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# Kilburn Grammar School, Aged 50



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**At Kilburn Grammar School Jubilee celebrations everyone sang the School song. Our picture shows "the p'latform" 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).**

**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

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."

# KILBURN PILOT DIES IN JET CRASH

## Dived at terrific speed, says witness

**THE DEATH** of a Meteor jet pilot, Flt. Lieut. George Vladimir Svehla, 25, British, the son of Mr. Charles Svehla, of 77, Priory Road, Kilburn, was the subject of a Ravingham Hall (Norfolk) inquest on Saturday.

Svehla, a former Kilburn Grammar schoolboy, was killed instantly when his machine crashed near an isolated church at Hales, where a funeral had just taken place.

A 66-year-old postwoman, Mrs Maud Elizabeth Coleman, was buried by debris from the crater while walking along a country road after attending the service. She was rescued by another mourner and male nurses in charge of a party of mental institution patients out for a walk.

The Coroner recorded a verdict that Svehla, who belonged

force of impact when the aircraft hit the ground.

### TERRIFIC SPEED

"I was standing near the gate of Hales Church when I heard the screeching of the aeroplane," said Leonard Charles Grice, a blacksmith. "I thought the engines were at full throttle. I saw the plane diving at a terrific speed from just above the tree tops.

"It crashed at the edge of a field adjoining the road about 100 yards from me. All I saw was a sheet of flame and then smoke from part of the plane in the crater.

"I ran to the scene but could see nothing of any occupants. The plane had been blown to pieces. There was considerable mould on the road, and I saw a glove sticking out of this. I then saw part of a face. I moved the mould away from the head and with the assistance of Mr Plummer, a male nurse, I dragged a woman from the heap.

William Frank Everett, a male nurse, said he and Plummer were taking 23 male patients from Heckingham Mental Institution for a walk towards the church. The plane was approaching then from the east at a height of about 300 feet.

"It was in a dive and coming down at a terrific speed," Mr Everett continued. "It came at a sloping angle and dived to the earth. I saw no attempt by the pilot to level the machine out. It crashed at the edge of the field at the roadside about 20 yards from me as I was at the head of the column.

### NO SIGN OF PILOT

"As soon as the plane crashed I helped Plummer to push the patients into the bank for cover. I then went with him to the crater where I saw the remains on fire. There was no sign of the pilot."

### EXPERIENCED FLYER

Sgt. Peter Thomas Gadd said the pilot took off at 2.14 p.m. on a solo training flight of about an hour's duration. Pre-flight servicing had been carried out and the machine was airworthy. Flt. Lieut. Svehla had had considerable experience in flying jets for at least a year.

Speaking proudly of his son this week, white-haired Mr Charles Svehla said: "George started off flying ordinary aircraft, but they were too slow for him. He just loved to fly at speed and took to Meteors."

Flight Lieutenant Svehla joined the R.A.F. straight from school, aged 17½. He had been a pilot for seven years.



**FLT. LIEUTENANT GEORGE SVEHLA**—"He just loved to fly at speed."

to No. 56 Squadron, R.A.F. Station, Waterbeach (Cambridgeshire), about 60 miles away "died from multiple injuries caused by the aircraft which he was flying on a training flight accidentally crashing to the ground whilst out of control."

The inquiry had been formally opened at Horsham St. Faiths R.A.F. Station the previous night.

George Ashley Faux, medical officer at the station, who went by ambulance to the scene, then said that death was due to the

## Pre-War Event Revived



A scene from the most successful item in the show, "A Pound a Year for This"—a skit on a B.B.C. play in which the sound effects men worked overtime.

[Photo, N. E. Law]

**REVIVING** a pre-war activity for the first time, Kilburn Grammar School Old Boys' Association presented a variety concert in the school's Creighton Hall, Salusbury Road, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday last week.

The first night got off to a shaky start, for the cast, consisting mainly of old boys, but also including a few present pupils of the school and one master, seemed to be fighting a mass attack of stage-nerves, and their singing, in the opening number, "Tunes with a Swing," suffered as a result.

