



Sixth Annual Report
OF THE
NORMANTON
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

For the Year ending July 1904.



Speech Day Proceedings.



GENERAL INFORMATION.



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STAFF :

Head Master :

Mr. C. E. BRITTAIN, M.Sc., Victoria University ;
Licentiate of the College of Preceptors.

Classics :

Mr. W. ROBINSON, M.A., Liverpool University ; B.A., Victoria
University ; Inter B.A., London University.

Modern Languages :

Mr. E. H. FALLE, B.A., Exeter College, Oxford.

Assistant Science Master :

Mr. H. EAMES, Inter B.Sc., London University.

English :

Mr. D. JENKINS, B.A., University of Wales.

Art :

Miss ISABEL BRITTAIN, South Kensington

Drill :

SERGT.-INSTR. NAYLOR, 1st V.B., K.O.Y.L.I.

REPORT.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, NORMANTON.

OCTOBER, 1904.

To all who are interested in the School.

I have the honour of presenting to you the sixth annual report of the work and condition of Normanton Grammar School.

Attendance.

There has been an average attendance throughout the year of 65—which is equal to last year's average. At the present time there are 69 boys in the School, this number being greater by 3 than the previous highest number in January, 1903.

Work of the School.

In this connection I have the following list of successes to record:—

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Exhibition at Christ's College of £30 per annum. Preston, J. E.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

SENIOR LOCAL EXAMINATION, JULY 1904.

1st Class Honours	Preston, J. E.,—distinguished in Mathematics and Higher Mathematics, obtaining 4th and 1st places in the country.
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1st Class Pass	Dixon, F. M. Earle, F. M. Stokes, W. H. Varley, W.
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JUNIOR LOCAL EXAMINATION, JULY 1904.

3rd Class Honours	Bright, A. Hinckley, P.,—distinguished in History, obtaining 1st place in the country. Hirst, G.
1st Class Pass	Blakeley, T. A. Raby, A. C. Ross, C. R. White, C. P. Whitehead, H. Wood, A. M. Woodcock, J. M.

PRELIMINARY LOCAL EXAMINATION, JULY 1904.

3rd Class Honours	Bailey, F. M. Earle, C. S. Walley, G. S.
1st Class Pass	Bowes, J. A. Butler, W. Dawes, W. Evans, T. Leake, R. L. Prince, A. E. Taylor, E.
2nd Class Pass	Horsley, R. L. Packer, H. Robinson, F. Stables, H. A. D. Taylor, L. Walker, O. Weighill, M. H.

PITMAN'S SHORTHAND CERTIFICATES.

Eames, C.
Earle, F. M.
Freeman, C. H.
Lawson, M. E.
Varley, W.

COUNTY COUNCIL MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP.

Value £60 per annum Preston, J. E.

GOVERNORS' EXHIBITION.

Value £20 per annum Preston, J. E.

The Oxford Local results recorded above are the best ever obtained from the School. For the first time Senior Candidates were offered, and for the first time the School was an Oxford Local "Centre," and thus the inconvenience and expense of boys travelling to and from Wakefield for the examination was avoided.

I should like to draw attention to the exceptionally large number of *Preliminary* Candidates (there were no failures) as indicating that the lower part of the School receives just as much attention as the upper, and that the capabilities of all are developed to the full.

School Sports and Recreations.

In these days when the question of physical degeneration occupies such a prominent position, the importance of games and physical exercise cannot be too strongly urged. This was forcibly put before us on Speech Day last by Mr. Walley. I am happy to say that the games and sports generally in the School are in a most healthy and flourishing state. It is an excellent sign that so many boys turn up to *practice* both at cricket and football, in which they are always joined by some or all the members of the School Staff.

We have again to thank Mr. Horsfall for the loan of his field for football matches. He has renewed his kind offer for this year also.

