

# SCHOOL PERSONALITIES

## Bishop Creighton (1843-1901)

The year 1961 will be the sixtieth anniversary of the death of Mandell Creighton, a man well known both as a churchman and as a historian. He was born on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1843, at Carlisle, and was educated at Durham Grammar School. He then went to Merton College, Oxford, where he took religious orders.

In 1875 he was appointed Vicar of Embleton, which is in the gift of Merton College. In the parish is situated Falloden, the seal of the Grey family, and he became very friendly with Sir George Grey in particular. The latter's son, Edward Grey, later the famous Foreign Secretary, was coached by him for the university examinations.

In the meantime he was working at his ordinary duties and on the book by which he is best known, "*The History of the Papacy during the Reformation*", which was published during the years 1882-1895. In 1884 he was appointed the first Dixie Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Cambridge, and was editor of the "*English Historical Review*" from 1886 to 1891. In that year he was appointed Bishop of Peterborough, and in 1896 Bishop of London.

He wrote several biographies of Queen Elizabeth, Mary Queen of Scots and others, and a memoir of Sir George Grey, before his duties as Bishop made writing an impossibility. It was while he was in London in September 1898 that he officiated at the opening of the Kilburn Grammar School

This firm leader of the London Diocese died on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 1901, but his spirit lives, and the Creighton Hall, named in his honour, will ever remind us of him.

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