent and skilful in developing it. His own work was deft and sensitive, a recognisable complement of the music that gave him so much pleasure. As an adept gardener he naturally found his greatest interest in flowers: the same aesthetic sense characterised his own attire. Mr. Wood cut such a meticulous, and even jaunty, figure that it came as a shock to realise that he had reached the fulness of years, as officialdom understands these matters.

Few housemasters can have identified themselves more closely and conscientiously with every aspect of house activity than Mr. Wood did with Foljarnbe. It was almost as if Foljambe, knowing that it was Mr. Wood’s last year, made their great effort in the Athletic Sports, to win for the first time since 1935. He knew every boy in his house and was able to judge, firmly and dispassionately but never harshly. Those who knew him only latterly will not remember in him the enthusiastic and competent designer of stage scenery or the spritely cricketer. More recent colleagues will not remember him as a militant as well as a humorous conversationalist: whether his later tendency to spend more time in the Art Room and less in the Common Room reflected the enhanced amenities of the former or the diminished comforts of the latter one does not ask.

Loyalty and patriotism were amongst his outstanding virtues. After a splendid record in the first World War, in phases of unparalleled discomfort and danger, he slid unobtrusively but energetically into pre-service work in the second; both School and open units of the Air Training Corps gained enormously from his meticulous organisation and inspiring leadership.

Mr. Hodgson infused into Chesterfield Grammar School qualities that are not generally found in these parts. He was in many ways a donnish schoolmaster whose tweed jacket and flannel trousers, whose active brain and physical vigour always retained a touch of the undergraduate. No-one more thoroughly typified Oxford; in a materialistic, commercialised world Oxford still stands for healthy tradition, for abstract ideals of scholarship for its own sake, for sport that does not seek rewards in the plaudits of the non-participant or the back-slapping of team-mates. A loyal son of his alma mater, Mr. Hodgson was clearly not a by-product of any kind but in the main stream of a long tradition, and, when once one knew, it was easy to see in him many of the influences of the vicarage where he was brought up. His was no mere lip-service to asceticism and toughness. He stripped to referee in the bitterest winds that even Storrs Road could produce, the most torrential downpour could not make him flag and he was always up with the ball in the fastest of games. He was an ideal referee, as well as a grand coach: he knew the game intimately, he was as fit as any player, he could give decisions at speed and, as an essentially manly man, he always commanded respect. Rugby at Chesterfield virtually meant H.B.H. and it must have been a bitter blow to him when the circumstances concomitant with war put an end to the magnificent XV’s of the ’30’s and all was to do again.

Off the field he gave rise to a number of misapprehensions in the minds of those who did not know him well. There was, for instance, the legend that in the privacy of his own home he spoke in a broad Derbyshire accent; there was the schoolboy belief that in the lunch-hour he worked out mathematical problems that had baffled his colleagues. His kindly and understanding nature was sometimes hidden by an outward manner which filled schoolboys with terrified awe, as in truth it did his younger colleagues; the same emotion was not altogether unknown, it has been alleged, to HM. inspectors. Boys worked for him; they had to. Soon or late they were very glad of it, and many frequent recipients of the now outmoded “Wednesday” were the first to seek him out at School and O.C. functions. His mathematical brilliance was assuredly no legend and it remained undimmed by the passage of years; last July he performed once again this annual feat of completing all the questions of the G.C.E. “Scholarship” paper during one period on a half-sheet of foolscap.

He too was a housemaster of rare distinction. Inevitably houses have their lean years; it is an index of Mr. Hodgson's leadership that under him Large never plumbed the depths of failure. The brand of scorn which he reserved for a slacker was something few boys could withstand; Large house boys competing in the sports may be forgiven if they feared that his pistol might be trained on them with a charge more lethal than blank if they seemed not to be trying.

Qualified by age to participate in only the final stages of the first World War, Mr. Hodgson, as an officer of the Reserve, left immediately at the beginning of the second, in which he had a distinguished career, serving in the U.K. and on a mission to the U.S.A. as Major, R.A.O.C. He returned to schoolmastering with, it seems, enhanced breadth and sureness of touch, and he was more than ever an admirable judge of men and boys. He was quick to detect good qualities; physical "guts," application to work irrespective of ability and frankness were merits he liked particularly; anything that smacked of shirking or hypocrisy was anathema to him.

If we had to lose such stalwart schoolmasters at one stroke it was consoling that they retired in full vigour and health. All their present and former pupils and colleagues will wish them many years of happiness, and will extend the same wish to the two very gracious ladies whose companionship helped to inspire and sustain the H.B.H. and the G.S.W. whom we have been privileged to know.

B. O'K.

SCHOOL NOTES – May 1956

The Annual Carol Service was held in the Parish Church on December 22nd when carols were sung by the choir and the congregation. The lessons were read by the Staff and the boys. It was inspiring to see so large a congregation of parents, old boys and friends at this service.

On the evening of the 16th December an enjoyable Sixth Form party was held at the Saint Helena School.

We congratulate D. S. Mitchell who has been offered a place at Pembroke College, Oxford.

Two Parents' Evenings have been held recently for parents of boys in the Sixth Forms and the Transitus Forms. It is encouraging to find these meetings so well attended.

We offer our congratulations to B. E. Nelson who has been awarded a Flying Scholarship. This will entitle him to 30 hours flying training for a Private Pilot's Licence.

