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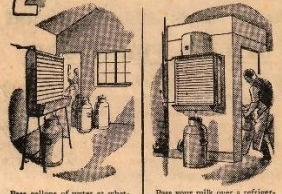

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School Provides a Full Life

Outside Interests may be Detrimental warns Dr. C. C. Howard

Examination Results Set New Record

THE warning that interests outside school life might prove a stumbling block to students was given by Dr. C. C. Howard, headmaster, at the annual speech day of Oldbury County High School on Thursday last. "The school provides a full life," said Dr. Howard in his report, "and it is accordingly detrimental for any pupil to give too much interest elsewhere." Dr. Howard also gave a warning that the standards of grammar school education may decline if present trends in administration did not alter.

The awards gained by the students of the school during the year again set up a new record, there being a total of 120 successes, in the Joint Matriculation Board Examination. The prizes were presented by Dr. L. A. Dingley, senior honorary surgeon at West Bromwich and District General Hospital, and the chair was taken by the Rev. H. C. Hawkins, chairman of the School Board of Governors.

THE Rev. H. C. Hawkins, in his opening remarks, said the school had had some splendid results in the past, but this year they had surpassed everything. They were going on from strength to strength, and the number of pupils was greater than ever. The problem they were faced with was where to put these extra pupils, and that was a matter they would have to consider seriously in a very short time.

Another good point was that they had a larger number at the top of the school. That was not only something of which they could be proud—in the fact that those young men and women were seeking advanced positions in life when they left school—but it gave tone to the school, and character, and it left an incentive behind for the younger pupils in their turn to try to do likewise.

Quoting from historical records and from the Boston letters, the chairman went on to point out that life for school children to-day was not as hard as it had been in the past.

"It is well to look back over the centuries sometimes, and to be thankful that we do not live in those 'good old days,' " he added. "But I am quite sure that to-day your output of work is not less than it was in the old days."

PARENTS CONGRATULATED

After presenting the prizes, Dr. Dingley told the students that it was a day that would stand out in their lives. No honours counted as much as those which were received during school days.

"To the parents of the boys and girls who have received prizes to-day, may I offer my hearty congratulations," Dr. Dingley continued. "To day you have a great reward for the many sacrifices which you have made in order that your children should reach this standard."

Turning to the students, he said they were fortunate to be able to work in such a school. "When I first came here," he said, on "I was struck by the wonderful atmosphere. You are fortunate in your buildings and you are more fortunate in your gifted staff of teachers.

"Education isn't really getting through examinations. It is important education to know how to use your leisure, so that you are independent of outside interests for your own amusement.

OLD SCHOOL TIE

"There is a lot of nonsense talked about the old school tie. I hope you have one, and when you leave school I hope you will wear it. There are many old schools which have their traditions. You are much more fortunate than that, for you have the privilege of building up the traditions of your school by adding to the 25 years tradition run already have.

"The motto of your school is Cresco—I grow. That growth must be on all round developments. Don't forget the spiritual side. Don't be too grown up to say your prayers. And parents, do go to church with your children—don't send them. Make them your companions. Follow Christ yourselves, so that the children grow up in an atmosphere of love and worship.

"We who served in the 1914-18 war have made an awful mess of things since. I would ask you boys and girls not to be too hard on us because this second world war is entirely our fault. If we had stopped Hitler going into the Rhineland there would have been no war. If we had stood by Abyssinia there would have been no war. If we had stopped the iron and steel going to Japan there would have been no war.

"The Mayor (Councillor G. W. Rose, J.P.), in proposing a vote of thanks, urged the boys and girls of the school to take an interest in local government. "It is essential that you should know what is going on in the Borough," he added. "For the time will come when we shall want you to up the work, and you will have to carry on."

After thanking Dr. Dingley for distributing the prizes, the Mayor also expressed his gratitude to the chairman, "whose hobby is doing good for the children of Oldbury." Dr. Howard, "in case the children will never be able to thank you enough," and to the artists who had provided the musical entertainment, with whom he coupled the name of Mr. T. L. Davies, for his "splendid work."