As the evening progressed, however, the boys warmed to their work, showing a particularly good flair for knock-about comedy, and before long the audience had substituted enthusiasm for sympathy in their applause.

### Best Items

Three best items in a varied programme were an hilarious mime (to a gramophone record) of a colatura soprano in full blast, by Hillier Wise; Harry Bentley and Peter Howe as two "pukka dinkum" Indian Army officers ruining a recitation of "The Green Eye of the Little Yellow God," with interjections on what really happened to "Mad Carew"; and the final sketch, "A Pound a Year for This," which purported to show what goes on, particularly in the way of stage effects, when a B.B.C. play is being broadcast.

Guest artistes Joyce Wilkinson (the only woman appearing) and Tom Marr contributed a football sketch, accompanist John Barrett also played a piano, and other individual acts were given by Peter Howe, Brian Oswin and Alan Lewis (songs) and E. W. Rhodes (patter).

Others taking part were Ken Dorrell, Peter Elias, Michael Hopkins, Peter McLean, Malcolm Pargiter, Brian Reynolds, Peter Hart, Fred Herbert, Jimmy Allen and Roy Johnson.

John Elvey was an efficient compere and Alan Tanner a competent drummer. Behind the scenes were Jim Pocock, Peter Howe, Alan "Terry" and



# NEUTRALITY AN IMPOSSIBILITY

## Kilburn Grammar School Annual Service

**T**HE rise of Marxist Communism had made intellectual neutrality impossible, boys of Kilburn Grammar School were told by Canon Marcus Knight of St. Paul's Cathedral, at their annual service in Christ Church, Brondesbury, on Friday.

All those people who used to say that it did not matter what one believed about the problems of right and wrong had been put "on the spot" by the rise of Communism, he said.

Everyone was being forced to ask himself if the sort of society he wanted could be built with people who did not know what they wanted. Neutrality had once been possible, but it was no longer. One had to believe in creative good proposals with freedom and liberty and individuality or in the impersonal state and its "units."

### Another Problem

Another great problem that had to be faced, Canon Knight said, was over-specialisation. It had led to people in one department of life knowing nothing of other departments. Although it was in the departments — engineering, science, politics, art, the Church and many others—that the boys would have to make their careers, they had to attempt to bridge the spaces between.

Mere cleverness or intelligence counted for little, he added. Goering and Goebells had outstanding brains, but they lacked morality. They were unable to understand what went on in the other departments.

Boys from a school such as Kilburn Grammar had an advantage over others, he said. Many would eventually hold high positions in the world. They had to decide for themselves early in life what principles they considered worth while. Once they had accepted a belief, they should stick to it, no matter what the majority did.

It was more difficult to be right with the minority than wrong with the majority, but it was of infinitely greater worth.

## KILBURN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

End of term events at Kilburn Grammar School included an inter-house boxing contest arranged by Mr. Cope, gym. master, Ratcliffe House, won.

At a musical evening the Music Society, built up by Mrs. Doyle-Davidson, enjoyed piano playing and singing by members.

A dance, held in the school hall on Thursday, was arranged by Mesdames Churgwin, Cox, Doyle-Davidson, and Watson, Miss Vincent and the boys. Mr. Rhodes was M.C.

On Friday, the school had a sing-song, and at the breaking-up ceremony in the afternoon, Mr. Hicks Bolton, Chairman of the Governors, addressed the pupils.

Mr. W. G. Bowden, acting headmaster, paid tribute and wished Godspeed to Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Doyle-Davidson, and Miss Vincent, and two of the masters. Mr. Cox and Mr. Maybank, who he said, had so effectively filled gaps left by teachers serving with the Forces. Messrs. Dakin, Hancock, Hann, Whitmore and Woodman are now back at the school, and Messrs. Evans and Rollinson are expected next term. The head boy, K. A. Phillips, presented the ladies with parting gifts.

## **"YOUTH HOUSE TAKES A BOW"**

The second edition of a musical and variety show, given at Roadmender Club, Northampton, on Saturday, by members of evacuated secondary schools, yielded many glimpses of musical and entertaining ability.