A theatre party has been arranged for a performance of "The Happiest Days of Our Lives." Another party saw the M.C.C. film on the last Australian tour and a further party saw a performance of the film "Richard III."

The Easter Service took place on March 27th in the Parish Church, when the choir sang the anthems "Lead me Lord" (Wesley) and "Hear my prayers" (Mendelssohn). The sermon was preached on this occasion by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield.

A group of Sixth formers accompanied by Mr. Kershaw and Mr. Jensen went to Sheffield University to hear a programme of poetry spoken by Christopher Hassall and Maureen Robinson. It was arranged by L. A. G. Strong under the auspices of The Arts Council of Great Britain, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

It was with much pleasure that the School heard of the recent appointment of the Headmaster, Mr. W. E. Glister, as a Justice of the Peace.

We congratulate C. S. Bondy on gaining an Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.

SCHOOL NOTES – December 1956

The Annual Commemoration Service was held on July 27th in the Parish Church. The sermon was preached by the Assistant Bishop of Derby, the Rt. Rev. G. Sinker, and the choir sang the anthems "How beautiful are the feet" (Handel), "Angels ever bright and fair" (Handel) and "O for a closer walk with God" (Foster).

On July 26th another successful Leaving Dance was held in the St. James' Hall.

During the summer term a Parents' Evening was held for parents of boys in the Second forms. The attendance was again very good indeed.

Our congratulations go to the following Scholarship winners :

State Scholarships, P. I. Adnitt, C. S. Bondy, S. D. Drackley, J. Harvey, F. N. Peacock, G. A. Windle.

County Major Scholarships ; P. I. Adnitt, C. S. Bondy, S. D. Drackley, D. E. Goodman, P. Harrison, J. Harvey, F. N. Peacock, D. J. Peppitt, J. P. Weldon, G. A. Windle.

County Exhibitions : M. Cox, A. J. Davenport, D. R. Dunn, W. B. K. Graham, A. Metcalfe, B. E. Nelson, J. B. Siddall.
N.C.B. Scholarship: I. E. Clarke.

Dental Board Scholarship: W. B. K. Graham.

The following commenced degree courses at Universities this year: C. S. Bondy (St. Catharine's College, Cambridge), M. B. Oakes (Sheffield University), P. J. Stanton (Sheffield University), N. Bush (Sheffield University), R. M. Flatow (London School of Economics), D. E. Goodman (London School of Economics), J. P. Weldon (London School of Economics), W. B. K. Graham (University College Hospital Dental School, London), D. G. Stock (Charing Cross Hospital, London), B. E. Nelson (Imperial College of Science, London), D. R. Dunn (Leeds University), I. E. Clarke (Birmingham University), D. O. Swinden (Birmingham University), M. Cox (Durham University), C. D. Simmonds (Durham University), D. Cheetham (Nottingham University), J. A. Fisher (Nottingham University), A. Metcalfe (Bristol University), P. Harrison (Liverpool University), T. C. Thickett (Liverpool University), G. J. Bacon (New College, Oxford), G. Crookes (Pembroke College, Oxford), A. L. Briddon (Exeter College, Oxford), E. I. Clark (St. Edmund Hall, Oxford), A. F. Taylor (Pembroke College, Oxford), B. N. J. Parker (Trinity College, Cambridge), K. C. Jackson (Christ's College, Cambridge), R. A. Wallis (Selwyn College, Cambridge). D. S. Mitchell (Pembroke College, Oxford) and F. N. Peacock (Selwyn College, Cambridge) will commence University courses after National Service. J. Harvey (Sheffield) will commence his University Course in 1957.

The following entered Training Colleges this year:

P. S. Ramsdale (Westminster College), K. D. Ulliyatt (Westminster College), M. Salt (College of St. Mark and St. John), A. Beresford (Alsager Training College), R. N. Platts (City of Leeds Training College).

The following will enter Training Colleges after National Service: G. H. Fawcett (Westminster College), B. Dyson (Westminster College), R. Byfleet (Westminster College), A. H. Smith (Westminster College), L. M. Blackwell (Westminster College), M. J. Brunton (Cheltenham College), K. W. Brewin (Cheltenham College), J. A. Hardwick (Cheltenham), F. Stevenson (Cheltenham College), P. Clark (St. John's, York), J. A. Weir (St. John's, York), M. Peck (Leeds T.C.), F. M. Sargeant (St. Luke's College, Exeter).

The provision of a new Dining Hall, which we used for the first time this term, is a real asset to the School. The rooms previously used for dining are now Science laboratories and as such they provide very welcome extra teaching spaces.

In September we welcomed Mr. J. Hetherington, Mr. J. Hancock and Mr. A. Hitchon, and we hope that their stay with us will be a happy and successful one.

School Parties have enjoyed performances of "The Imaginary Invalid" at The Civic Theatre and of "Murder in the Cathedral" at Tapton House.

Boys are asked to make it known that the Old Cestrefeldians' Dance will take place on Tuesday, February 5th, 1957, in the Victoria Ballroom. Tickets may be obtained from Mr. Swain at the School.

SCHOOL NOTES – May 1957

The Annual Carol Service was held in the Parish Church on December 19th when lessons were read by the Staff and the boys and carols were sung by the Choir and the congregation. It was a great joy to share the service with so many parents, Old Boys and friends.

