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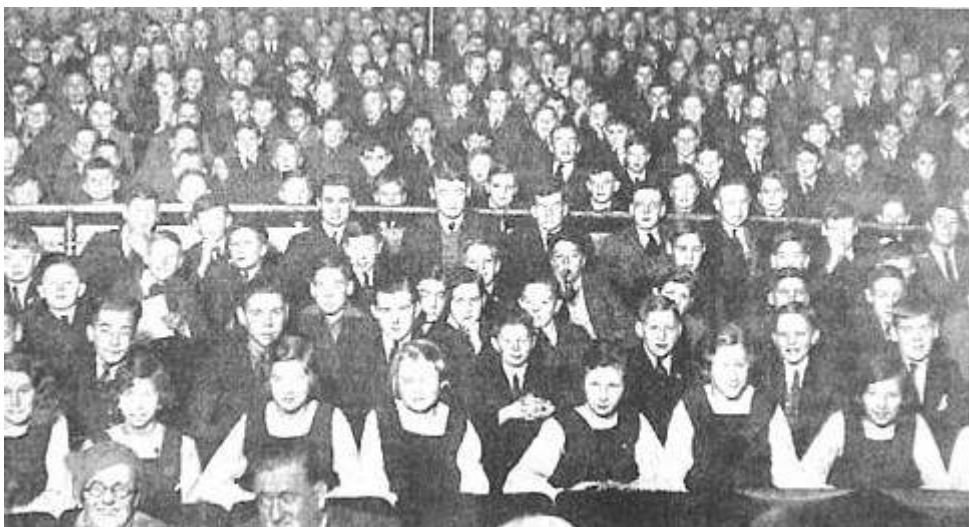
**Twelfth Annual Speech Day, Wednesday November 8th 1933**

(From the School Magazine)

Speech Day this year was held on November 8th, in the Hippodrome, and as in former years was well-supported by parents and friends. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Price, Capt. Hallam presided, and in his capacity as Chairman extended a hearty welcome to Colonel and Mrs. Brook. The Headmaster then delivered his annual report, commenting on the School's successes both on the scholastic side and in the various branches of sport. For our edification he also explained the reasons for the changing of the School's name. Colonel Brook, who spoke immediately after the prize giving, made an excellent impression from the outset, showing a deep understanding of the modern schoolboy in all his moods. The ovation he received at the completion of his speech gave definite proof both of the impression he had made, and the delight with which it had been received. The short plays which then followed were received with great appreciation by both young and old, the scene from "Mollière" coming in for especial approbation. Under Miss Wright's direction a delightful musical interlude was given, and with the singing of the School Song the proceedings came to a conclusion.

Bradley, VI.a., Price.

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## **Wise words from a Chief Constable - "Crime is Caddish"**

The twelfth annual speech day of the Hemsworth Grammar School was held on Wednesday at the Hemsworth Hippodrome. Lieut. - Col. F. Brook, Chief Constable of the West Riding, gave an address, and the prizes and certificates were presented by Mrs. Brook. Ald. G. Price, M.P. (chairman of the Governors) was unable for the first time since the school opened to preside.

Captain L. Hallam (vice-chairman) deputised, supported by Mrs. Dooley, Mrs. Schorah, Messrs. E. Ford, J. Dunleavy, W. Exley, C.E. Jagger (Governors), Mr. A.G. Jenkinson (headmaster), Miss M.A. Griffiths (headmistress), and Mr. C.L. Crossley (Clerk to the Governors).

The Chairman apologised for the absence of Ald. G. Price, M.P., who, although he had greatly improved in health and was at the re-opening of Parliament on Tuesday, had been advised not to make the special journey to Hemsworth. He paid a tribute to Ald. Price, and said that none of his public work was nearer and dearer to his heart than that of the Grammar School. The Governors were highly satisfied with the efficiency of the school. Its success had only been brought about by the extraordinarily hard work of the headmaster and staff, to whom the Governors were grateful. Welcoming Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Brook, the Chairman said that at the outbreak of the war he and Col. Brook had joined the same battalion and served together for a time.

Mrs. Brook distributed the awards, and was presented with a bouquet by Sybil Howson.