Selections played by the Orchestra included "Fiddle Dance" (Fletcher), an original composition by one of the members, and an original arrangement of "Le Soir (Gounod), with V. J. South as vocalist. A youthful string quartet was successful in the "Serenade" from Haydn's F Major Quartet, whilst an instrumental trio proved to be another ambitious item.

It is interesting to note that members of the orchestra have given their services on behalf of youth organisations at a number of churches in the town.

Vocal and instrumental items were interspersed with a wealth of entertainers, an item by the Scouts, and a one-act play, "The Dear Departed," by Stanley Houghton.

A recently-formed dance band was well-received. The whole programme was ably linked together by Mr. Robert Whitmore as compere.

Expressing his thanks to all who had helped in the concert, Mr. D. W. J. Woodman, hon. warden of Youth House, referred particularly to the tireless work of R. D. Baker, and to Mr. J. N. Hancock, who was responsible for the show from its inception.

## BOY PASSED EXAM. IN STOKEHOLD

### How Kilburn Grammar School Beat the Raids

SO that he could continue an important examination without disturbance, when his school had been destroyed by a flying bomb, a Kilburn Grammar School-boy sat writing through 12 air raids in the stoke hold of a neighbouring school, in a "cubby-hole" cleared in a pile of coke.

Mr. W. G. Bowden, acting headmaster of the school, told this story to 150 Kilburn Grammar School old boys at their annual dinner—the first since the war—on Saturday.

It was an example, said Mr. Bowden, of the way in which the school staff managed to overcome the many difficulties thrust upon them by the war.

Many boys, he said, were about to sit for their School Certificate examinations when the school was hit and most of the candidates were accommodated in the Brondesbury and Kilburn High Schools for Girls opposite, some of the girls being turned out temporarily.

#### AND HE PASSED.

The boy in the boiler house passed his examination with flying colours and was now at Oxford. Mr. Bowden also described the school's evacuation to Market Harborough, and the difficulties encountered in those troublous days.

Now they were back in the school with 490 boys, more than ever before, but since only a small part of the building was left their difficulties were still with them.

Old boys ranging from 17 to 57 happily slapped each other's backs and swapped school-day yarns. Many old school ties were worn and not a few of those present were in uniform.

Tribute was paid to the school's war dead by a sailor, soldier and an airman, who read the names of the known casualties in their respective services.

Mr. Don Woodman, a master at the school, who served in the Navy, said that these amounted to five sailors, 19 soldiers and 40 airmen. Some of these, he said, had been evacuees at the beginning of the war.

#### SCHOOL TOAST.

The school toast was proposed by Mr. Philip Atkinson, and replied to by Mr. Bowden, who was in the chair.

K. A. Phillips, the present head-boy of the school, proposed the Old Boys' Association.

Mr. Cyril Smith, in reply, said he could hardly claim to be an old boy when he saw some of the assembled "ancients." "They really are old boys," he said, amid laughter.

Entertainment was provided by "The Four Aces," an amateur party.



## THE "CREIGHTONIAN"

AFTER a lapse of some years, the "Creightonian," the news sheet of Kilburn Grammar School Old Boys' Association, has been revived. An interestingly written account of the school's history during the war years concludes with the comment: "The present therefore finds K.G.S. operating under difficulties, but full of virility and confidence. . . In fact, Salusbury Road is fast regaining its old atmosphere and Old Boys thank staff and scholars whose fortitude has seen K.G.S. weather the storm."

The roll of honour contains 42 names, while 12 names appear under the heading, "Reported missing." News is given of 20 Old Boys who spent varying periods as prisoners of war. Many have won decorations for gallantry.

Dr. H. D. Anthony, Head of the School, now a major, is back at his old job of teaching but on the staff of the largest Army School of Education.

Copies of the news sheet can be obtained from the acting secretary, Mr. A. P. Huish, 14, Felden Close, Hatch End. (Hatch End 401).

## 38 YEARS' SERVICE AT K.G.S.

### Mr. W. G. Bowden's Career

**M**OST headmasters command respect, some arouse fear, and a few, of whom Mr. W. G. Bowden, M.A., of Kilburn Grammar School, is one, inspire affection.