On December 14th the Sixth form shared a highly successful Christmas party with the Sixth form of the St. Helena School, and on the following Monday the Second forms held their annual Christmas party. Both Functions took place in St. James' Hall.

We offer very sincere congratulations to the School Captain G. A. Windle on being awarded an Open Scholarship in English at Jesus College, Cambridge and to S.D. Drackley on being awarded an Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Queen's College Cambridge. We also congratulate the School Vice-captain, D. J. Peppitt, on gaining a place at Merton College, Oxford and T. Worrell on gaining a place at New College.

Two successful Parents' Evenings have been held recently for parents of boys in the Upper Sixth and in the Transitus forms. It is encouraging to find so many parents vitally interested in their son's education.

The Easter Service took place on April 9th when the choir sang the anthems "I waited for the Lord", "Lord for Thy tender mercies' sake" and "Dear Lord and Father of mankind". The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield.

At one School assembly fears were expressed about the safety of the floor of Room 10. This is now supported by extra pillars and beams making the room underneath strangely reminiscent of an air raid shelter.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Rothwell on the birth of a son, and we also offer our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. H. Crosthwaite on their recent marriage, and to Mr. and Mrs J. Thompson on the birth of a son.

The Reading Finals were held on March 26th in the St. Helena School Hall. Mr. Blenkinsop adjudicated on this occasion and awarded the prizes as follows:-

Senior School:	1 st	G. A. Windle
	2 nd	D. J. Pettitt
	3 rd	P. J. Connerton
Middle School	1 st	C. D. James
	2 nd	A. Jarvis
	3 rd	M. N. Johnson
Junior School	1 st	B.R. Keeton
	2 nd	I. C. Fergusson
	3 rd	I. P. Cliff

A party of boys visited the Civic Theatre to watch a performance of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night", and a group of Sixth formers attended the performance of "The Winter's Tale" at the Playhouse, Sheffield. On May 8th, fifty members of the higher and middle schools will see the film of "Henry V".

COMMON ROOM TRIBUTE TO MR. VARLEY

At the end of the Summer Term the members of the Common Room, the honorary life-members (Mr. G. S. Wood and Mr. A. Jennings), and the Headmaster, paid Mr. Varley the unprecedented compliment of entertaining him as their honoured guest at dinner at the Station Hotel.

Mr. Owen paid tribute to Mr. Varley's incomparable service to the School, and to his great qualities as a colleague. On behalf of all members of Common Room, Mr. McKay (Chairman) made a presentation, and wished Mr. and Mrs. Varley much happiness in retirement. In a characteristically sunny, modest and memorable reply, Mr. Varley thanked the Staff for their 'great gift of friendship'; and Mr. Jennings rounded off a great occasion by eloquently expressing what was in the minds of all present - a sense of gratitude for the privilege of having known and worked with Mr. Varley.

Mr. Jones was thanked for his excellent arrangement of the meeting.

VALETE

"Age cannot wither" has probably been said of thousands of Cleopatras and their male counterparts since the first Elizabethan Age, and it is possible that a very small percentage of those so complimented been worthy of it.

But the School has just said Au revoir to one who has certainly grown no older since I first knew him. The black curly hair of the 1920's is now white, it is true, and his shining morning face has a few more wrinkles in it, but his step is as jaunty as ever, and his broad smile ready and as infectious as in his earlier youth.

Heaven alone knows what Shangri-La he has found - in the centre of industrial England - which has so inhibited the menace of the years. I suppose the truth is that we carry around with us our own mental and spiritual boundaries which tend to grow stronger and, alas, narrower with the years; but the rare soul exists who finds a gap and steps through the lost horizon into a country where time passes but age stands still. Russell Varley is surely of that small and select company. To assess the value of the forty-three years he gave to the School is impossible. There are no units of measurement, no recording instruments, by which one can set down the worth of such a prolonged service.

Mr. Varley came to the School straight from Manchester University in 1913. In those days, over forty years ago, the School was a very different place. It was, of course, much smaller, not only in numbers but also in actual buildings. There were fewer than two hundred boys, mainly fee-payers, of whom about twenty were boarders. There were eight members of the Staff, and the Headmaster and his family lived on the premises. Their family dining-room was what is now the Headmaster's study. The Intermediate Physics Laboratory of today was then two rooms - the separate fireplaces were there until the builders bricked them up about six months ago - and of these two rooms the one at the end nearest Sheffield Road was the Headmaster's sitting-room, while the other was the boarders playroom.

Mr. Varley came as Housemaster to look after the boarders, so he also lived in the School. His sitting-room is now the Secretary's office. Hurst House had not then been acquired for the School, and the Top Field had no New Wing, no Staffroom or Art School, no Terrace, no C.C.F. Hut or Metalwork Shop; and, of course, no derelict air-raid shelters. The grass grew up to the gym wall and to the garden walls of Shirland Street, and the Second XI matches, both cricket and football were played on it. The Lower Field was the scene of all First XI matches and of the Annual School Sports. The internal combustion engine had not been adopted for the use of groundsmen, and the mower and heavy roller were pulled by a small and very hirsute pony, which lived, summer and winter, in the School fields. It was the ambition of every boy, and particularly the boarders who had long hours to kill over the weekends, to catch ride bareback this rather nasty-tempered brute, and the pony usually won.

