

THE FORM AND ORDER OF THE
SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE
THE COMPLETION OF THE
SCHOOL'S FIRST FIFTY YEARS

*held on the Fiftieth Anniversary of
the opening of the Luton Secondary School
on the 19th September 1904*



IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF LUTON
GRAMMAR SCHOOL, BRADGERS HILL, ON
SUNDAY THE 19th SEPTEMBER 1954 AT 3.0 P.M.

Order of Service

¶ ALL, *standing, will join in saying the opening prayer:—*

LET Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us and the brightness of Thy spirit illumine our inward souls; that He who abideth evermore with Thee in glory may kindle our cold hearts and light up our dark minds.

¶ THE HEADMASTER, *Kenneth B. Webb, M.A., B.Sc., will welcome all visitors in the name of the School and describe the purpose and the nature of the Service.*

¶ THE ASSEMBLY *will join in singing the hymn by G. W. Briggs:—*

OUR FATHER, by whose servants
Our house was built of old,
Whose hand hath crowned her children
With blessings manifold,
For thine unfailing mercies
Far strewn along our way,
With all who passed before us,
We praise thy name today.
The changeful years unresting
Their silent course have sped,
New comrades ever bringing
In comrades' steps to tread:
And some are long forgotten,
Long spent their hopes and fears:
Safe rest they in thy keeping,
Who changest not with years.
They reap not where they laboured,
We reap what they have sown;
Our harvest may be garnered
By ages yet unknown.
The days of old have dowered us
With gifts beyond all praise:
Our Father, make us faithful
To serve the coming days.

Before us and beside us,
Still holden in thine hand,
A cloud unseen of witness,
Our elder comrades stand:
One family unbroken,
We join, with one acclaim,
One heart, one voice uplifting,
To glorify thy name.

¶ ALL being seated, the Headmaster will briefly introduce the following who will speak on aspects of the School's life:—

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL,
Sir Frederick Mander, J.P.
on the School.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNORS,
Alderman John Burgoyne, O.B.E., J.P.
on Governors.

THE FOUNDER HEADMASTER,
Thomas A. E. Sanderson, M.A. (Headmaster 1904-1933)
on the Earliest Days.

¶ AN OLD LUTONIAN, *Alan John Osborn*
(School Number 4138. 1946-1954)
will read the Parable of the Sower from the Gospels according to St. Matthew and St. Luke.

¶ THREE OLD LUTONIANS will speak on aspects of the School's life:—

Edward H. T. Hoblyn, M.B.E., Ph.D., A.R.C.S.
(School Number 1646. 1921-1928.
Son of the late John B. Hoblyn, A.R.C.S.
Master 1904-1915 and Governor 1926-1933)
on Staff.

William A. Gething, B.Sc.
(School Number 297. 1908-1912)
on Parents.

Rex S. Clayton, B.Sc.

(School Number 254. 1908-1914, and a master since 1920)

on Professions and Occupations.

¶ THE HEADMASTER will conclude and ask the Assembly to stand for the prayers and hymns which follow.

¶ HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF LUTON,
Councillor Hedley C. Lawrence:—

WE are gathered here in the sight of God and in the presence of one another, compassed about by a cloud of unseen witnesses, to give thanks to God for the manifold blessings He has vouchsafed unto this School, for the good which through it has come to the life of this town and to the whole world, and for our high hopes for the future.

¶ THE HEADMASTER:—

WE give Thee thanks, O God, for this School; for our founders and governors and teachers and for all who in their generation have built up that which we inherit. And we pray that Thy good hand may be upon us, to amend whatever is amiss and to prosper us in all our ways.

¶ ALL will join in the response:—

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

¶ AN OLD LUTONIAN, *Frederick Buckingham, B.Sc.*
(School Number 9. 1904-1906):—

THAT Thou wilt bless all who have gone out from this School into the world, that, whatever their occupation, and wherever their work may lie, they may be guided by Thy Holy Spirit, and enabled by Thy Grace to labour well and truly in Thy service and to Thy praise.

¶ ALL will join in the response:—

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

¶ *ALL will join in singing the hymn by Isaac Watts, based on Psalm XC:—*

O GOD, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure ;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.
Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.
A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

¶ *THE SECOND MASTER, Cyril J. Godfrey, B.Sc.:—*

THAT Thou wilt bless all members of this School, those who reach and those who learn ; those who lead and those who follow ; that, being not slothful in business, but keen in spirit we may, with all diligence, serve Thee, O Lord.

¶ *ALL will join in the response:—*

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

¶ *A BOY OF THE SCHOOL:—*

THAT by the truthfulness of our speech, the loyalty of our work and the gladness of our lives, we may fit ourselves for Thy service in the world and may pass on our heritage, undefiled, to them that come after.

¶ *ALL will join in the response:—*

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

¶ *AN OLD LUTONIAN, Rev. Richard J. Connell, B.A., B.D.
(School Number 1522. 1920-1925):—*

ACCEPT and bless, O Lord, this School, and use it in all things according to Thy will. May Thy presence be ever within its walls ; may it stand always for all that is true, noble and lovely and of good report.

GRANT that we and others may so gain from its life that many may bless Thee for the day when it was founded and that its work may be extended and continued for the generations yet to come.

¶ *ALL will join in the response:—*

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

¶ *ALL will join in singing the school's end of term hymn by Dr. J. E. Rankin:—*

GOD be with you till we meet again ;
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you :
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again ;
'Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you :
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again ;
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put his arm unfailing round you :
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again ;
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you :
God be with you till we meet again.

§ AN OLD LUTONIAN, *Rev. Raymond S. Wilkinson,*
A.K.C., H.C.F.

(School Number 2259. 1929-1936):—

O GOD who art the goal of all knowledge and the source
of all truth, who dost lead men towards Thyself along
paths of discovery and learning, direct with Thy wise Spirit,
we pray Thee, the work of education in Schools, Colleges and
Universities in every land.

§ *ALL will join in the response:—*

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

§ *THE SAME OLD LUTONIAN will ask a Blessing:—*

NOW may God bless us and keep us ; may He give us light to
guide us, courage to support us and love to unite us, this day
and for evermore.

Amen.

*An Exhibition, arranged by Dr. J. G. Dony, of some items of
interest from the first fifty years, will be in the Geography
Room.*

Light refreshments will be available in the dining room.