Football.—Last season we had probably the strongest team that the School has ever produced, and the season was a great success in every way. Our first XI played 14 matches of which 9 were won, 2 lost, and 3 drawn, the goal aggregate being 95 for and 42 against. The second XI continues its development, and last year won 2 and drew 3 matches, 5 being played. During the Spring Term the football "Sixes" again caused great keenness, and gave opportunity to the younger boys to get thoroughly used to organised play.

It would be a difficult task to single out any boys from the eleven on the score of enthusiasm and pluck, but as far as actual play is concerned I may mention as particularly good, Dixon, E. H., Dixon, F. M., Lawson, M. E., Varley, W.

Cricket.—As far as matches against other Schools are concerned we went through the cricket season undefeated, though we lost once against our Old Boys. The style of the play has much improved, and it is pleasing to note that the “tail” of the team wagged most usefully on several occasions. I think we may say without any boasting that our fielding is really excellent, and that much of our success is due to the efficiency of that department. We played 13 matches, won 10, lost 1, and drew 2, scoring 1100 runs against 471. Preston, J. E. was again a most reliable bat, and headed the averages with a record of 252 runs in 14 innings (average 16.57). Lawson, M. E. proved a very powerful bowler, capturing 70 wickets at a cost of 2.78 runs apiece, and Varley W. was awarded the fielding prize. His services as long stop and long field were invaluable. Preston, J. E. and Stokes, W. H. received prizes for innings of over 50, and Dixon, F. M., Lawson, M. E., and Preston, J. E. for performing the hat trick.

Annual Sports.—The fifth annual sports were held on May 18th in Mr. Horsfall's Paddock, when the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Mackenzie. We were again favoured with fine weather, and everything passed off very well. Stokes, W. H. for the third time came out champion, a success he worked very hard to obtain.

Swimming.—The swimming club formed in 1903 has again been popular during the Summer Term, with the result that there was an average attendance of over 20 boys at the Wakefield Bath at least once a week, and this year many boys mastered the art of swimming.

Games and Choral Society.—These two departments were in full swing every Saturday and Monday evenings respectively during the winter months. The choral society had its most successful season since its inception. These two forms of recreation will shortly be again open to the boys.

Old Frestonians.

I have pleasure in recording that the Old Boys have formed a football club under the title “Old Frestonians” A.F.C., which is being successfully carried on. It is a thoroughly amateur club and we wish it every success. The executive committee consists of:—

The Masters of the School
 Mr. F. Bickerdyke (Captain)
 Mr. T. Aykroyd (Secretary)
 Mr. T. Lawson (Treasurer)
 Mr. P. Brooks (Vice-Captain)
 Mr. H. Cumberbirch
 Mr. L. Jones

School Library.

The library slowly increases, and gifts of books would be very gladly received. The books already in the library are much appreciated by the boys, many of whom have nearly exhausted the list.

In order to stimulate a desire for general culture and intelligence, Mr. E. C. Carr has very kindly offered an "Essay Prize" which will be given next July in addition to the ordinary Form Prizes.

Medallist.

The Medallist was Dixon, F.M., whose marks appear in the Prize List. He has a long and most creditable career at the School behind him, and is a thorough sportsman in addition to being an excellent worker.

I should like to point out that every Medallist yet turned out by the School has been prominent in the School Games. This is strong evidence of the value of Games.

Staff.

It is with great diffidence that I write this paragraph. As is known to all who read this report, Mr. C. W. Atkinson, late Head-Master of this School, has been appointed to the Headmastership of the Ilkley Grammar School. Having been Mr. Atkinson's Second Master for three years, and now succeeding him as Head-Master, I have exceptional opportunity of appreciating his work. I can only heartily endorse the remarks made on Speech Day, 1904, concerning Mr. Atkinson, and say that I do not think a more conscientious and efficient schoolmaster can be found. We all wish him every success at Ilkley, and have every confidence that he will be as great an influence for good there as he has been in Normanton. I should like to add that, as a small mark of their appreciation, the Masters and Boys presented Mr. Atkinson on his departure with a pair of silver candle-sticks suitably inscribed.