A glance at the galley of old School photographs in the Hall outside the Headmaster's study will give an idea of what was worn by the well-dressed boy (and master) of those days. For prefects the main items appear to

have been a very tall, stiff collar; a jacket buttoned with the top button only; tight and rather short trousers; black boots; and above all, an air of grim determination.

Mr. Varley's principal subject was Geography, and in his early years he was also in charge of P.T. and games. But he had barely time to settle down before the First World War broke out, and he joined up. He was commissioned in the 2nd Bn. The King's Own Royal Regiment, and his active service was spent mainly in Greece, in the Salonica theatre of war. Here he won the Military Cross and the Greek Military Cross for gallantry in action. After his demobilisation in 1919, he returned to the School as Geography master. During the war the number of boarders had fallen considerably, and when the war ended it was decided to abolish the boarding system altogether. So Mr. Varley no longer lived in the School as Housemaster. For two or three years after his return he commanded the School Cadet Corps, in addition to his other out-of-school activities.

As time went on, his interests widened, but he never lost touch with the games and athletics in the School, and for many years he was entirely and solely responsible for the Annual School Sports. It was possibly in this connection that he developed the qualities of organisation and attention to detail which were to stand him in such good stead in later years.

In 1922 he became House Master of Foljambe House, and generations of Old Cestrefeldians will have memories of him standing on a chair at the O.C.'s Annual Dinner, conducting the Foljambe verse of the School Song.

In 1946 he was appointed Second Master, and the extra duties involved made it necessary for him to hand over his interests in most of his out-of-school activities to others.

During the Second World War he did much valuable work in his spare time as a voluntary worker in the Chesterfield Royal Hospital.

He was no bookish soul for whom the Universe is a dry land of paper and an ocean of ink, and I remember him in many aspects of his protean career; as a vigorous football referee; as a stonewall bat and a deceptive slow bowler in the annual Staff Match; as a very active member of the British Legion; as a jolly good porridge-maker in a School camp at Lulworth Cove; as a keen disciplinarian, the terror of the rogue (but with a twinkle in his eye for the peccadillo of the merely mischievous); as a gallant performer at the O.C.'s Dance and popular and respected President of the O.C.'s Society; and, of course, a schoolmaster who knew his job and did it conscientiously.

He served under six headmasters, and was - and still is a delightful raconteur of the idiosyncrasies of masters and boys of his earlier days.

To the Staff he was always Bob, or in more intimate and carefree surroundings, Robert. In fact, most of them were firmly convinced that the R. in R.V. stood for Robert. To the earlier generations of boys who came into contact with him he was "Nigger," and the name persisted although its significance must have been lost on the boys of more recent years.

He was a modest man. He lived for the School and its good name meant a great deal to him. But we are none of us infallible, not even the youngest of us, and R.V. had his little human weaknesses. He was unable to suffer fools gladly - an amiable fault which so many of us share or believe we share - and he could become rather more than annoyed at a failure on the part of somebody to keep strictly to the often very elaborate organisation which he had been at great pains to devise for some special occasion. But his little flare-ups were short-lived, and he was soon back in his room again, devising more traps for the careless reader of detailed time-tables.

He has left behind him a tradition of faithful service which it would be difficult to match in any school. He added to the honour and dignity of the schoolmaster during a period when teaching was the Cinderella of the professions. He was a loyal colleague, and we shall, for a long time, miss him in his usual places. But

"the years, like great black oxen, tread the years"

and there comes a time when the responsibilities and even the mere physical strain of active teaching and administration in a large school must call a halt. So Mr. Varley has retired. But we have not said Goodbye. Mr. and Mrs. Varley have not left Chesterfield and we hope we shall see them "often and for a very long time at all our School functions; at our dances, our dramatic and musical productions, and our end-of-term Services, where we can assure them always of a sincere welcome.

The whole School will wish them both a long and very happy retirement.

J.R.O.

SCHOOL NOTES – December 1957

The Annual Commemoration Service was held on July 26th in the Parish Church. The sermon was preached by the Provost of Sheffield and the Choir sang the anthems “The Heaven’s are telling” (Haydn) and “He watching over Israel” (Mendelssohn).

On July 25th another successful Leaving Dance was held in the St. James’ Hall.

Our congratulations go to the following Scholarship winners :

Open Scholarship at Jesus College, Cambridge : G. A. Windle, (English); Open Exhibition at Queens’ College, Cambridge : S. D. Drackley, (Natural Sciences). State Scholarships: P. J. Connerton, J. M. Holmes, J. W. Harrison, J. B. Siddall, J. C. Thompson, D. A. Walker. County Major Scholarships: P. J. Connerton, J. Harrison, J. W. Harrison, J. M. Holmes, J. C. Thompson, D. A. Walker, K. T. Worrell, A. J. Davenport, J. B. Siddall. County University Exhibitions: T. W. Dunn, J. Dyson, R. A. Hill, J. E. Hunt, D. N. Lindley, T. R. Stephenson.