### **Headmaster's Report**

Mr. A.G. Jenkinson stated there were 440 pupils in the school, (254 boys and 186 girls) compared with 417 at the beginning of the year. He again advised parents to consult the staff in the matter of careers some time before the time for pupils leaving. He was pleased to record three scholarships gained:

- ▶ A Junior County Art by Eileen Morley, one of two awarded in the whole of the Riding;
  - ▶ A County Major for Mathematics by Alec Ramsden, now at Manchester University;
  - ▶ A County Technological by Thomas W. Marriott, now taking an engineering course at Leeds University.
- ▶ Eleven of sixteen candidates passed the higher school certificate examination, and 48 of 69 the school certificate examination. Eighteen matriculated, an increase on any previous figure.
- ▶ An old pupil, Fred Williamson, crowned a successful career at Manchester University, where he was captain of cricket and rugby, by taking first-class honours in history and winning a research scholarship.
- ▶ Another old pupil, Walter H. Wright, had been appointed history master at Maltby Grammar School - the first old student to obtain a secondary or grammar school post. Other former students were also doing well at the Universities.

With the increased numbers, the middle and lower forms were larger than they should be, and another form was needed. He hoped before the end of the year the Governors might be able to obtain the appointment of an additional teacher. Rugby, cricket, hockey, tennis, swimming and athletic sports were successfully maintained. The choir continued to compete in festivals, the arts and crafts exhibition on Parents' Day was up to standard, and a helpful new feature was a summer camp for girls organised by Miss Harrison.

### **The Under-Valued Parent**

He expressed his indebtedness to the senior mistress, Miss Griffiths, for her helpful and loyal co-operation in the administration of the school, and to Mr. Crossland, the senior master, and the staff generally. He was grateful, too, to parents for their continued confidence, endorsing the statement of the headmaster of the City of London School in recent address, that "Parents are grievously under-valued." He took off his hat to many a parent who, at much self-sacrifice, was determined his child should have every educational advantage he could possibly give it. He was also appreciative of the co-operation of the Governors, with whom it was a pleasure to work in the interests of the school. He also explained some of the reasons for the changing of the School's name.

In conclusion, Mr. Jenkinson said that:

*"Education continues to offer many problems to those who are responsible for the administration of our schools, and it is certainly a perplexing business, but when all is said and done the fact remains that what you teach in a school is not nearly so important as how you teach it; for you cannot get away from the simple statement of the true aims of education, which are to train the mind, to develop the body, and to form habits of self-discipline and unselfishness. I hope that we are doing something in this direction and on the right lines."*

### **A Grateful "Old Boy."**

Lt.-Col. Brook said it was a great pleasure for him to speak under the chairmanship of an old comrade. He was glad also to be present because he was an old Grammar School boy, and he was happy to be associated with school work. He was glad to acknowledge publicly his indebtedness to the old Grammar School at Batley. He was wondering what the children would expect a policeman to say. They would perhaps like him to tell them some exciting stories of police life. He must refrain from that, but he could tell them that the police today were just as much a social service as any other. Some people might think the object of the police was to repress and keep people in order. That was true, but beyond that the police force was an organisation for helping people to a better and more useful life.

### **The Duty To Tradition**

An idea was abroad that there was something romantic and glamorous about crime. *"Believe me, crime is sordid, mean and caddish. Remember that when you admire criminals on the stage, in the films, or in books. There is nothing admirable about them."*

