

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS 1945

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Kilburn Grammar School, Aged 50



A DISTINGUISHED ex-grammar school boy, the Bishop of London (Dr. J. W. C. Wand), gave high praise to Kilburn Grammar School, on Tuesday, when he said, "I congratulate the school on its remarkable record, particularly in the matter of scholarships."

Dr. Wand was addressing a large audience in the School Hall, including many old teachers and friends of the school, who had gathered to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary.

The Bishop spoke in favour of grammar school education as opposed to the public school, particularly in the matter of giving pupils more home life.

"I think home is a very good place," he said, "and we ought to be proud of the schools, which cater for the boys who spend spare time at home. The grammar school boy can stay up later and do more work (laughter) and therefore win more scholarships," he added.

HISTORY BEING COMPILED

An outline of the history of the school was given by Mr. W. G. Bowden, who became acting headmaster in 1942. Mr. Bowden said that a full history was being compiled by two senior boys, and this would be published in the school magazine.

Mr. Bowden, who joined the school in 1910, and two other

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At Kilburn Grammar School Jubilee celebrations everyone sang the School song. Our picture shows "the platform" singing it. Left to right in the front row are: Mr. C. Hicks Bolton, Ald. Jack Clark, the Bishop of London, Ald. Geo. Ayres (Chairman of the Willesden Committee for Education), Mr. W. G. Bowden (acting Headmaster) and County Councillor Mrs. Forbes (Chairman of Middlesex Education Committee).

masters, Mr. W. H. E. Bentley, senior mathematics master, and Mr. S. Burton, geography master, have between them served the school for 110 years.

The school was founded in 1898, by the Rev. Dr. H. G. Bonavia-Hunt, and was a private grammar school for a few years until taken over by Middlesex County Council.

The first headmaster was Dr. Evan-Evans, who stayed for 12 years, and he was followed by Mr. W. B. Hunt (1910-1925). The Evans-Hunt period was when the school really developed, said Mr. Bowden. The house system was started, and since 1910, over 40 open scholarships and university awards had been won.

BOYS RAISED £1,000

Further progress under Mr. J. McLeish (1925-32), and Dr. H. D. Anthony (1933-39) was brought to a temporary halt by the war. One scheme which the war had stopped, was the provision of a swimming bath. Over £1,000 had been collected

by the pupils towards the cost of this bath, and the money was held in trust by the County Council.

"Now we have more boys in the school than we had before the war," he said. "We are winning scholarships again, we are holding our own on the playing field—although our own field is ploughed up and unusable. We have fostered here a loyalty to the school, that must go on."

A vote of thanks to the Bishop and the chairman, Ald. G. Ayres, chairman of Willesden Committee for Education, was proposed by County Councillor Mrs. Forbes, chairman of Middlesex Education Committee, and seconded by Mr. C. Symes, chairman of the "Old Creightonians."