

SCHOOL PERSONALITIES

Mr H E Gould [KGS 1925-1958]

At the end of the summer term in 1958 is term we had reluctantly to part with our Senior Classics Master, Mr Howard Gould, MA.

Educated at the City of London School and London University, he came to Kilburn Grammar School 1925 during the Headmastership of **James McLeish**.

Before taking his degree he served in the First World War in the Royal Marine Artillery and some of the time aboard the cruiser "HMS Shannon". Some of his war service was spent decoding and, from this, with the fact that the "wine dark" sea plays a great part in the formation and dissemination of Greek culture, it is not surprising that he took to the Classics.

His philosophical outlook and mild stoicism may owe something also to service life. Once in harness he "pulled his weight" and produced the Shakespearean plays from 1925-32 with verve and inspiration. In 1933 he seized the opportunity to return to his old element, the sea, with boys from the School. He became a Commander and he served in this capacity on several cruises to Scandinavia and Madeira.

He became House Master of Curtis in 1942 when **James Westbury** relinquished the office and it was mainly at his instigation that the name was retained at the more recent amalgamation of the Houses.

From 1939 to 1943 he did "yeoman" service for Kilburn boys at Northampton and was an active member of the Home Guard. Upon his return to Kilburn (in time for the "doodle bugs") he became an officer in the ATC (School Flight).

His skill as a teacher is evident from the University successes of his former pupils, while his sound judgement and example speak far more for the advantages of a classical education. Curtis-Keith House will miss his dynamic leadership, while those (not in his house) who succeed in Kilburn Sports will miss the Olympian voice of the recording judge demanding "Number, Name and House?"

In the staff room he will be missed as a most helpful and sociable colleague. We shall all miss the “nautical roll” along our corridors, the good natured laugh and the kindly smile which we associate with HEG.

We are very glad that, in recent years, he has derived great pleasure from the success of his son who, having followed in his footsteps, has been appointed Classical Moderations Don and Student (the equivalent of a Fellow) of Christ Church, Oxford.

Mrs Gould, who has scarcely missed a school function for many years, has captivated us by her charm and sincerity. We wish both of them many happy years of richly deserved retirement.

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