The following commenced degree courses at Universities this year: J. D. H. Pilkington (Trinity College, Cambridge), T. Mellors (New College, Oxford), J. Harvey (Sheffield University), W. Longden (Hull University), G. A. Windle (Jesus College, Cambridge), S. D. Drackley (Queens’ College, Cambridge), D. J. Peppitt (Merton College, Cambridge), P. J. Adnitt (St. Bartholomew’s Hospital Medical School), A. J. Davenport (Manchester University), J. B. Siddall (Manchester University), M. Bailey (Liverpool University), A. W. Bown (Liverpool University), R. A. Hill (Liverpool University), T. R. Stephenson (Liverpool University), J. E. Hunt (Durham University), D. E. Cave (Durham University), J. A. Sherwin (Durham University), J. Harrison (King’s College, London), J. M. Holmes (Birmingham University), R. S. Walker (Birmingham University), J. H. Mottershaw (Leeds University), J. F. Harris (Sheffield University), D. N. Lindley (London School of Economics), R. M. Metcalf (Reading University), K. Munday (Liverpool University), G. M. Lomas (Birmingham University), T. Higginbottom (Hull University), B. V. Tinsley (Manchester College of Technology) and K. T. Worrell (New College, Oxford) will commence his University Course in 1959.

The following entered Training Colleges this year: A. J. Hallam (St. Mark and St. John), F. D. Bradbury (Loughborough), D. H. Harper (St. John’s, York), J. E. Swain (Westminster), D. Fisher (Leeds), M. Simms (Sheffield), K. D. Fidler (Goldsmith’s). The following will enter Training College either in 1958 or after National Service in 1959 : H. J. Miles, I. C. Greasby, C. R. Unwin.

We offer sincere congratulations : To John Metcalf, who has represented this country several times in International Athletics Matches; to J. Dennis and M. Allen who passed out at Sandhurst this year after two years at Welbeck; to R. B. Cooper who has obtained entrance to Welbeck College this year.

A party of boys visited the Commonwealth Exhibition, organised in the Library Exhibition Room in October.

The Remembrance Service was held on November 11th , when wreaths were laid on behalf of the Old Cestrefeldians, the Chairman of the Governors and the School.

In September we welcomed Mr F. W. Newton from Douai School, Reading, and we hope his stay with us will be a happy and successful one.

Congratulations to E. M. Hopkinson on becoming President of Oxford University Art Club and on gaining the Kington Oliphant History Prize for research on Derby in the ‘45 Rebellion.

The Old Cestrefeldians’ Dance will take place in the Victoria Ball-room on Tuesday, February 4th, 1958.

This year the Butterley Empire Knowledge Prize has been awarded to D. A. Walker, the School Vice-Captain.

SCHOOL NOTES – May 1958

The annual Carol Service was held in the Parish Church on December 20th, when lessons were read by the Staff and the boys. The carols were sung by the Choir and the congregation. It is a great joy to share this service with so many Old Boys, parents and friends.

On December 17th, the Sixth forms were invited to St. Helena School to share in what proved to be a very enjoyable Sixth form party. Our own Second form party took place in St. James' Hall, on December 18th.

We offer sincere congratulations to D. A. Walker, who was awarded an Open Scholarship in History at Queens' College, Cambridge, to P. Connerton, who was awarded an Open History Scholarship at Jesus College, Oxford, and to J. C. Thompson, on gaining an Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge. We also congratulate S. Harris and J. W. Harrison on obtaining places at King's College, Cambridge.

Two successful Parents' Evenings have been held in the Easter Term for parents of boys in the Upper Sixth and in the Transitus forms.

Parties of boys have visited the Civic Theatre to watch a performance of "Macbeth", Tapton School to a performance of "A Circle of Chalk", and St. Helena School to a performance of "Quality Street".

The Reading Finals were held on March 25th in our own Dining Room. Mr Blenkinship again adjudicated and prizes were awarded as follows:

Senior School – 1st, D. J. Sharpe; 2nd, D. A. Walker; 3rd, P. J. Connerton.

Middle School – 1st, R. P. Wilson; 2nd, M. N. Johnson; 3rd, R. N. Bourne.

Junior School - 1st, B. R. Keeton ; 2nd, C. J. Askwith; 3rd, P. Brearley.

We said goodbye at the end of the Easter term to Mr. M. B. Rothwell, and we offer him our very good wishes and thanks. We welcome in his place Mr. R. E. Young, and hope that he will be very happy in his stay here.

SCHOOL NOTES – December 1958

The Annual Commemoration Service was held on July 25th in the Parish Church. The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon of Derby, and the choir sang the anthems “O be joyful in the Lord” (Stanford) ; “Go forth with God (Shaw).

On July 24th the Leaving Dance was held in St. James’ Hall.

Our congratulations go to the following Scholarship Winners in the last school year.

Open History Scholarship at Jesus College, Oxford, P. J. Connerton. Open History Scholarship at Queens’ College Cambridge, D. A. Walker. Open Exhibition at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge, J. C. Thompson. State Scholarships, J. Dyson, J. F. B. Goodman, C L Jones, J. L. Roberts. County Major Scholarships, J. Dyson, J. F. B. Goodman, C. L. Jones, J. L. Roberts, F. J. Marriott, B. Roddie, D. J. Sharpe, G. H. Kirby, H. Mamers. County University Exhibitions, T. W. Dunn, R. J. Hunt, J. A. Penney.