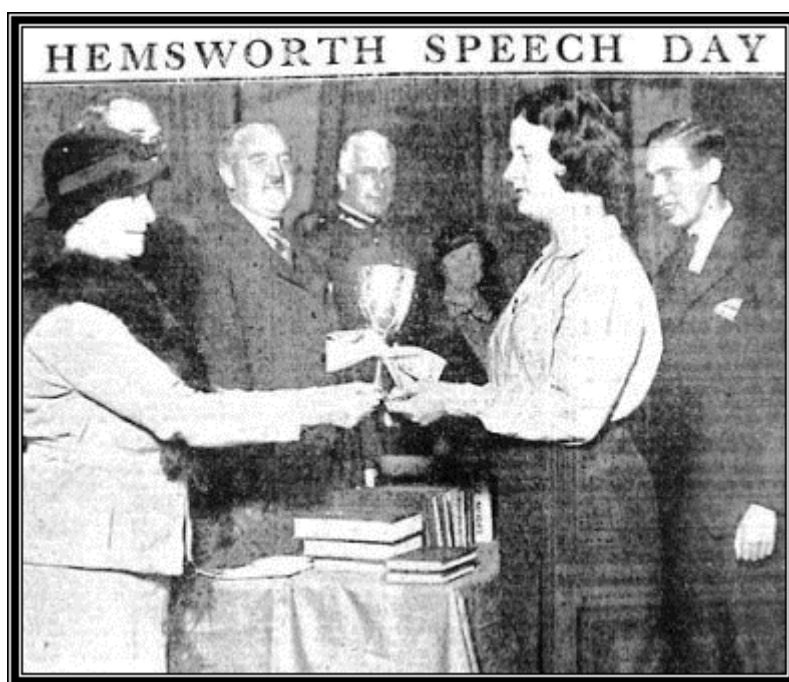
Lt.-Col. Brook said that nobody was entitled to accept the privileges of a school with a tradition who was not prepared to maintain that tradition. They could not have its privileges without responsibilities.

*"One of the things that has to be guarded against is 'side.' Wear your caps and colours with pride but not arrogance. Show those less privileged that there is something in being respectful and polite. People of my generation are apt to run down the young folk of today. My view is that they are just as good as in other days. There is not much difference. They have the same emotions and traits of character, but I do sometimes think that our young folk fail to realise the value of respect. Some mistake civility for servility. There is nothing servile about paying respect to your elders and those placed in authority over you. One of the signs that you have been to a school like this is demonstrated by setting an example of respect."*

He wished the school success, and hoped those who had attended it would be of value in the district, because unless a school like that made its presence felt amongst the community it was failing in its object.

After the ovation received from the School for this impressive speech, the Headmaster presented two books to Lt.-Col. Brook, who, with Mrs. Brook, was thanked by Mrs. Schorah and Mrs. Dooley.

A programme of music and plays was given by the pupils, conducted by Miss P.E.M. Wright.



Mrs. Brook presenting House Championship Trophies to Ida Farmery, the Holgate girls' captain and Herbert Perry the School captain. It may be assumed that Mr. Jenkinson stands next to her. The photograph shows Captain Hallam, vice-Chairman of the Governors, and on his left Lieut. Col. Brook, Chief Constable of the West Riding, who gave an inspiring address. On his left is Mrs. T. Schorah, a Governor.

### School Prizes

In addition to the certificates the following prizes were distributed:

for gaining County Technological Scholarship... .. Thomas W. Marriott;  
 for gaining County Major Scholarship ... .. Alec Ramsden;  
 for gaining Junior Art Scholarship ... .. Eileen Morley;  
 for distinction in School Certificate... .. Lionel Newby, Eric Ineson, George B. Wainwright, E. Walsh;  
 for "all credits" in School Certificate... .. Marjorie Harrison, E. Carr, George B. Wainwright.

Form Prizes: Va, Lionel Newby; Vb, George W. Woodall; Vs, George B. Wainwright;  
 IVa, Gordon Hopkinson; IVs, R. Wass;  
 IIIa, Matilda Cunningham; IIIb, Vera Parkinson;  
 IIa, Mary Ineson; IIb, A. Evans; IIc, Elsie Smith;  
 Ib, Mary Sykes; It, Eunice Strutt; Ic, Ursula Dunn. General Information... ..

J. N. Thorpe.

Star Prizes... .. Olive Boulton, Elsie Smith, Audrey Parker, Mary Sykes.  
Special Prizes for head girl and boy of the school (given by Capt. Warde-Aldham) - Hilda Paley, Alec Ramsden.  
Special prizes for Latin (given by Captain Hallam) - Lionel Newby, Winifred Bower.  
Needlework Prize... .. Mary Ineson.  
General Progress... .. G. Wade, B. Earl. Stanley Sykes. Caroline Banks.  
House Challenge Cup ... 1. Holgate, 1,086½ points; 2. Talbot, 964½; 3. Guest, 891; 4. Price, 831½.