The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. A. P. Hands, J.P.

Headmaster's Report

"A year ago," said Dr. Howard, in his report, "I presented my first post-war report on the work of the school for the year that ended. On that occasion I opened with an expression of profound thankfulness that the war was over and that we here as a body had come through with such good fortune. That feeling of thankfulness and the hopefulness which also accompanied the coming of peace were being expressed generally by the whole country.

"To-day, however, the general mood is less cheerful, there being such a spate of troubles in all parts of the world and in all branches of human activity. As regards schools in general it is true that there are now in the educational world more complex problems to solve than ever before. But I do not intend to-day to dwell on these general matters in detail, although they are serious concerns, but to turn to our own school record of the past year for, I think we shall derive from that just cause for optimism and encouragement for the future.

MORE PUPILS

"As regards our pupils, the numbers have again increased. There are now 542 on the books as compared with 518 a year ago. About 100 are still unsettled, mainly

"In considering this number, it must be remembered that not all boys and girls are fitted for a study of languages, science and mathematics such as are included in a grammar school education; in fact the proportion so fitted is small. All children should have equal opportunities, but all are of course not born with equal capacities for learning. Authoritative statements today indicate that only a small minority of selected pupils can profit by such a course of study as we provide.

"The increase in our numbers is not an isolated thing of an internal character, but more significantly, is due to the steady growth for some years past of our post-school-certificate group in the Sixth Form, these between the ages of 16 and 19 years who are doing advanced work.

"A strong sixth form is one of the most valuable assets of a grammar school as regards character training and development of a sense of responsibility. It is vital to the maintenance of a high standard and provides the strong link between the main school and the universities.

SERVICE AND CULTURE

"The encouragement of leisure-time activities still continues. The school provides a full life, when coupled with that of the home, and is doing its utmost to provide as complete an education as possible. It is accordingly detrimental for any pupil to give too much interest elsewhere. Service and culture still remain two of our main objects in all we do, both in set work and in leisure-time activities.

"As regards studies, we have had the best year yet. Although by no means adequate in themselves, without the many college activities already briefly mentioned, studies are of first rank importance. This is becoming increasingly recognised, particularly by our more mature, senior pupils.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

"A fourteen year by year for some time past has our Joint Matriculation Board Examination successes have been increasing continuously. Two years ago it was stated by a speaker on this platform that we could not go an indefinitely with better and better results, and there was a doubt whether we should ever exceed the number of successes of that year, 1944. However, the record was broken in 1945, and again it has been broken this year, 1946. The numbers of Joint Matriculation Board Certificates awarded from this platform on successive Speech Days beginning in 1937 are 20, 29, 50, 54, 55 (early in the war), 66, 80, 94, 104 last year, and this year there will be 120.

"The point I would like to stress about these results is that we have achieved what is our certain aim, to get the many pupils through successfully as well as the more able.

"Of the 84 competitors, 60 have gained their General School Certificates. Whereas about 70% of pupils from all schools taking the examination were successful, it is gratifying to note that our own percentage of successes is almost 98%.

OLD STUDENTS

"The list of successes of our old students in the universities is encouraging, and there is good prospect of a very substantial progress here in the near future, particularly with our Large Sixth Forms preparing for university entrance next year and onwards."

DR. C. C. HOWARD

"Of our successful seniors there are two who deserve special congratulation, Margaret Stephens and J. B. Taylor.

"It is well to remind parents that there are now increased opportunities for really capable boys and girls to gain financial help to enable them to study at university level. Provided that they will make it a serious matter to work for the awards, I may add that this remark with the warning that interests outside the school may easily become a stumbling block to success of the highest order. The able pupil, who applies himself to his studies seriously has to-day facilities of which he may avail himself so that a full university course may be taken without financial embarrassment, from whatever home he may come.