Mr. A. W. Rogers, who has been connected with the School since 1898, has been appointed to the Second Mastership at King Edward's School, Chelmsford (the post held by Mr. Atkinson before coming to Normanton). The School has sustained a great loss by Mr. Rogers' resignation, but whilst lamenting our own loss we must congratulate King Edward's School on having secured his services.

Mr. E. H. Falle, B.A. (Honours) Exeter College, Oxford, who has had experience at Thame Grammar School, Oxfordshire, has been appointed to the Modern Language Mastership.

Mr. D. Jenkins, B.A. University of Wales, has been appointed to the English Mastership.

Miss Isabel Brittain has undertaken the Art Teaching in the upper part of the School.

I am happy to say that Mr. Robinson and Mr. Eames, who have rendered such loyal service to the school in the past, remain on the staff, and Mr. Eames is to be congratulated on having passed the Intermediate B.Sc. Examination of the University of London.

New Buildings.

The new buildings—of which so much has been heard during the past few years—are practically complete. They comprise a Gymnasium, a Workshop and Physical Laboratory, and are a great addition to the School. It is hoped that the increased accommodation provided and increased expense incurred by these buildings will be met by an increased attendance at the School.

In conclusion I wish to thank all those who are connected with the School for the very encouraging start which has been given me as Head-Master, and to express my determination to make every effort to continue and thoroughly establish the success which the School has had since its reconstruction.

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES E. BRITTAIN.

FIFTH ANNUAL SPORTS, 1904.

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions	24	4	6
„ Programmes	0	17	7
„ Boys' Subscriptions	2	18	0
„ Governors' Grant	5	0	0

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EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
PRIZES :—						
By Boots	5	1	1			
„ Lancashire and Yorkshire Stationery Co. ...	0	10	6			
„ Barraclough	7	0	0			
„ Croisdale	2	16	6			
„ Hayley	2	1	6			
				17	9	7
PRINTING :—						
By S. P. Eames			...	3	4	9
By BAND			...	5	12	2
SUNDRIES :—						
By Carting	0	6	0			
„ Pistol and Cartridges	0	9	6			
„ Chairs	0	7	6			
„ Other Expenses	1	9	11			
				2	12	11
By Balance in Hand			...	4	0	8
				£33	0	1

SPEECH DAY PROCEEDINGS.

The Seventh Annual Speech Day was held in the School Hall on Wednesday, July 27th. The chair was occupied by Mr. Percy Tew, J.P., who was supported by the Rev. S. C. Walley, Vicar of Kirkthorpe, Mr. J. Horsfall, J.P., Mr. A. Hawkins, and Mr. M. Allsopp. There was a large gathering of parents and friends.

The programme opened with a March for violins and piano—"Red Eagle"—by Mr. H. Eames, Bailey, F. M., Taylor, L., and Taylor, E. This was followed by Farmer's Choral Song "October" and a Violin Quartette "On the Alps" by Taylor, E., Taylor, L., Bailey, F. M., and Taylor, H. W. The Play was this year taken from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," (Act IV, Sc. I), and was really very well performed by the following cast:—

Duke of Venice	...	...	Lawson, M. E.
Antonio, a merchant	...	...	Preston, J. E.
Bassanio	{ friends of Antonio	...	Hinckley, P.
Gratiano		...	Varley, W.
Shylock, Jewish money lender	...	...	Stokes, W. H.
Portia, wife of Bassanio	...	...	Holdsworth, T. F.
Nerissa, wife of Gratiano	...	...	Dixon, F.M.

Stokes and Holdsworth especially sustained their parts in a most creditable manner. The Report from the Cambridge Examination Syndicate was then read, and on the score of its excellence, was enthusiastically received. After the reading of the Report, Adams' Song "Ever so far away" was well sung by Butler, W., and was followed by a Part Song "In Summer." Gubbins, C. McV., recited the humorous poem "The Owl Critic" in a very taking way, after which a Violin Quartette "The Nightingale" was given by the violin quartette party. The last musical item was a Four-part Song "Night, lovely Night," which was sung unaccompanied by the boys of the School. After this song the Chairman called upon Mr. Walley to distribute the Prizes, and in his introductory remarks in referring to the Report said he did not ever remember hearing one quite like it, it was so good.