He will retire at the end of this year after conducting the school as acting headmaster during most of the war and ever since—a period of unexampled difficulty and change.

Mr. Bowden joined the staff as senior science master in 1910, when there were 180 pupils in the school. There are now 500, and the peak was reached two years ago, when there were 512.

He has seen 4,000 boys pass through the school.

Born in Norfolk, Mr. Bowden was educated at Edward VI. Middle School, Norwich. He won a Norwich City School scholarship, and went to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. There he was awarded a Parker exhibition, a college scholarship in science and was prizeman of the College for two successive years. He gained a first-class honours degree in Natural Science Tripos and a Cambridge diploma in education.

In 1908 he went to a training college in Durham, as a science tutor. There he joined the Territorial Army and was commissioned in the Durham Light Infantry, resigning early in 1914 owing to ill-health.

In 1939, Kilburn Grammar School, Kilburn and Brondesbury High School for Girls and Willesden County School were evacuated to Northampton. Mr. Bowden was deputy leader of the evacuation scheme, but when pupils began drifting back to London, the schools were amalgamated, and Mr. Bowden was appointed master-in-charge.

### Acting Head.

Dr. A. Anthony, headmaster of Kilburn Grammar School, joined the Army and in 1942 Mr. Bowden was appointed acting head of K.G.S. (although at the time he was still teaching at Northampton. He returned to Kilburn in 1943.

Six form rooms, the large chemistry laboratory, the gymnasium and changing rooms, and the library were smashed and set on fire by a V1 in June, 1944. On Tuesday, when Mr. Bowden was giving our reporter these facts, quantity surveyors were measuring the ground for the re-erection of the damaged buildings, which it is hoped will be started in the spring of next year.

Mr. Bowden is married with one daughter. During the General Strike in 1926, he was a special constable, and in the second World War joined Civil Defence and the Home Guard. He was also on the committees of the Juvenile Employment Bureau, and the Willesden A.T.C. In the first World War he was Major of a cadet company attached to the 9th Middlesex Regiment.

While at college Mr. Bowden took an active part in Association football, hockey, tennis and rowing, and his present hobbies are gardening and bowling.

## Food or School Games?

IN letters published this week the boys and girls of Kilburn Grammar School and Brondesbury and Kilburn High School have put forcefully and plainly their case for returning to its original use the boys' playing field, at present under cultivation as allotments. They are to be congratulated on the reasonable and orderly character of their protest and their wisdom in inviting the parents to add their more influential voices to the appeal. They state that with both schools sharing the girls' field—the smaller of the two—a thousand boys and girls are using a piece of land that was formerly considered large enough for only 500 girls.

Two years ago, when seeking sites for factory-made houses to meet the desperate needs of people without homes of their own, the Town Council had to decide which was the greater necessity—food or shelter. Rightly, we believe, they chose shelter, and a certain number of allotment holders had to give up their plots. Now the choice is between food and games. The Council can very easily dodge the issue by quoting the Ministry of Agriculture's unwillingness to allow cultivation to cease on any land, no matter what its pre-war use may have been. But they must not be allowed to get away with that. Willesden boys and girls, as future citizens, have a right to know the opinions on this matter of the men and women their parents elected to run the borough.

One reason why the Council may prefer to pass their burden of decision to the Ministry of Agriculture is that once they start considering the matter they will find that far more than one playing field is involved. The whole question of Willesden's appalling lack of cricket and football pitches will have to be faced. Many young people have strongly criticised the Council for allowing Willesden Football Club the use next season of the enclosure at King Edward Park. Ill-directed and largely unwarranted as it has been up to now, that criticism will gain in force if the Corporation do not respond to the secondary schools' protest and bombard the Ministry of Agriculture not only with requests for the release of the Grammar School field, but also of a proportion (it would be unreasonable at this stage to ask for the whole) of the open spaces formerly used for organised games.