THANKS TO STAFF

"I wish now to refer to the staff of the school. To all members of the staff I must express my and the hopefulness of the pupils with the training we give were a urgently needed. During the war of course, the need for our boys and girls was acute, and was, I may say, well met.

"And now in these post-war days there is still urgent need for such boys and girls as we can send out. All available talent should be given the training needed.

SERIOUS MISTAKES

"And yet, I am bound to say, the need is to be met, many admitted. Unfortunately, results will have to be done by trial and error. In the continued and chaotic state of affairs, it would be strange if thrived seniors; School House.

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well not some confusion in the educational world, and it is a fact that some serious mistakes are coming to light, despite the many real advances, the time may be described as tragic. There are 1,500 boys and girls in Sixth Forms in our grammar schools, and only about 4,000 university places for them at present, that is a proportion of about one out of three—a very serious matter.

"For our teachers there are likewise serious discouragements. I could illustrate on many matters which are just causes of complaints from grammar school teachers of the whole country. What professional matters, including questions of salaries and holidays are under consideration, it is only fair to our teachers to give them credit for having concern for the ultimate effect on pupils if the best qualified potential teachers are attracted to other walks of life.

FULL PROVISION

"Recent decisions of committees in authority are unfortunately tending in their direction to the detriment of our schools. Our doors are open to boys and girls from even the poorest homes, with almost full provision for them, and it would be regrettable if they were not still to be given educational facilities equal to what the independent schools provide, including the best possible in advanced teaching by highly qualified specialists, and have gained that position, and all concerned must see that it is preserved.

"Then too, the extraordinary duties of teachers are being continually increased and a whole system of statistical returns involving extra work with no interest and of very little value is being forced upon the schools.

"In certain ways the staffs of schools are feeling the strain of work as never before, the pace of overpressing having been speeded up, and the petty irritations resulting from the innumerable new regulations and inadvisions in no way help. In many places the complaint is heard that the old atmosphere of trust in which the grammar school grew and flourished is being destroyed by bureaucratic control.

FREEDOM WANTED

"It is important that, when developing other types of schools, no harm should be done to the good and functioning well. There should not be imposed on the Grammar Schools rules, regulations and practices from other schools which in the past have been fortunate, not either an exclusion to other types of schools of conditions of independence and freedom which have given scope for successful and enthusiastic development already. All schools should have as much freedom as possible to experiment and evolve initiatives.

"The grammar schools of the country have played their part and served a most useful purpose in peace and in war. They are needed now as never before. This school in particular has, I venture to suggest, given outstanding service in the neighbourhood, and I know it is the wish of all of us who work here, to see the following grow from more to more. We have a job of work to do, and we ask for increased facilities to do it, in the school group. We hope that by wise and generous administration our freedom and initiative will be preserved and that the crumbling and discouraging influences which are felt in some places will be successfully countered here."

STUDENTS AND PARENTS IN THE HALL

List of Awards

SUCCESSES in the Joint Matriculation Board Examinations have already been published in the "Weekly News." Other awards gained by County High School students are as follows:—

FORM CERTIFICATES

Form 4 C: B. E. S. Trueman, Chesley Whitton.
Form 4 B: R. Shelton, E. Murray.
Form 4 A: June C. Hawley, Valerie J. Elston.
Form 3 C: J. D. Mousfield, B. Hadley.
Form 3 B: Doris Astle, R. M. Edge.
Form 3 A: Dorah R. Baker, Patricia A. Newman.
Form 3 C: Jean Robinson, Molly P. Leslie.
Form 2 B: Gwendoline M. Jones, J. J. Crifton.
Form 2 A: I. D. Howard, P. T. Brown.
Form 4 C: Rona Gossop, D. N. Richardson.
Form 4 B: Elizabeth Morgan, G. Arnold.
Form 4 A: Doreen N. Page, C. W. Waterfield.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Dawes Memorial University Scholarship (renewal): Jean Pinnell.
Oldbury Educational Trust University Scholarships: J. E. Read, W. R. Riley, D. Joan Sankey.
Worcestershire County Scholarship: Margaret M. Stephens.
Worcestershire Scholarship for Art: Hazel Tate.
O.S.A. prize for outstanding achievement: J. B. Taylor.
Late Mr. Dawes' prize for leadership: J. Cook.
Late Mrs. Dawes' prize for leadership (girls): Alice E. Hird (boys): E. Knight; Form 5 M. R. Stephens; form 5 S: J. B. Jones.