The following commenced degree courses at University: D. S. Mitchell (Pembroke College, Oxford), F. N. Peacock (Selwyn College, Cambridge), D. A. Walker (Queens’ College, Cambridge), J. C. Thompson (St. Catherine’s College, Cambridge), J. W. Harrison (King’s College, Cambridge), S. Harris (King’s College, Cambridge), P. J. Connerton (Jesus College, Oxford), D. S. Allen (Sorbonne then Queen’s College, Oxford), T. W. Dunn (Imperial College of Science, London), P. J. North (St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, London), C. L. Sanderson (Queen Mary College, London), J. F. B. Goodman (London School of Economics), J. L. Barber (Liverpool University), D. J. Sharpe (Liverpool University), J. Dyson (Manchester University), F. J. Marriott (Manchester University), C. D. Margerrison (Leeds University), F. B Cooper (Leeds University), B. Wiseall (Leeds University), C. L. Jones (Birmingham University), A. Barker (Birmingham University), I. Newton (Bristol University), D. Chadbourne (Leicester College of Technology), M. Stirling (Nottingham University), M. Peck (Hull University), I. A. Potter (Leicester College of Technology).

The following boys entered Training Colleges this year: P. W. Holleworth (Westminster), W. R. B. Arnold (Westminster), P. J. Williams (Dudley), P. R. Kerry (Matlock), R. Sanderson (Borough Road), F. Sargeant (St. Luke’s), G. H. Fawcett (Westminster), B. Dyson (Westminster), R. Byfleet (Westminster), A. H. Smith (Westminster), L. M. Blackwell Westminster), M. J. Brunton (Cheltenham), K. W. Brewin Cheltenham), J. A. Hardwick (Cheltenham), F. Stevenson Cheltenham), P. Clarke (York), J. A. Weir (York), A. J. Mills (York), D. Reed Aspley (Shoreditch).

We offer our very sincere congratulations to Peter Wilkinson, and to John Metcalf, who represented this Country at the Empire Games.

The Remembrance Service was held on November 11th when wreaths were laid on behalf of the Old Cestrefeldians, the Chairman of the Governors and the School.

A party of Senior boys together with Mr. Jephcote visited the Open Country Pursuits Centre at White Hall during the last week of the Summer term.

Old Boys are requested to note, and make known, the fact that the Annual Dance of the Old Cestrefeldians’ Society will take place at the Victoria Ballroom on the evening of Tuesday, February 3rd, 1959.

J. L. Roberts, the School Captain, spent a month at the Outward Bound School, Eskdale, in the Summer holidays successfully accomplishing the course set.

A party of boys visited the Civic Theatre, Chesterfield to see a production of “ The Rivals,” and Mr. McKay and Mr. Femison showed the film of “ Julius Caesar ” to the Middle and Upper Schools.

A party of five boys obtained places for the Sixth form conference at Buxton in November. The main theme of the Conference was “Geographical Factors in World Affairs.”

A Parents’ Evening for parents of fourth formers was held on November 6th.

We offer our very best wishes to Mr and Mrs. D. Bowler on the birth of a son, a brother for Richard and Heather.

We welcome Mr. Naylor and Mr. Dinner to the staff, and hope they will be very happy in their association with the School.

VALE LEONARD LODGE

Like every good schoolmaster, Leonard Lodge was, in the fashionable epithet, “dedicated”; during his 23 years at Chesterfield Grammar School he showed very clearly how he conceived his *métier* and, though his interests were many, they all focussed on fulfilling the function which he had allotted himself. Like every true specialist, moreover, he excelled in his chosen branch of study whilst, at the same time, maintaining a catholicity of interests; in consequence, although his name will be most readily associated with the teaching of French, with the School Play and with the Debating Society, he will probably be remembered with most gratitude by men, who as schoolboys were mediocre linguists, silent walkers-on and hesitant speakers. He awakened interests and encouraged everyone who was willing to try.

L.L. joined the staff of C.G.S. in September, 1955, and became head of the Modern Language Department soon after. He came through two general inspections with credit, and the academic side of his department was most successful, with many university awards and prizes in the Concours Special. As formmaster of Upper VI Arts, he encouraged a scholarly approach to all subjects, modern languages, English and classics. He was uncompromising in the standards he set himself and he inspired and exhorted others to follow his example.

The Second World War occasioned crises on the Home Front no less than in the historically recorded theatres of operations; it fell to the grammar school masters in their 40’s and 50’s to hold together the fabric of traditional English education when it was assailed by shortages, transient and female staff, an acceptance of lower standards and all the sinister side effects of Total War. L. L. welcomed his returning colleagues back to a department commendably intact.

He took over the Literary and Debating Society early in the War and later the School Play. The former, with its weekly meetings and appointment of “fellows” came to play an increasingly important role in the extra-curricular life of the School and is still a meeting ground of boys who might otherwise have been largely separated by the specialisation which university requirements force upon the Sixth Forms of Grammar Schools.

In play production, L. L. was an acknowledged expert and he has given us many memorable nights. Any selection would be invidious, but the accepted highlight would probably be the production in the Civic Theatre of Caesar’s Friend. The successes were many; individuals enjoyed triumphs, particular productions were hailed as outstanding. Greatest of all, however, was the educative effect on the numerous casts that took part, and the army of helpers. The progress had its permutations: from helper to walk-on, to small part, to principal and from principal to a secondary role. The School Play had no room for the selfish; under L. L. a group loyalty was evolved which made all share in the success and made sense of the unavoidable drudgery.

Much as he loved, admired and understood the glamour of drama, L. L. was never content to put on a polished production involving only a few. He produced a School Play: as many as possible took part. They learnt to move gracefully and purposefully, to endeavour to speak clearly and purely, to discipline their tongues and their bodies.