Food production is undeniably important, but so is the physical development of our sons and daughters. The benefits of healthy exercise for a few thousand children would more than compensate for the loss in cheap food, to a very much smaller number of persons, caused by the re-establishment of three or four games fields in different parts of Willesden. The time has come for the Town Council to move in this matter if the Committee for Education (roughly the same people) are not to be forced to find pitches outside the borough and waste a lot of time and money in transport. The boys and girls, now thoroughly awake to the needs of the situation, are looking to the "City Fathers" for action.

# Allotments Cramp Playing Fields

## BOYS AND GIRLS ASK PARENTS TO PROTEST

LETTERS signed by the head boy and head girl, senior prefects and prefects of Kilburn Grammar School and Brondesbury and Kilburn High School for Girls have been handed to the Editor calling upon parents to protest against the curtailment of games facilities at these schools by the continued use for allotments of the boys' playing field.

The field formerly used by the boys adjoins that of the girls, and the whole area runs uphill, north-westwards, from a frontage on The Avenue, with Aylestone Avenue on the right and Tiverton Road on the left. Beyond Tiverton Road the ground has no road boundary on the left, but it continues to be bordered for some distance on the other side by Aylestone Avenue.

This upper part was requisitioned in 1940 by Willesden Town Council for allotments, "leaving," says the letter from Brondesbury and Kilburn High School, "only a smaller playing field . . . originally intended for 500 girls, to be used by 1,000 boys and girls . . ."

The girls continue:

"The playing of boys' games has necessitated the reservation of more than half of our field for their use. Furthermore, the need for maintaining a large part of the field in a condition suitable for the playing of both boys' and girls' matches, has resulted in some curtailment of games facilities to many of the girls. This fact is particularly lamentable since the gymnasium of the Brondesbury and Kilburn High School was demolished by enemy action, leaving only a small hall, inadequately equipped for physical training. The lack of an adequate playing field is made even more onerous by the fact that part of the playground, which was originally small, is unusable because of blitz debris.

"It is understood that the playing field of Kilburn Grammar School is the only one of the requisitioned playing fields of Middlesex which has not returned to its peace-time function. It is now learnt with dismay that Willesden Borough Council is proposing to continue the occupancy for at least a further three years.

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## CALL TO PARENTS.

"In these circumstances we are of the opinion that the parents of the scholars attending both Kilburn Grammar and Brondesbury and Kilburn High Schools, and also all parents of possible future scholars of these two schools, should protest to the council, through their local councillors, without delay, against the curtailment of the full educational facilities enjoyed by the pupils of the other Middlesex grammar schools."

The letter is signed by: Evelyn Pratt (head girl), June Eastwood (senior prefect), Joy Abrahams, Monica Ayres, June Bilham, Jean Burch, K. F. Champion, Jean Daw, F. Ellison, Deirdre Gale, Jacqueline Goldsmith, Susie Holzer, Monica Horwood, Yvonne Hosking, Liesl Kohn, Margaret Poole, Jean Proudfoot, Aileen Robinson, Ruth Selwyn, Marie Thomas, Christine Walker and Renee Wolfson.

Addressing the parents, the letter from the boys asks, among other things:

"Do you know that at Kilburn Grammar School, 500 boys are cramped into a playground only half the size of that formerly occupied by 450; that it is almost impossible for them to play any games in this playground, because they cannot avoid getting in each other's way; that we have one of the highest rates for window breakages in Middlesex and that, in spite of this, nothing is done to provide better recreational facilities? . . ."

### "DISGRACEFUL."

"Do you realise that the facilities which your sons have for sport would be regarded as disgraceful in any other borough in the country?"

After outlining the facts in much the same way as the girls, the boys continue:

"In winter, this field is used by the K.G.S. for Rugby football. This renders the ground almost unfit for any sports in summer. We find it nearly impossible to play cricket. The cricket pitch which we have at the moment constitutes a threat to the safety of the boys using it . . ."

"We have no complaints regarding the sharing of the field. Everyone at K.G.S. thinks that we have been treated most generously by our neighbours. We have had far more use of the field than they. If anything, their ground for complaint is greater than ours."

"We think that at least part of the former K.G.S. field should be returned now. It is high time that both schools resumed their full sporting activities. At the present time even these poor restricted facilities are available only to the teams. There is no room for the average boy who does not play in one of these."