Prize List.

The School Silver Medal was awarded to Dixon, F.M. with 16,903 marks. He was followed by Earle, F. M. with 14,963 marks, and Varley, W. with 14,834 marks.

FORM VI (Upper)—First Prize, Preston, J. E.; Second Prize, Dixon, E. H.

FORM VI (Lower).—First Prize, Dixon, F. M.; Second Prize, Earle, F. M.; Third Prize, Varley, W.

FORM V.—First Prize, Bright, A.; Second Prize, Hinckley, P.; Third Prize, Wood, A. M.; Fourth Prize, Hirst, G.

FORM IV.—First Prize, Packer, H.; Second Prize, Stables, H. A. D.; Third Prize, Weighill, M. H.; Fourth Prize, Bailey, F. M.

FORM III.—First Prize, Stables, E. A.; Second Prize, Blackburn F.; Third Prize, Ford, F.

FORM II.—First Prize, Woodward, J.; Second Prize, Gubbins, C. McV.

CRICKET PRIZES.—Batting Average Prize, Preston, J. E.
Bowling Average Prize, Lawson, M. E.
Fielding Prize, Varley, W.

Special Prizes for individual innings of over 50—Preston, J. E. 78; Stokes, W. H. 77. For performing the "hat trick"—Dixon, F. M., Lawson, M. E., Preston, J. E.

SWIMMING PRIZES.—Best Swimmer, Mackenzie, W. A. Beginners' Prize, Stables, H. A. D.

In addition Mr. Walley distributed Certificates obtained in the Oxford Local and other Examinations.

After opening remarks, Mr. Walley said the Report which had just been read was very much like those that had in former years preceded it, it was an excellent report, and what was more important, it was a true Report, on the excellent work done at the School. Such a Report could not have been obtained unless there had been cordial co-operation between the Headmaster, the members of the Staff, and the boys themselves, who had all worked splendidly.

He was glad to notice that the School had had a very successful year in its games, for he believed that games rightly played taught many valuable moral lessons, and helped in the formation of sterling character. In games, pluck, the readiness to face and overcome difficulties, cheerful and generous principles were essential to success.

Referring to the New Gymnasium and Physical Laboratory, Mr. Walley went on to say that the Governors, all parents of scholars, and the public of Normanton highly appreciated the unsparing and very successful efforts made by Mr. Atkinson and his Staff, to raise the money, and he doubted if any Headmaster in Yorkshire had been able to hand over to his Governors such a handsome sum (over £500).

All friends of the School had heard of Mr. Atkinson's appointment to Ilkley Grammar School with very mixed feelings,—on the one hand with hearty congratulations and pride that his merits had been recognised, and on the other almost with a feeling of dismay at the prospect of having to find a man to suitably fill his place. Mr. Atkinson had from the very beginning rendered invaluable aid in the re-establishment and organization of the revived Grammar School. In this connection it was only right to mention Mrs. Atkinson, who had more than seconded the Headmaster's efforts both in the School, where she had voluntarily undertaken Art Teaching for which she was fully qualified, and also out of the School. To both Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, the School and town of Normanton would owe a deep debt of gratitude, and he wished them every happiness in their new home.

Mr. Walley also referred to the highly successful School career of John Edwin Preston, who had not only earned for himself sufficient Scholarships to enable him to go into residence at Christ's College, Cambridge, but also a reputation of which every one in Normanton might be proud.

After mentioning the excellent help which the Assistant Masters had so loyally given, Mr. Walley concluded by saying that he believed the seven years now closed, would form an epoch in the history of the School and Town of Normanton to which future generations would look back with grateful admiration.