It was his love of pure speech which led to the establishment of the Reading Prizes which have helped so many boys to a perfection of their own capabilities; though he was delighted with the achievements of the successful, he was full of encouragement for every single boy who was prepared to enter and to try.

His love of painting, music and architecture were genuine and infectious; many boys owed their first introduction to the arts to him.

In his farewell speech, the Headmaster made mention of L. L.'s unfailing attendance at Assembly, and this was indeed a salient feature of his service to C.G.S. To him, one feels sure, it was a double gesture: a sincere act of worship and expression of the oneness of all ages and groups within the School. To L. L. the School, in all its facets, was a living entity: when Bradley House was founded he chose as its motto "Nisi Dominus aedificat".

His teaching career spanned the period from the relief that followed the Great War, through the disillusion of the '30's the stress of war, the relaxation of standards down to the striving to recover once more what had been the strength of English education. Like others of his generation, he cannot have liked to see the decline of reading and genuine devotion to learning, the increased obsession with short-cuts and substitutes for scholarship, the acceptance of precocious physical maturity not matched by intellectual and moral development. Yet he never lost his ability to feel with the young, he was as much liked by the 11 year olds

and the 18 year olds of 1958 as of 1935. Inflexibility of standards went with a personal adaptability that made L.L. a first-class schoolmaster.

His well-known blind-spot was a profound disinterest in games; he was tolerant, however, and was prepared to accept complacently his house's victory in any sport, though defeat left him quite unmoved. Paradoxically his voice will be long remembered by many old boys (distorted by various P.A. devices) on the Bottom Field on Sports Day naming the competitor in the Senior Long Jump and rebuking tormentors of the little tree.

If one speaks in the past tense of L. L. it is because one is thinking of his impact upon C.G.S. and his contribution to its life. As a person he is very much in the present and we shall remember him and periodically welcome him, we hope, on visits to Chesterfield for many years to come.

SCHOOL NOTES – May 1959

The Christmas Service was held on December 19th, in the Parish Church. Carols were sung by the Choir and the Congregation. The lessons were read by the Staff and the boys. It was good to see such a record attendance at this Service.

The Sixth form were happy to invite the Sixth forms from St. Helena School to a Christmas party in St. James' Hall. It was, as usual, a very happy occasion.

We offer our sincere congratulations to B. Roddie who has been elected to an Open Exhibition in Classics at King's College, Cambridge, to J. L. Roberts, who has been elected to an Open Major Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Trinity College, Oxford, and to R. Hunt, who has been elected to an Open Exhibition in Chemical Engineering at Imperial College, London.

Two Parents' Evenings have been held recently for parents of boys in the Upper Sixth forms and in the Transitus. It is encouraging to find these meetings so well attended.

A Theatre party was arranged to attend the performance of "A Midsummer's Night's Dream" at the Civic Theatre, and Mr. McKay accompanied a party from the Upper School to Nottingham Playhouse for a performance of "Hamlet". Another party of Sixth formers went to Sheffield to hear a poetry reading by Mr. T. S. Eliot.

Our congratulations, go to an Old Boy, Brian Unwin, who has been awarded a Rotary Foundation Fellowship to be held at Yale University, U.S.A.

The Easter Service took place on 25th March, in the Parish Church. The Choir sang the anthems: "Lead me Lord" (Wesley), "God so loved the World" (Stainer) and, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace" (Wesley). The Archdeacon of Chesterfield preached the sermon.

We offer our sincere good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. H. Crosthwaite on the birth of a daughter.

SCHOOL NOTES – December 1959

The annual Commemoration Service was held on July 24th, in the Parish Church. The sermon was preached by the Principal of Lichfield Theological College, the Rev. C. Fenton, and the Choir sang the anthems: "Hymn to the Trinity," "How beautiful are the feet." and "O Father whose almighty power."

On July 24th the annual Leaving Dance was held in St. James' Hall. This was well attended and it was a very enjoyable function.

We were delighted to welcome yet another Old Boy who has been elected Mayor of Chesterfield. Alderman L. Hadfield, together with the Mayoress, paid us an official visit in July. His name, along with others who have been Mayor, has been inscribed on the Honours Board in the Main School.

In July a party visited the Chemical Research Department of Sheffield University, and another party attended the annual lecture arranged by the Mathematical Association.

Our congratulations go to the following Scholarship winners in the last school year: J. L. Roberts (Open Scholarship at Trinity College, Oxford and an Open Exhibition at Imperial College, London), B. Roddie (Open Exhibition at Kings' College, Cambridge), R. J. Hunt (Open Exhibition, Imperial College, London). State Scholarships were awarded to S. Handley, T. M. Sporton, I. Wharf, S. G. Whittington, and D. J. Rees was on the Reserve List for a State Scholarship. County Major Scholarships were awarded to C. H. Andrews, I. C. Buchan, J. S. Handley, D. Rees, T. M. Sporton, R. Swain, P. Lynam, R. H. Thompson, I. Wharf, S. G. Whittington, and County University Exhibitions to G. Batty, D. Mayfield and K. J. Pickard.

The following have been awarded County University Grants on the 1959 G.C.E. results :-

For entry in 1959: D. H. Boothman, D. P. Carter, C. I. H. Cook, R. Crouch, R. I. Durrant, R. C. Isaacs, J. Leggett, D. S. Nicol, B. J. Price, I. Rhodes, G. B. Siddall, R. F. B. Skyrme, P. A. Taylor, A. Thompson.