## FOOD SHORTAGE.

"We realise to the full that the country is desperately short of food; that we need every ounce we can grow. Our point is this: for nearly eight years the K.G.S. field has been producing food. We feel that the pupils of the K.G.S. and B. & K.H.S. have already played their part. For eight years they have had to forego one of the most pleasant features of school life, that is, their games."

"In contrast, the County School ground remains almost untouched. We are not criticising our neighbour school: we think they should have their ground. This is what we should like to know, however. Why are K.G.S. and B. & K.H.S.

bearing such great responsibility for providing allotments?"

"Do you realise that your sons are being trampled on?; that they have been for eight years; that, unless you do something, they will be for the next five years? Do you realise that your children, almost alone among the secondary grammar school pupils of Middlesex, are being denied their rights?"

### THE REMEDY.

"We hope you will not think that those who sign this letter do so from selfish motives. Most of us are leaving the school in July. Whatever is done will be too late as far as we are concerned. We would like you to think of those boys who have just come to the school, who face the prospect of five years without a school playing field, without the cricket, the hockey, the exercise and enjoyment which are equally as important as the work which is done in the classroom."

"The remedy lies with you, the parents . . . If you wish to safeguard your children's interests, you must form a Parents' Union, and urge the authorities to take action. Other Middlesex secondary schools have formed them successfully."

The letter concludes by inviting parents interested in the project to write to D. Watts, 36, Milman Road, N.W.6.

Signatories of the letter are: W. Watts (head boy), A. Watson, A. Brown, F. Rose, T. E. Greenaway, B. Reynolds, D. Thomas, D. Chandler, G. Myers, J. Jay, B. James, G. Mildred, J. White, J. Walter, H. Woodman, D. Garrod, R. Cooke, D. Sillience, B. Cozens, W. Hodgkinson, F. King and A. Tanner.



## ***Books Are Their Memorial***

**B**ECAUSE Nazism was a tyranny restricting the pursuit of knowledge, Kilburn Grammar School Old Boys' Association could not have chosen a more fitting memorial to former pupils, killed in the war, than a book-case filled with works of reference. One of the things they died for was to ensure freedom of thought and utterance for their successors. There can be no free thought without unfettered learning. The Nazis who burned the books of their country's great thinkers are vanquished, and the victors now consolidate the victory by giving more books to the young. As they turn the pages, seeking for truth, may they always remember how dearly that privilege was bought by men, but a few years older than they.

# MEMORY PRESERVED IN BOOKS

## K.G.S. Old Boys' War Memorial

A BOOK-CASE filled with reference books is to be presented to Kilburn Grammar School by the Old Boys' Association as a memorial to the 64 former pupils who lost their lives in the 1939-45 war.

Each book will contain a suitable book-plate and a full list of those commemorated will be displayed in the book-case, probably on a vellum scroll in a glass-fronted frame.

In addition, a small wooden plaque will be fixed to the wall in Creighton Hall, below the 1914-18 memorial, drawing attention to the book-case, which will be in the school library.

### MAY COST £250.

To meet the cost, a minimum of £250 is arrived at. Already nearly £50 has been raised, and any money collected beyond the sum required to provide the memorial will be used for the purchase of new books as the original ones become obsolete.

"We are anxious that as many old boys as possible—whether members of the Association or not—or parents of old boys, should have an opportunity of subscribing," writes Mr. Cliff Symes (Chairman), and Mr. J. Ernest Kopp (Hon. Treasurer).

Cheques and postal orders, made payable to "Kilburn Grammar School Old Boys' Association," should be sent to Mr. Kopp, at 14, Park View, Hatch End, Middlesex.