On the motion of Mr. Horsfall seconded by Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Walley was cordially thanked. A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. J. T. Sanderson and seconded by Mr. George Taylor. In his reply the Chairman alluded to the great good fortune of the Governors and School in having had for seven years the services of such an excellent Headmaster.

The "School and Holiday Hymn," the usual cheers, and "Auld Lang Syne" concluded the proceedings.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

School and Grounds.

The School stands on a healthy site on the outskirts of the town, and is capable of accommodating 80 boys. It is within five minutes walk of Normanton Railway Station, which forms a very important junction. The new buildings, opened in October, 1897, are fitted with every modern convenience and appliance for effective instruction. The Class Rooms are lofty and carefully ventilated; and in winter the rooms and corridors are heated throughout. There is also a large Chemical Laboratory, fitted up with twenty working benches. A new Physical Laboratory, Gymnasium and Workshop are now completed. Adjoining the School there is a large Play Ground and Cricket Field.

Admission.

Boys are admitted to the School at the age of 8 and allowed to remain until the age of 17; the Governors have, however, power to extend this period in special cases.

Curriculum.

The School course comprises:—English, Latin, French; Arithmetic and Mathematics; Natural Science; History and Geography; Shorthand; Drawing; Vocal Music; Drill.

Throughout the School attention is paid to the groundwork of a good English Education, especial care being taken with the formation of Handwriting, and the School is so organised as to afford a thorough preparation either for Commercial or Professional life.

In the Upper Form arrangements are made for giving any special instruction likely to bear upon a boy's future career. The School is recognised by the Board of Education as a Secondary School, Division B.

Religious Instruction.

The Religious Instruction is restricted to lessons from the Bible. Exemption from attendance at prayers or from any lesson on a religious subject, may be claimed on written notice thereof being given to the Head Master. No exemption so claimed will deprive a boy of any advantage to which he would otherwise have been entitled.

Examinations and Prizes.

Boys are prepared for the Matriculation Examination of the London and Victoria Universities, Oxford Local, Civil Service, and Pharmaceutical Examinations. The School is examined annually by Examiners appointed by one of the Universities and approved by the Governors. Prizes are given on the results of the Examinations and of the work of the year.

Scholarships and Examinations.

Four Foundation Scholarships—covering the School Fees—are awarded annually to boys who are and have, for not less than three years, been Scholars in any Public Elementary School in the ancient parishes of Normanton and Warmfield; have passed the fourth standard, and are under the age of thirteen on the day of Examination.

The School is entitled to send Candidates for the "Ackroyd Scholarships,"—one is awarded every year of the annual value of £50 and tenable at Oxford or Cambridge for three years. Candidates from this School are also eligible for the "Freestone" Exhibition of £60 a year tenable at University College, Oxford, for three years.

Fees and Notice.

The Fees must be paid to the Clerk to the Governors, at the School, terminally in advance. A full Term's notice must be given in writing to the Head Master, or a Term's Fee be paid, previous to the withdrawal of any boy. Parents are strongly recommended to continue their boys in attendance at School until they are provided with situations. Experience shows that it is more easy to obtain a suitable position for a boy when he is at School than after he has left, and absence from School, without employment, has an unwholesome effect upon a boy. To avoid this difficulty the Head Master, in cases where due notice of withdrawal has been given, will be happy to arrange for a boy to continue in attendance at School until a suitable place has been found for him.

Books.

All necessary books are provided by the School Authorities, but boys will be held responsible for wilful damage to or for the loss of any books temporarily in their possession.

Terms and School Hours.

The School year is divided into three terms. The Spring Term commences about the last week in January; the Summer Term

shortly after Easter ; and the Winter Term about the second week in September. The holidays consist of six weeks at the end of the Summer Term, four weeks at Christmas, and three weeks at Easter. The hours of attendance are from 9 to 12-30 and from 2 to 4. There is an interval of 15 minutes during the morning School.

Discipline.