BEST USE OF LEISURE

Senior boys: R. Jakeman. Senior girls: Nancy C. M. Harrold. Junior girls: Janet Russell. Junior prizes: M. Arnold, Helen York.

GAMES AND ATHLETICS

Girl Guides' prize: Audrey Sheldon. Girls' games prizes: Edna Hadley, Margaret Arnold. Boys' games prizes: J. Cook, G. A. Abell.
Girls' junior champion: Betty M. Davies. Boys' junior champion: M. Avashuna.
Girls' intermediate champion: Enid H. Sims. Boys' intermediate champion: R. Greenwood.
Girls' senior champion, awarded Albright cup: I. Betty Herring. Boys' senior champion, awarded Vernon cup: A. E. Cutler.

HOUSE CUPS

Swimming: School House. Cup for Inter-House games: Trinity House. Jubilee cup for athletics: Trinity House. Davies cup for music: Trinity House. Davies cup for junior and middle school studies: School House.

Captains' Reports

THE girl captain's report, presented by D. Margaret Russell, gave an account of the social activities of the school during the year.

For the senior school, she said, the outstanding features of out-of-school activities had been the restarting of joint societies under normal pre-war conditions. Meetings were held every Thursday evening in the school hall. Visits to the theatre had been made, and the annual outing revived.

The Guides had continued to do good work, holding weekly meetings throughout the year. The first camp held near Leamington since the war had been organised in July at Cosin Castle.

The work of the school savings group continued, and £1,820 had been raised, with Queen's House heading the list of subscribers. The school had been given the target of £2,000 to be raised by April next.

During the year the school benevolent fund had sent donations to Dr. Barnardo's Homes, Crippled Children's Hospital, Hospital Library Fund, Cancer Campaign Fund, R.S.P.C.A., Bristol Association, Oldbury Nursing Association, West Bromwich Hospital and St. Dunstan's.

Miss Russell thanked all the members of the staff who had generously given their time to help in the social activities of the school.

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

The boy captain, J. B. Taylor, reported on the athletic activities of the school. The hockey team had had a very good season, and colours were awarded to Betty Herring, Audrey Hird, Joan Jeanne Ideman, June Pardoe and Edna Hadley.

Football colours were awarded to Derek Greenwood, captain of the junior boys. Greenwood, had represented the county against Surrey. The cricket eleven had not been so successful, but colours had been presented to Cook, Brown, Shelswell, Watson and Howatt. Excellent bowling by Abell had largely resulted in the school winning its athletic match against the parents for the first time since 1942.

Brenda Campbell was senior girls swimming champion, Christine Fox and Joyce Melvor as intermediate and junior champions. The boys' senior championship was shared by Sharpe and Sidbury, and Howard as intermediate champion and Lawton junior champion.

CRESCONIANS DANCE

On Saturday the Cresconians held their first dance of the session in the hall of the County High School, Moat Road, Langley. This was the first social function held since 1938 and the first held in the School Hall since 1939.

The President (Dr. C. C. Howard) and several of the Vice-Presidents were present to welcome old students.

During the evening the Association received a visit from the Mayor and Mayoress who are themselves Cresconians and Vice Presidents. The Mayor welcomed all Cresconians back to the School and wished them every success in their post-war activities. He was thanked by the Chairman of Committee, Mr. S. H. Birch.

The next Cresconians dance will be held on Saturday, November 23rd.

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