### NAMES TO REMEMBER.

The roll of honour to be included in the memorial, with the date of leaving school in brackets, contains the following names:—

A. H. Athill (1939), R. F. Atkinson (1937), R. H. W. Ball (c. 1925), C. Barnett (1939), F. B. Bassett (1936), N. A. Bridges (c. 1925), P. S. Champion-Jones (1936), K. Clack (1938), R. D. Cooley (1936), D. Dymond (1939), H. W. Edwards (1929), G. D. H. Edworthy (1934), D. Elnagan (1931), M. R. Gerard (1937), A. J. P. Golder (1929), S. Harcourt (1938), C. Hawksworth (1925), R. J. Heavens (1933), R. J. Helston (1935), D. R. Hollingsworth (1939), R. M. Housden (1939), N. T. Huckle (1939), G. W. Jackson (1937), G. J. F. Jones (1934), P. Jones (1938), D. A. Jukes (1930), L. Lane (1939), W. H. Layton (1933), J. Mangum (1938), F. Meaker (1939), A. Moore (1936), H. A. Moore (1932), H. F. Morrish (1933), V. Moss (1933), J. Needham (1932), G. R. Olsen (1938), L. A. Orchard (1932), G. Ormerod (1928), G. Owen (1939), G. Pendrill (1937), H. A. Perks (1936), A. C. Perrin (1938), P. C. Pinkham (1931), P. E. Reed (1937), M. B. Sandley (1932), H. M. Saunders (1915), R. A. Shrubb (1933), A. Sidey (1925), A. E. Smith (1939), W. C. Smith (1929), F. C. Stallwood (1935), R. Stringer (1940), L. M. Talbot (1938), P. R. Trevayne (1938), G. W. Trodd (1933), R. W. Uridge (1936), M. M. Venn (1939), J. L. R. Walter (1939), H. A. Weaver (1935), A. M. White (1938), M. C. Woodgate (1939), A. L. O. Wray (1933), D. W. Wye (1934) and A. C. W. Yeates (1938).

# Ancient Rome comes to Salusbury Road

**T**HE atmosphere of ancient Rome—as seen by William Shakespeare, at any rate—was wonderfully recaptured by the boys of Kilburn Grammar School in two mammoth performances of “Coriolanus” at the school on Thursday and Saturday.

I say mammoth performances because to stage “Coriolanus” with a single cast is a big enough undertaking for a producer, but Mr. P. K. Wright, assisted by Mr. V. Callaghan the producers, miraculously managed to find two casts, one for each of the performances and I should say that, judging from the zest with which the boys went “Roman” for the evening, their task could not have been such a hard one.

On the two nights more than 120 boys appeared before the floodlights to the delight of very full audiences.

## ACTORS OF THE FUTURE

It is perhaps unlikely that there were any talent spotters from the Old Vic or from Stratford-on-Avon at either performance but had there been, they would have had no difficulty at all in picking out at least four or five potential Paul Schofields or Laurence Oliviers.

Certainly, for one so young, the performance of G. S. Bell as Coriolanus at Saturday's showing was quite extraordinary, and he well deserved the applause which his superb acting received.

The role was taken by M. B. Elster at Thursday's performance, and he, too, acquitted himself extremely well.

With such a large cast containing so many principals it is rather difficult to give all the credit due to individual performers in a limited space, particularly when the general standard of acting was so good.

Outstanding acting in the role

of Volumnia, the mother of Coriolanus, was given by both boys chosen for this difficult part, R. Brody and B. L. Conway. C. H. Dean who took the role of Menenius Agrippa on both evenings spoke with perfect diction and acted naturally.

## A LIVELY SPOT

The numerous boys who took the parts of Roman citizens, senators, and soldiers did so with great enthusiasm, so much so that I rather felt that ancient Rome must have been an extremely noisy and lively place.

The authenticity of the whole production was considerably enhanced by the excellent decor designed and executed by the school's art master, Mr. R. Whitmore and the magnificent costumes provided by the London Federation of Boys' Clubs. The smooth running of both performances can be fully attributed to Mr. H. M. Coleman, who was the production manager.

I note that this is the 46th annual Shakespearian production by the boys of Kilburn Grammar School, and I think it would be true to say that this performance of “Coriolanus” must rank amongst the best.

J.M.F.

Filter systems are to be installed in the traffic lights at the junction of Harrow Road and Scrubs Lane and Craver Park Road and Manor Park Road.