The discipline of the School is in the hands of the Head Master. Regularity and punctuality of attendance are expected and strictly enforced. *No cause except illness is recognised as a sufficient excuse for non-attendance. All excuses must be addressed in writing to the Headmaster. Verbal messages will in no case be accepted.* Special leave of absence is given on request, but it will save much trouble if parents will avoid keeping boys from School except for illness or other urgent causes.

Boys' names and peg numbers should be legibly written in all hats and coats, and they should be provided with a loop for hanging.

A Merit holiday is given monthly to boys who have been reported as industrious and well-behaved during the preceding month. Boys, who in the judgment of the Head Master, exercise an injurious influence on their School-fellows, or who fail to profit by the educational advantages offered, will (after reasonable notice has been given) be required to withdraw at the end of the current term.

School Caps.

Every boy is required whilst attending the School to wear a School Cap and Badge, and is expected to discontinue using the same upon leaving School. The Caps and Badges are to be obtained by order from the Head Master.

Reports.

A Terminal Report of the conduct and progress of each boy is sent to the parent or guardian.

Communication between Parents and Head Master.

Parents are invited to communicate freely with the Head Master, who will give his best attention to all matters concerning the welfare of the boys.

Home Lessons.

The preparation of School work for the next day should, as a rule, occupy one hour in the lower forms, and one and a half hours

in the higher forms. In no case should it occupy more than two hours. *Whenever much more or less than the specified time is taken up, information should be given at once to the Head Master.* In the case of delicate boys, the Head Master will remit the whole or part of the home lessons, as may be thought necessary.

Evening Class.

A class is held every evening at the School for boys to attend for preparation of their home work. This class is under the supervision of one of the Masters, who will judiciously assist the boys in their work. It is considered that the help thus rendered will lighten the burden that home lessons sometimes are to boys and will relieve the parents.

Library and Games.

There is a School Library, which is open to the pupils free of charge. The School has a considerable playground and cricket field, to which all boys have access. Efficient supervision is exercised over all pupils on the playground by one or more Masters.

Swimming.

There are opportunities during the Summer Term for boys to become proficient in this useful Art under the instruction of one or more of the Masters.

Choral Society.

During the Winter Terms, a Choral Society for the boys meets at the School one evening a week.

Sports.

The School Sports are held annually. A large number of valuable prizes are given and a Silver Championship Challenge Bowl, presented by Mr. Thomas W. Preston, of Prestwich, is competed for.

Return after Illness.

In case of infectious disease, no boy is allowed to return to School on recovery without a Medical Certificate to the effect that he is free from infection, and that he can return to School with safety to other boys: and no boy is allowed to attend School from a house in which there is, or has been, infectious disease, without the permission of the Medical Adviser and of the Head Master. As a precaution against infectious disease, parents and guardians are requested to fill up at the end of every vacation a form which is sent to them with the Terminal Report, stating that there has been

no infectious disease in their house within a certain time. They are also desired, in case of infectious disease breaking out in their house, to inform the Head Master immediately.

Further information respecting the School and Forms of Application may be obtained on application to the Head Master at the School, or to

WILLIAM NORWOOD,

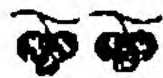
CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS.



School Fees.

Tuition Fees	£2 12s. od. per Term
Boys who attend Evening Preparation Class	£0 5s. od. „
Boys who dine with the Head Master ...	£2 2s. od. „
Boys who have Tea with the Head Master	£1 10s. od. „

The above Fees include Books and Stationery. Drawing Paper is supplied, but boys are required to provide themselves with other Drawing Materials. There are no other extras of any kind. Boys will, however, be asked to subscribe towards the School Sports.



Calendar 1904-5.

Winter Term begins—Thursday, September 14th.
 „ „ ends —Wednesday, December 21st.
 Spring Term begins —Thursday, January 19th.
 „ „ ends —Wednesday, April 19th.
 Summer Term begins—Monday, May 15th.
 „ „ ends —Wednesday, July 26th.