Deferred grants for entry in 1960 : J. Boyden, C. D. James, D. F. M. Horsfield, C. A. Skevington.

The following boys entered degree courses at the University this year: K. T. Worrell (New College, Oxford), R. H. Turner (Wadham College, Oxford), D. S. Allen (Queen's College, Oxford), L. Roberts (Trinity College, Oxford), B. Roddie (King's College, Cambridge), I. Buchan (Birmingham), P. Lynam (Birmingham), N. Askew (Birmingham), C. I. H. Cook (Birmingham), R. Durrant (Birmingham), R. C. Isaacs (Birmingham), R. Swain (Birmingham), R. Hunt (Imperial College, London), H. Mamers (Imperial College, London), A. Whitman (Imperial College, London), P. A. Taylor (London Hospital), R. Crouch (Manchester), C. H. Andrews (Manchester), D. H. Bootham (Manchester), D. Cater (Manchester), J. Leggett (Manchester), D. J. Mayfield (Manchester), J. Thomson (Manchester), G. B. Siddall (Leeds), D. S. Nicol (Leeds), J. Penney (Madrid University, Spain), G. Oldfield (Hull), B. J. Price (Sheffield), I. Rhodes (Aberystwyth).

The following boys entered Training Colleges this year: I. C. Greasby (Loughborough), C. R. Unwin (St. Luke's College, Exeter), C. Millington (Westminster), I. P. Hill (St. Paul's College, Cheltenham), M. Hoffman (Westminster), M. Barnes (Goldsmith's), W. Briggs (Goldsmith's), M. S. Dickerson (Loughborough), M. A. Exley (Avery Hill), L. Heath (Avery Hill), M. Hughes (Avery Hill), B. Cantrell (Sheffield Training College).

In the annual French competition arranged by the Societe Nationale des Professeurs de Francais en Angleterre, eight boys were awarded prizes and two were given certificates. In competition with the other Schools concerned we were awarded "La plaquette."

We offer our sincere congratulations to R. P. Wilson who was chosen for the Olympic Soccer team trial and who has since attended an Olympic Coaching Course at Bisham Abbey.

On Monday, October 26th, a party of 50 boys went to the Nottingham Co-operative Arts Centre to see a production of "L'Avare," by Moliere. This production was arranged by the Modern Languages Association.

We congratulate all the boys concerned with the geological exhibit which was staged for the Pegasus Exhibition in July, and all other boys who contributed individual exhibits.

The Remembrance Service was held on November 11th, when wreaths were laid on behalf of the Old Cestrefeldians, the Chairman of the Governors and the School.

P. G. Ward spent a month at the Eskdale Outward Bound School in August. In the Easter holidays N. Hubert attended

the Aberdovey Outward Bound School, and D. R. Houlton, K. Pickard, J. Parsons, R. Davenport and M. Vallance attended the Eskdale Outward Bound School. All these boys successfully accomplished the course and they obtained very good reports.

A party of over 60 Sixth Form boys visited the Civic Theatre to see a production of Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man."

A Parents' Evening for parents of fourth formers was held on November 3rd.

We offer a sincere welcome to Mr. K. Pollard and Dr. W. Hallows, who have joined the Staff, and we hope their association with the School will be a very happy one. In September we said goodbye to Mr. J. Hancock. We thank him for his services while he was with us and we wish him every success at Loughborough.

SCHOOL NOTES – May 1960

The Christmas Service was held on December 22nd, in the Parish Church. Carols were sung by the Choir and the Congregation as part of a Festival of Lessons and Carols.

We offer our sincere congratulations to T. M. Sporton, who has been elected to an Open Scholarship at Queens' College, Cambridge; to J. S. Hadley who has been elected to an Open Leverhulme Scholarship at the London School of Economics; to G. Batty who has secured entry to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge; to S.G. Whittington, who has secured entry to Queens' College, Cambridge; to C. D. James, who has secured entry to Jesus College, Oxford.

The annual Sixth Form party was held in the St. Helena School Hall on 15th December.

Two Parents' Evenings have been held this term for the parents of Upper Sixth forms and of Transitus forms. Both meetings were well attended.

During the term a party from the Middle School visited the Civic Theatre to see a performance of "Great Expectations."

We offer our sincere good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Fomison on the birth of a son.

M. D. Crombie (Eskdale), J. S. Pickard (Eskdale), C. A. Birkin (Aberdovey), K. E. Harwood (Aberdovey), and M. J. Todd (Aberdovey) have spent a month on Outward Bound Courses. Four received merit awards and the other membership.

At the end of the Christmas term we said goodbye to Mr. G. C. Senior and to Mr. J. Thompson and at the end of the Easter term to Mr. H. Crosthwaite. We thank them all for their services here and we wish them every success in their new appointments.

We welcomed to the Staff this term Mr A. Beresford and Mr. E. Pugh, and we sincerely hope they will be very happy in their work in this School.

The Easter Service took place on April 8th. in the Parish Church. The Archdeacon preached the sermon and the Choir sang the anthems "O Saviour of the World" (Goss) and "Turn Thy face from our sins" (Attwood).

The School has been invited to take part in the B.B.C. Top of the Form Competition in the